



2016
summer
edition

SQUADRON NEWS



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**L2H
Race
Week
2016**

WE NEED YOU

We need volunteers.

**Sign up for at least
2 volunteer shifts to receive:**

- 1 x free polo t-shirt
- 1 x ticket to the NTS Crew Party on the waterfront
- 1 x ticket to the L2H Volunteers Party in January

**Add your contact details to the wall chart in the
DSS bar. Please attend the Volunteers Briefing
Night at the OSS on 7th Dec at 7pm.**

**We will also email you all details if you cannot
attend this briefing.**

L2H Race Week 2016

KIDS CORNER

We need volunteers.
 An activities corner for children.
 1. Staff
 2. 10-15 volunteers
 3. 10-15 children
 4. 10-15 adults
 5. 10-15 items to donate
 6. 10-15 items to sell
 7. 10-15 items to give away
 8. 10-15 items to use as prizes
 9. 10-15 items to use as raffle prizes
 10. 10-15 items to use as door prizes

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TRAP WALL

We need volunteers.
 One person (volunteer)
 a team of 10-15 people
 1. 10-15 items to donate
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KNOTS

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RACE HQ

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BUMP IN - BUMP OUT

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PRIZE WHEEL

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RIB SKIPPER

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 One person (volunteer)
 a team of 10-15 people
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LAND SAIL

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CREW PARTY

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to the 2016 Summer Edition of the

SQUADRON NEWS

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MANAGER SHAUN TIEDEMANN

Welcome Summer!!!! – Where would anyone rather be at this time of the year?

It is difficult to grasp that the Roy Barkas Floating Marina Extension has been open for members use for over 12 months. Our dear friends Roy and Di Barkas with their boat Asylum were the 1st boat to occupy this fantastic new facility - on the 14th October 2015. That time has rattled away quickly - reflective of the progressive nature of the Squadron. There is always something to do, things to improve, people to see and goals to kick.

The Squadron is very fortunate to have a group of volunteers across all our divisions who provide valued input to the operation of the club. Our race management teams provide excellent racing to competitors and always conduct themselves in a professional manner. They carry a significant burden of responsibility and undertake their duties with that foremost in their minds

Our House and Social team through their hard work and exceptional ideas are providing wonderful member events. Our Friday member's night is an absolute cracker and enjoyed by many, regularly. The members bar and restaurant is now open from Tuesday

to Saturday and we are so pleased to see it being supported by the Squadron members.

Boating Services have a core group of volunteers developing policy and strategically overseeing future development. I must make a special shout out to Leigh Johnston for his exceptional work on developing Squadron policy on electrical connections. His fine work has developed a policy that will deliver best practice in our marina at a particularly affordable cost. This initiative significantly mitigates galvanic corrosion issues on boats and infrastructure and gives added protection to members and staff from the risk of electrocution.

The last 3 months has seen the club invest significantly in information technology systems in order that the whole of club can be managed within a fully integrated, fit for purpose software system. The Squadron, now with the largest marina in Tasmania, desperately needed to provide this important feature to underpin its operation. The Squadron has now fully implemented the MicroPower club management software on new servers, and now has a single integrated system that captures marina management, boatyard management, operational planning, point of sale, stock ordering, payroll and communication amongst other things. Importantly these all feed into a financial management package, on a live basis, which now provides outstanding analysis and report capabilities across our business.

Transfer to this system has been

a mammoth task, successfully undertaken, and I convey our thanks to our Administration Supervisor – Abbalena for her outstanding effort in guiding this process.

The Squadron has implemented a new billing system for our slipway. This system, premised upon the Squadron's 'user pay' philosophy gives significant discount to members – as demonstrated on the pre slipping quote. The tiered slip rates is aimed at discouraging long stays on the slip by offering extremely cheap rates for the 1st 3 days before a step up in daily rates. Storage of masts are now being charged on a per foot per day basis. I will highlight that the slip yard is a high risk work area and caution should be exercised at all times. Vehicles are prohibited except for unloading or loading or by permission from the Marine Facility Officer.

A little bit of housekeeping. The Squadron requires all vessels that are within the club premises – marina, trailer park and slipway – to carry appropriate insurance. This is required contractually and without exception. Administration will send a request for updated insurance certificates of currency when required and I would urge members to respond accordingly in a timely manner. The need for administration to constantly follow up insurance comes at a cost which must be covered by all members.

The 2016 National Pies Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race, its 10th

iteration, has smashed the previous entry record. This year we have 48 entries! Our race village is stepping up a notch and we now have a race week, - starting on the 27th January and finishing with the National Pies King of the Derwent yacht Race on the 2nd January. Members – please get involved – there are plenty of voluntary jobs to be done at the village and we guarantee you front row seats at the premier yachting venue over Christmas. We look forward to you offering a few hours of your time in support of the Squadron.

Safe Sailing.

YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!!

Calling all members to enlist & be part of the grandest event of the year!

Volunteer spots are available to all, from manly lifters to social butterflies, knowers of yachts and knots, picture snappers and whippersnappers and prize-givers and hot pie deliverers!

Sign up to be at the National Pies L2H Village from 27 Dec to 2 Jan. Volunteer sheet located at the Derwent Sailing Squadron or contact the office For more details on how to get involved.

SEE PAGE 2 & 3 FOR DETAILS



COMMODORE STEVE CHAU

Welcome to another edition of the Squadron News. It is pleasant to see an increase in activity around the clubhouse and boat yard as members prepare their boats for another season on the water. Unfortunately the weather has been very unpredictable. This year's Pipe Opener was conducted on a wet windless weekend. In contrast the weather in the first few races of the 2016 sailing season were a blowout. I do hope the weather patterns post-Christmas settle down and we can

enjoy some champagne sailing and cruising over summer.

This year's Launceston to Hobart is set to be very memorable as it is the 10th anniversary of the race. The number of entries has exceeded all expectations and we are close to having 50 race entries for the 2016 race. This is magnificent outcome. The Squadron has worked very hard to ensure this year's race will continue to be a major draw card on the Tasmanian yachting calendar. National Pies is again sponsoring the race for a fourth year. This year we will have Lizzie Rountree joining the team as "The Race Village" coordinator at the docks. Lizzie has a wealth of international sailing

experience on the water and off the water and will be a significant asset to the Club.

We are again seeking L2H volunteers to help assist with mooring of yachts and activities down at the waterfront for the duration of the yacht race. It's a fun time to be involved with our iconic Tasmanian race. If you have friends or family that could spare a few hours during the 27th December to the 2nd January 2017 it would be greatly appreciated. There is a roster board established in the Clubhouse to log your name and number.

On an ongoing basis we are also looking for experienced yachties who have an interest in yacht racing duties. We would like to increase our list of volunteers for mark laying, start boat and race box duties. The club runs over 200 races a year and expanding our list of race volunteers is an important goal for the club. If you are not formally qualified, we would still like to hear from you as we are prepared to assist in getting individuals accredited with race management qualifications.

The Boating Services Sub-Committee has been very busy this quarter developing a draft electrical policy for all marina users. The draft electrical policy covers the Club's position with the connection of any appliance to our marina shore power. The club is running a number of information nights to inform boat owners of their responsibilities with the management of electrical connections to our shore power. It is important that all boat owners

are aware of the Club's policy and recommendations. Please make a note in your diary to attend one of these very informative information nights in the near future.

The House and Social Sub-Committee have been very busy over the last few months preparing a full calendar of social activities. The opening of the Pipe Opener started our calendar of events quickly followed by the Winter Prize Night, At Home and popular launch of the 2016 National Pies Launceston to Hobart race. Many thanks to all the House and Social Sub-Committee members that have contributed to the successful running of these events. Over the Christmas period the Squadron will be very busy hosting this year's 10th anniversary of the Launceston to Hobart and Melbourne to Hobart yacht races. As mentioned above we are on the lookout for volunteers willing to contribute a few hours over the Christmas period. There are many positions to fill and if we can share the duties around it will make the event that much easier to manage.

In the past financial quarter, the Club has performed well. Our Winter period is traditionally slow but we have been able to maintain consistent interest in the floating marina and have run a number of successful social events prior to Christmas. Now that Spring has arrived we are well and truly ahead of our predicted marina occupancy and the number of bookings for functions. Looking forward, the interest in casual berthing over the

summer period is very buoyant as well as our boatyard. There is an expectation the floating marina will be close to full during the festive period. Most importantly the growth in the membership continues to rise which reflects the great work of our staff and volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals that have contributed, and continue to

contribute, to the operations of this Club. The Club continues to grow and we look forward to re-investing in the Club's future on a sustainable basis. May I wish each of you a very happy Summer period with your boating endeavours. I do look forward to seeing you down at the Club or out on the water.

The Derwent Sailing Squadron wishes all members, their families and friends a joyful Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

L2H RACE WEEK INFO NIGHT

Wed 7th Dec @ 7pm

STALWART LUNCHEON

Tues 6th Dec @ 12
RSVP by Fri 2nd Dec

DSS XMAS PARTY AND NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Fri 9th Dec @ 6pm

IWEST INSURANCE BRIDGE RACE

Sat 17th Dec @ 6pm

L2H RACE START

Tues 27th Dec

DAY ON THE LAWN

Sun 26th Feb @ 2pm

VICE COMMODORE SAILING PETER HAROS

Christmas is nearly here and that means a very busy time on and off the water for our club.

At the time of writing, we are half way through our pre-Christmas twilight, mid-week series and well into the combined clubs program series. All the series to date have been affected by strong spring winds. There is plenty of racing in which our club is very much involved.

There is still a couple of twilights, and of course the Dress up night, to wind up the pre-Christmas Pennant. Wednesday Worrier's will continue until the last week in November. The SB20 Sprint series to be held the last weekend of November is a huge event in the build up to the 2018 worlds to be held in Hobart in January 2018.

Over the Christmas New Year period we have the 26th Melbourne to Hobart race (West Coast only) and on the 27th the National Pies L2H, which has attracted a record fleet of 48 boats this year. An event that the DSS and the Tamar Yacht club, along with our major sponsor National Pies are very proud to present. Let's not forget the club presentations for the National Pies L2H and the M2H on the day of New Year's Eve. We wind up this busy sailing period with the National Pies King of the Derwent hosted by the DSS on the 2nd January.

Offshore

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL PIES L2H

The club congratulates Malcolm Cooper along with one of his crew Amanda Spinks-Cooper who have raced in all previous nine L2H events on board Malcolm's beloved boat Kailulani. Of course they will be lining up for this one as well to make it 10 straight.

A record fleet of 48 has entered the National Pies L2H race which will



Congratulations to Tamar Yacht Club for taking out the inaugural Commodore 303 Cup Challenge at the National Pies Laurie Launch held on Sunday 30th October.

start at Beauty Point on the Tamar River on Tuesday 27th December at 10.30am, arriving in Hobart some time on the 29th. I ask club members and family of crews racing in this year's event to come forward and help us out with the many jobs that are involved with running this event. On Wednesday December 7th at 7pm an information night for volunteers will be held at the Club. We welcome all members to come along to and find out how you can help with this major event at the waterfront.

Boats in National Pies L2H fleet ranges from 50 footers down to the cut-off point of around 30 feet. Over the past couple of years size has not really mattered with the whole fleet finishing within a few hours of one and other. Families of crew will be able to follow the race in more detail this year, as we will be using the yellow brick tracking system.

Off shore lead up race to the National Pies L2H includes the Tas Ports RYCT Maria Island race held from the 18-20 November. This year our club is well represented with Illusion, Kailulani, Force Eleven, Philosopher, Wild West and Wings Three all entered in the fleet of 12 nominated starters. Wild West was 2nd across the line, followed by Philosopher 4th, Force Eleven 6th, Wings Three 7th, Illusion 8th and Kailulani 11th. The Fork in the Road was forced to retire due to steering issues.

Combined Clubs Long Harbour Series

Group 1 - The Squadron is well represented this year with 7 boats entered. Leading the series at this point are two DSS boats Philosopher (Shaun and Sam Tiedemann) currently first with 3 points, followed by Zephyr (Ian Johnston) with 7 points in the AMS Division.

Group 2 - up to race 2AMS, is the Young 88' Foot Loose, (skipped by Stuart Geeves) on 2 points leading second place Silicon Ship on 4 points.

Harbour Series

Racing in the Harbour series got off to a blustery start this season with nine boats entered in division one. DSS boat Philosopher (Shaun Tiedemann) is rising to the occasion, leading in all three divisions, the AMS, PHS and IRC. In group 2 PHS, the BYC boat Saga leads Young Lion, (skipped by Steve Chau) on 3 points. Hornet (Neville Georgeson) has sailed consistently so far this season to share 2nd place in the Division 4 pennant and has led the fleet home in both races to date. In Division 6, Kindred Spirit (Peter Alcock) has a share of the lead being equal with Innovator (Ian Smith).

SB20

The Pennant series held on Thursday nights, have been extremely popular with 33 boats entered and 25-26 regularly racing. Six races have been held to date in the PHS Division with Pez (Hunt Gore) leading on 51.5 points followed by The Money

Boat (Edward Fader) on 58.5 points and taking third place is Big Ted (Tom Sterns) on 60 points.

Close racing is the order of the day in the one design class with Karabos (Nick Rodgers) leading the way on 31 points, followed by Porco Rosso (Elliot Noye) on 32 points and in third place is The Honey Badger (Paul Burnell) with 33 points.

Mid-Week Series

Racing on Wednesday afternoon has proved popular for our retired sailing members. The three Hobart clubs have been represented with a total of 24 boats entered. The weather has not been to kind for this fleet so far but fun is being had by all. Kiaha (Graham Breeze) is showing us all how it's done as he leads comfortably from Piya (Robert Laughlin) and Ensign (Bill Schoe) in third spot.

Twilights

Thursday evening racing is becoming more and more popular every year, with 51 boats having entered the pre-Christmas series in 4 divisions. These races provide an opportunity for those new to sailing to learn as well as enjoy the evening. Many people, having a taste of sailing in Twilights go on to become regular crew members or even skippering their own boat. Winning a Twilight pennant is a sought after prize and that's easy to see when boats arrive at the start line with their best sails on.

With a week to go the place getters to date are:

Div 1 – Silver Mist leads Philosopher then War Games & Zephyr (equal 3rd)

Div 2 – Atilla leading Emotional Rescue and Jigsaw.

Div 3 – T42 Another Toy leading Athena and River Dance

Div 4 – Take Five leads Motley and Mon Amie

The DSS conducts many races throughout the summer and this could not happen without the assistance of office staff. Others playing a vital role in the success of our events are the Sailing Secretary, PRO's, patrol boat drivers, mark layers, the sailing committee, and our kitchen and dining staff have all made our club a great place to be at any time, particularly after a race. I, along with many others, thank you all very much for many jobs well done.

We as sailors would like to thank our many club Sponsors because without them we would not be racing as we know it. Once again thank you.

I hope to see as many old and new members at the club and at the National Pies L2H Race Centre over the Christmas - New Year period.

Have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer of sailing. I wish all a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.



REAR COMMODORE COLLEEN MCCULLOCH

The various operating arms of the Derwent Sailing Squadron are run by sub-committees. The House and Social Sub-Committee are responsible for the successful management of social activities at the Club. The Committee comprises of a dynamic, enthusiast group of volunteers, consisting of Brad Aitken, Frances Lake Lisa Burnell, Scott Butler, Ian and Kim Johnston, Cathryn Kerr, Tracey Lord, Di Reale, Craig Squires and Andrea Watson.

Let us dissect what makes a Club a Club. I researched the meaning of Club and the Cambridge English Dictionary stated that a Club is "an organisation of people with a common purpose or interest who meet regularly and share activities". I believe this description aptly describes our Club whether your interest lies in the sailing, cruising or the social aspect of the Club.

The aim of the House and Social Sub-Committee is to provide social experiences that will encourage members to develop a connection and engagement with the Club as well as providing opportunities for members to come together to share their common experiences.

Besides providing social events we also work towards fund raising to enable purchases to be made to improve your experience at the Club. One major recent purchase has been

120 new chairs for the dining room and with the increase in members enjoying our lunch and dinner menu, I am pleased to see you are enjoying this new purchase.

To conduct functions and events, we rely heavily on volunteers, and we welcome your support in this area, no matter how small. Please contact me or leave your name at the Club office if you would like to offer your assistance.

We are always seeking sponsors for our Friday night members draw and other major events, so if you would like to support us this way we welcome your involvement and would be pleased to discuss this aspect with you.

We welcome members, families and friends to the Club to enjoy the landscaped grounds while taking in the beautiful waterfront vista, enjoying a social drink with family and friends. Perhaps you might like to hold a function at the Club or partake in a delicious lunch or dinner, admiring our current art exhibition and our recently purchase painting from one of these exhibitions.

We have some exciting plans for the future to make your Club more comfortable and inviting. Outdoor heating and new dining tables are priorities and we are hopeful that funds raised from our major Christmas raffle will enable these plans to come to fruition. Not to mention a new freezer which is much needed by our chef Scott and his staff.

"Cheers from the Rear"

SINCE YOUR LAST BULLETIN WE HAVE HAD.....

THE PIPE OPENER REGATTA

Another cracking Pipe Opener Series as the unofficial start to the 2016/17 sailing season. As with tradition the Friday started with gathering of the crews for the drawing of the survival kit raffle and the fleet was sent off by the lone piper on the DSS jetty.



The racing, as always was challenging, but mainly because of the lack of wind. The full results can be found here <http://dssinc.org.au/racing/race-results-2016-17/> but some highlights included DSS' Secretary Manager Shaun Tiedemann's Philosopher taking out the Cock of the Huon race with Ian



Johnston's Zephyr 2nd and Peter Haros' Wings Three 3rd. The team event was won by Take 5, Young Lion and Philosopher combining for best overall team result.

Thanks to the sponsors **RONALD YOUNG & CO. BUILDERS** and **HUON AQUACULTURE** and to the Port Huon Yacht Club, DSS organisers and the welcome by the Kermadie Hotel and marina.

Report by: Ian and Kim Johnston

AFL GRAND FINAL WORKING BEE

Despite the wet, soggy weather up to forty DSS members braved the rain to "give-back" to our awesome sailing club!



Secretary Manager Shaun Tiedemann was extremely pleased with the amount of work achieved by the enthusiastic DSS members. True "Salts", it was great to see everyone turned out in their wet- weathers and get in to get the jobs done.

Despite the rain and the early start, the attitude was power-driven after hearty egg & bacon rolls; with all working hard until lunchtime, when we got to enjoy a National Pie lunch with gourmet pies and lamingtons.

The working bee group successfully attended to many jobs identified, and included the Boatyard clean-up with improved access and appearance, the Shark Cat & Committee Boats polished to a gleaming lustre (in addition to the Trophies), the Marine Facilities Officer shed had a spring clean, and the Members Bar area & courtyard cleaned and prepared for a summer of fun. The cleaning, weeding & gardening all completed in a record time.



Many hands made light work, and the day was entertaining & fun! It was an opportunity for members to meet members, and for members to "give-back" to an awesome club!

The members all concurred that we were pleased with a job well done; and we all got to enjoy a National Pies Lunch and a celebratory drink with many staying on to watch



a tremendous AFL Grand final! Scott Brain is very pleased with the Doggies win. It just leaves the two outstanding native hens to be captured and relocated! I would encourage you to join in the fun next year, and make the DSS Working Bee your annual AFL event of choice.

Report By: Lisa Burnell

THE NATIONAL PIES L2H LAUNCH ON THE LAWN

On Sunday 30th October the DSS hosted the inaugural Laurie Launch on the Lawn to celebrate the 2016 National Pies Launceston to Hobart race. Approximately 200 guests from the Tasmanian sailing community attended including, L2H Crews, DSS Members, Local Club Members, Sandy Bay Sailing Squadron Cadets and local families. The number of guests attending met with our expectations and was extremely pleasing given this was the first time this event has been hosted.



The highlight of the day was most definitely the Commodores Cup 303 Challenge. Six 303 Dinghy's were provided by Saliability for the Cup Challenge and Commodores

and Vice Commodores from RYCT, BYC, Tamar Yacht Club, DSS, Sandy Bay Sailing Club and our race sponsor participated in this fun and very entertaining event. The course was short but very competitive and despite blustery conditions Ken



Gourlay and Mitch Ranson from the Tamar Yacht club took away the perpetual trophy which made their trip from Launceston all the more worthwhile.

Matt Bugg, Paralympian Silver Medallist at the 2016 Rio games officially launched the race and was definitely a draw card and treat for those who attended and an opportunity for us to use the new container which will become the central hub of the Race Village for everyone participating or interested in the Launceston to Hobart Yacht race this year.



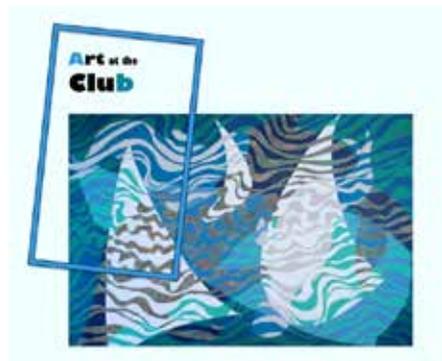
Thank you to the Volunteers who helped set-up, promote and run the day. Also thanks to Sam Tiedemann for the wonderful photographs and the DSS Kitchen Crew for their hard work on the Pie Stand.

Finally thank you to the race sponsor, National Pies for their contribution to the day, the great tucker and for participating in the Commodores Challenge

Report By: Andrea Watson

CONTINUED TO BRING EXHIBITIONS TO THE ARTWALL

2016 exhibitions have provided the DSS with many colourful interpretations of what it means to live and play river and ocean-side. Artworks by many local artists have dressed our Art Wall and provided us with an ever-changing backdrop for club life. From miniatures of fine detail through abstracted larger works, our art wall has enabled exposure and offered celebration for home-grown talent. 2016 saw seven exhibitions of both new and repeat exhibitors. Overall, twelve works were purchased including the club's own; a piece that expresses



the fluid and varied nature of our sailing experiences. With four exhibitors confirmed for 2017, the DSS continues to be a favourite location so you can look forward to more colour and more variety on the wall of your water-side living room.

Report By: Cathryn Kerr

MORE NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS AND OUR ANNUAL "AT HOME"

On Friday the 11th of November we held our New Members night and our Annual At Home event. This year we tried a new formula for the event that represented our club more closely by inviting all members to meet new members and club representatives from



our neighbouring yacht clubs. We provided a range of tasty canapes and happy hour priced drinks for everyone who attended and the results were outstanding. The Bistro served a record number of meals and the comments around the excellence of the meals have been enormous. Well done to Scott and his team. We also took this opportunity to show off the new DSS Committee and Staff uniform

which has made a great addition to an already great looking club.



Thank you for all those members who made the effort to come along to the At Home, it's an important social night for the club and a great way for our new members to feel welcome and to meet some new friends who they will be sharing our facilities with.

Report By: Craig Squires

BEFORE YOUR NEXT BULLETIN WE ARE GOING TO HOST.....

2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS

The DSS Christmas Party will be held on **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER 2016** kicking off at 7.00pm. Don't miss this event! Free canapes, bumper Members raffle with boat loads of additional prizes, Christmas raffle draw and a Helly Hansen Jacket to be won by a member who is in the club on the night.

We have had record numbers at our recent New Members Night and the recent At Home saw the

club packed to the rafters' so if you are wanting to dine in the Bistro we recommend you book ahead to avoid disappointment.

A special thank you to Da Angelo's, Mt Nelson Signal Station, Ronald Young & Co. Builders and Peter Johnston Ship Chandlers for their contribution to prizes.

2016 NATIONAL PIES L2H CREW PARTY

The National Pies L2H Crew Party is on again on SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER at the race village. The event will run from 6pm – 8.30pm where race participants, race volunteers and their partners can come along to celebrate the 10th race and discuss their winning tactics over a few drinks and some fantastic BBQ food provided and cooked for us again this year by Huon Valley Gourmet Meats.



This event is by invitation only and wrist bands will be issued prior to the event and must be worn on the night.

NEXT NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Friday nights are the best night

of the week at the DSS, not only can you have a wonderful meal in the Bistro but you can also win the Members Draw. The House and Social committee will continue to provide raffle prizes for these nights and if you haven't come down on a Friday we invite you to come along and meet some of your fellow DSS members. The next New Members night is FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER at our Christmas Party.

2017 DAY ON THE LAWN

The DSS Day on the Lawn featuring the Kravats has become a signature event on our social calendar at the Derwent Sailing Squadron. The purpose of the event is to provide a social experience for both Club Members and the general community to come together to enjoy the facilities offered by the Derwent Sailing Squadron. This positive experience will be created by the location of the event on the waterfront lawn, the memorable sounds of the Kravats music, the enjoyment of a light lunch and the opportunity for a social drink with friends.

In 2017 the DSS Day on the Lawn will be held on **SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**. We look forward to you joining us there on the day.



MARKETING ROSE FLYNN

NEW UNIFORMS

On 11th November, at the annual At Home function, we launched our new team uniforms. Thank you to the many members who have already shared their wonderful feedback with us. We have been delighted with the response. We believe they are fresh and smart, yet perfectly capture the relaxed culture of our club.



Office staff Claire Goodfellow and Micheal Denney along with Secretary Manager Shaun Tiedemann.



Chef Scott Butler with Kate MacGregor Assistant Chef and Front of House staff member

WEDDINGS AT THE DSS

The DSS was delighted to host the recent wedding of Paddy and Sumi. Originally from Nepal, Sumi is now an IT student at the University of Tasmania, as well as being a member of the housekeeping team at Montacute Boutique Bunkhouse, owned by our General Committee member, Rose Flynn. They were joined at the wedding by Sumi's mother and brother from Nepal, as well as Paddy's extended family from Smithton Tasmania.

Sumi, her mother and two bridesmaids, arrived at the DSS aboard Moonshadow, owned and skippered by General Committee member and Treasurer, Anthony Ellis. The young couple asked that their thanks be extended to Anthony and his crew for their very generous time, kindness and vessel. Arrival by yacht is unlikely to be a common occurrence in landlocked Nepal!

Please help us to spread the word about the club's beautiful suitability as a wedding venue. We have recently invested in a new range of wedding decorations for couples to choose from, and can assist in all aspects of wedding planning.



SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE

GILBERT LEITCH



A sailor from his early teens, Gilbert has been immersed in sailing and the growth of the DSS. As a keen racer, and winner of a few pennants in his day, he was eventually introduced to race management where he has excelled, running 100+ races a year. Many of these races were Gilbert's own proposals to keep things fresh at the club.

"When we ran out of the alphabet [for courses] we would go to numeral pennants" Gilbert explains. "You've got to keep it interesting, tactical, and flexible for all weather conditions". After the tragic Sydney to Hobart, things clarified for Gilbert as an RO, "The rule says it's a skipper's decision to race, but I think the clubs need to take responsibility. If you don't think the weather is suitable - pull the plug."

Not only does it improve safety, but Gilbert reminds us what running and racing is all about, "It's about providing a tactical race - do I go

right, left, or centre? - but part of it is to make the sailing as enjoyable as possible." This is a key factor in keeping sailing healthy, and has led to many of the successful programs instigated by Gilbert.

Recognising that family life has changed, and not everyone can get away for 6-hrs, Gilbert realised the racing formula had to change. "Mum or dad can jump on a boat - it's a 2.5 hour period, and they're not missed for that long." Another innovation was recognising that people didn't like spending all that time on the phone rounding up a full crew. The solution was the double-handed series. "The first few years only had about 6 boats, but we set it up so it was easy to run for only one volunteer, using permanent marks, and then it grew to 30 sometimes 50 boats."

The Squadron is synonymous with innovation like the introduction of winter races, Thursday twilights, midweek afternoon, two handed, the National Pies L2H race and reworking Saturday racing, and Gilbert has played a part.

Gilbert is excited about the recent upgrade to the Squadron's facilities, which has bought optimism to the club members. This is due to the foresight and hard work of recent Flag Officers, Committee Members and the Secretary Manager, who all deserve the plaudits of the members. The future proofing of the Club is extremely important.

SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE MICK PURDON



Before 1935 both the DSS and the RYCT only had headquarters in the CBD. The main clubs at the time, together with the Sharpie Association put in a joint application to the council for waterfront access. The request to build marina facilities was granted based on the large Hobart community served collectively by the three clubs.

"There's a bit of rivalry between the clubs - and I should know because I'm a member at both!" jokes Mick, but he admits that a bit of this is healthy. He continues, "Working together is always the way to get ahead".

He and his brother began racing on the Derwent, while their father would row around the race course to watch. Mick describes his father "more of a fisherman" than a sailor. "He used to give us lots of advice [watching

us race], but he had no idea what he was talking about" Mick chuckles.

It was Mick's foray into Sharpies, and later Dragons, that launched him into the limelight of the competitive sailing world. At 22, the year he built his first Sharpie, Mick was asked to be on the sailing committee at the DSS as the open boat (dinghy) representative. "And I've been on some sort of sub-committee at the DSS ever since!"

Mick has since won National titles, served as Commodore, represented the DSS as a National judge at events all over Australia. In 2011, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Yachting Tasmania. He continues to be involved in judging, and is currently studying the 2017-2020 ISAF rule book.

With his eyes on the future, Mick is excited about the new growth at the DSS. "I'm so excited about the SB20s. Yachting is hurting, and a simple one-design is a great way for people to get involved."

He's also looking forward to this Summer's racing season, including the Moth Nationals. "I really admire some of our boys, like Robbie Gough, who've done so well. The [Moth Nationals] will be exciting to watch - just like the modern AC boats which are great for spectating - although they are absolute dogs in light wind." Join Mick in hoping for some quality sea breezes this summer.

SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE JOHN HUNN



John Hunn was born and bred in Hobart, but it wasn't until he moved back as a married professional family-man that got him into sailing. "I had a couple of sails as a kid, but there wasn't much going on as a teenager during [WW2]" John says of his early sailing on the Derwent. Defence of the country became everyone's priority, and with a father away in the Army, 4 sisters, mum and a grandmother at home, "I had to take care of a lot of bits and pieces - including the cow that had to be milked!"

After graduating from Uni in Melbourne, working in RFDS and general practice, John undertook surgical training in the UK. "We were a mixed bag at the hospital in London, us Aussies were always putting the beer in the fridge, and all the Brits kept pulling it out again." When the Medical Superintendent at the Royal Hobart Hospital contacted him advising that a position of

Honorary Surgeon was becoming available, John and his family moved back to Tasmania. Upon homecoming, the bushfires of 1967 put huge demands on the Burns unit. My friend, Murray Drew, who started the unit said, 'You better join, and you better come sailing with me, too.'

John recommends cruising because "it's good for the head!" and more seriously he says that cruising was a part of family life. "I don't know what I'd do without a boat to fiddle with!"

The helpful mateship at the Squadron is what makes the club so special, according to John. Before a bosun, the marina people helped each other slip boats, row out to moorings, and this culture has continued.

One of his favourite events has always been the Betsey Island Race. "There's nothing like the final gybe at the Iron Pot in a seabreeze, and having the kite up all the way home." Although John is the first to admit it doesn't always work out that way. Twilight races are much more enjoyable, although very fickle. "One time we were only 100 yards away from the finish and we timed out. The next week we did much better and were 10 yards from the finish when time ran out. Ohhh!" John laughs about how agonising it was and then adds, "But that's alright - that's sailing. And sometimes it's those stories that are the best part."

SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE TED MOULE



Originally from England, Ted Moule discovered sailing here in Tassie. "After being stationed overseas during the war I couldn't go back to England." Post-war he was engineer for International Computers, installing the large electro-mechanical punchcard forefathers of the modern electrical machines of today. He was offered a position in Sydney, and a year later his position brought him to Hobart when he installed the first computer in Tasmania and stayed on as the resident engineer.

It comes as no surprise that when Ted "finally got sucked into sailing" by a workmate, that he always enjoyed building the boats more than sailing them. He first started in the dinghies over at Austins Ferry. "My first OK-Dinghy was named 'Submariner'", Ted Laughs, "Because I spent about 50% of my time in the water!"

Soon he and a few other dinghy sailors had a share in a trailer-sailer, that was kept at the DSS. "The club had the best facilities at the time" and Ted and his wife began to get into the trailer-sailer racing circuit. "We liked the adventure of sailing [all over Tasmania], as well as the social side of everyone camping out together."

His favourite race was always the Pipe Opener, which was a chance to get out and explore. "Sailing around the pots wasn't for me", he admits. "I'm not really a crew," he explained, "I don't like to just sit there." Once crewless when the family grew up and out, then Ted exchanged the yacht for a 2.4. "It was pretty wet, and I was pretty slow, but it's a fantastic boat".

At 92, Ted's schedule is busy with table tennis, golf and training for the 2017 Sailability National Championships to be held in Geelong this coming April. He races once a week with the team based at DSS. "The club is very cooperative with Sailability," Ted adds as he describes the club's progress over the years. "And it's always been good, but now [the club] really has its act together. It's only getting better." No time like the present to get involved, advises Ted. "Get into dinghies and work your way up - it's a great way to learn! I just watched my son during his learn to windsurf course - and he's 65!"

Good luck to Ted and the DSS Sailability team this April!



Planning is now well underway for the 2018 SB20 World Championship, to be jointly hosted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron, and our neighbours, the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. A committee of key personnel from each club is working closely to bring together the many moving parts of what will be a fantastic global event.

Did you know that one-design sportsboats with 3-4 crew are the fastest growing category of sportsboats in the world? This being the case, we are expecting this to be a very popular World Championship, likely attracting up to 100 boat entrants, with up to 50% being international.

If you are interested in being involved, please follow our Facebook event page @SB20AUS and keep an eye on the event website, SB20worlds2018.com.



SB20 Sprint Day - 27 November
2016 Photo credit: John Elder



10TH ANNIVERSARY

27th Dec '16 @ 10.30am
Race Start ~ Beauty Point

27th Dec '16 ~ 2nd Jan '17
National Pies Race Village ~ Eliz. Pier

31st Dec '16
Prize Presentation ~ DSS

www.l2h-dssinc.org.au

SAILABILITY

WILLIAM BROWN

NEW PERIMETER PATHWAY & SAFETY FENCE

Sailability members have expressed appreciation for all the work the club has done to establish the wheelchair access pathway around the perimeter of the lawn to the dinghy launching pontoon. The safety fence is an additional benefit. For people required to use wheelchairs, the pathway has made it a lot easier and safer to move around and gain access to the launching pontoon.

WYNYARD YACHT

The branch of Sailability established at the Wynyard Yacht club is negotiating with the organisers of the 2017 Masters Games for Hansa 303 dinghy class to be used and sailed at Wynyard in October next year. The club now has five 303 dinghies in their fleet. The club has also invited southern members to sail in a regatta, 28/29th January, 2017

DEVIOT SAILING CLUB

Sailability Tasmania has passed on two of its Hansa 2.3 single person dinghies to the Deviot club, to be trialled by members who now find it difficult to sail in other types of dinghies.

COMMONWEALTH BANK GRANT

The bank has continued to support Sailability by providing a further grant of \$10,000 to purchase another Hansa 303 dinghy. The cheque was

presented on the lawns of the DSS on Sunday 25th September. This new dinghy will increase the Hobart fleet to eight.

INAUGURAL COMMODORES CUP FOR LAUNCH OF LAUNCESTON TO HOBART RACE

The Hansa 303 dinghys were used for the inaugural Commodores Cup Challenge race off in conditions that were testing. The cup was won by the Tamar Yacht club. It is planned to continue with the event annually. The cup race proved to be popular with participants & spectators

SEAFARERS FESTIVAL, BELLERIVE

Sailability was invited to take part in the seafarers Festival held at Bellerive on Sunday 23rd October to give people the opportunity to experience sailing. Only one of our David Payne yachts took part because it was initially anticipated that the Bellerive Yacht Club would be involved. That proved impractical for the club because of the difficulty in getting their yachts in and out of their berths for participants. Our yacht proved to be popular with thirty people taking part.

HANSA 303 STATE TITLES, 2017

The date has been set for The Hansa State titles to be hosted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron over the weekend 25th-26th February, 2017



FROM THE KITCHEN SCOTT BUTLER

Our new **SUMMER MENU** starts on December 1, so come along and try our new offerings. Please feel free to make requests for any favourite meals or non-menu items (eg oysters, seafood platters etc) as we are happy to cater to your needs.

I would also like to thank members for their support and congratulate them for making bookings....the more the merrier!!

As we head into the holiday season, don't forget that our catering and provisioning services are available to members for any occasion.



THURSDAY SPECIAL

50% Discount
off all À la carte menu items

Take away only

Ring ahead 6223 6626

MEMBERS ONLY

conditions apply

UPDATE DINING & BAR

The Club has purchased and implemented MicroPower, a complete Venue and Marina management system with the aim of achieving greater operational efficiencies as well as delivering benefits to members.

When the new system was introduced it highlighted that there were a considerable number of members with incomplete personal data. Our Rear Commodore, Colleen McCulloch has personally contacted by phone approx 200 members with the aim of capturing the missing data. There are still around 30 members who were not able to be contacted by phone and these people have been sent letters in an attempt to have our member database as up to date as possible.

So why do we need this information and how can it benefit you as a Member?

The MicroPower system in the dining area allows us to collect data when members make purchases at the Club. By presenting your card each time you receive 10% off all Drinks and Meals.

In the month of your birthday, when your card is presented, you will be given a \$20 Meal Voucher on the Club. This can be spent within one month from the date of activation.

Also, the system allows us to record your expenditure at the Club and for each \$500 spent you will receive a \$20 Bar Voucher.



Christmas Celebrations

Enjoy a night out with friends and family
Be here for the Friday **MONSTER** Draw with the
PJ's Jacket drawn until won along with other great prizes
Xmas Raffle drawn on the night (tickets back by Wed 7 Dec)
Delicious canapes provided and Restaurant open
Bookings required 62231977 or functions@dssinc.org.au

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BOATING SERVICES

DAVID BRETT

There was a good turnout of 40 members at the Info Evening on Wednesday 16th November at the clubrooms. The night was organised to present background to the draft policy document which is now available for comment. The club sees the policy as an important step in formalising requirements for boats in the marina to connect to the electrical system. Boating Services Chairman David Brett welcomed the attendees and introduced committee member Leigh Johnson who presented a very thorough background to personal safety issues involved with electrical connections and also the potential increased corrosion potential from stray currents. Leigh highlighted some of the very poor practices that are out in the marina which have potential to cause injury or death. There was good discussion around the topic and anecdotal evidence of increased corrosion rates in recent years, which reinforces the need for all connections to be protected by galvanic isolators.

Brendan Dwyer of Innovative Electrical was at the meeting and noted that the DSS system is very safe but the main concern for safety is the standard of the lead. The club

is negotiating with Brendan to offer economic bulk deal of inspections and fabrication of leads to meet the connection policy. This will be - "Shore end, 10 amp or 15 amp 3 pin plug with an IP rating of a minimum IP56, Vessel End – 3 Pin socket of equivalent current rating to the shore end with an IP rating of a minimum IP56, or of fully moulded/otherwise weatherproof nature (including a raised shroud). Supply leads shall be heavy duty flexible cords, complying with AS/NZS 3191 or AS/NZS 5000.1 and have a minimum current rating of 15 amp and shall be of a continuous length". The proposed plugs and sockets are made of clear plastic so any moisture ingress can be seen and fixed.

Members are encouraged to get copies of the Draft Policy from the office and return any comments within the next two weeks. Once comments are assessed it is intended to ratify the policy and determine a timetable for implementation. However in the meantime we urge members to seriously review their connections and remove any unsafe power leads.

That's all from me. Don't hesitate to raise any issues with myself or sub-committee members.

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP
OUR CLUB A SAFE PLACE
FOR WORK AND PLAY**

**NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOL
IN THE BOATYARD, NO
UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN,
UNRESTRAINED DOGS OR
CYCLING IN THE BOATYARD OR ON
THE MARINA**

SAILTRAIN DAVID SHORT

Sailtrain courses have been well supported with several courses being fully booked. We are always looking for new ideas to keep the DSS SailTrain the market leader in training, so would appreciate your input.

Ian Gannon, an active member of the DSS and one of our instructors, represented the Squadron at the RYA conference last month and will present a report shortly on the outcomes.

Over the last three months Sept – Nov we have conducted the following courses:

MAST Power Boat (Provisional) - 53

MAST Power Boat (Full) - 30

RYA Marine Diesel - 6

Marine Radio (SROCP) - 32

Marina Radio (LROCP) - 3

Inshore and Coastal Navigation - 6

Safety and Sea Survival Course - 20

UPCOMING COURSES JANUARY – MARCH 2017

JANUARY

RYA Competent Crew (5 days)
7, 8, 13, 14, 15 January

MAST Power Boat
Monday 30 January

FEBRUARY

Marine Radio (SROCP)
1 & 8 February

MAST Power Boat
Sunday 12 February

Mast Power Boat
Monday 20 February

Inshore and Coastal Navigation
15, 22, 26 February (days 4-6 in March)

Outboard Motor
20 & 27 February

RYA Competent Crew
22 to 26 February

MARCH

Inshore and Coastal Navigation
8, 15 & 22 March

RYA Day Skipper
4, 5, 11, 12, 13 March

MAST Power Boat
Monday 20 March

MAST Power Boat
Sunday 26 March

**FOR COURSE INFORMATION & ENROLMENT GO TO
WWW.DSSINC.ORG.AU/SAILTRAIN/COURSE-INFORMATION/**

SBSC

FELICITY ALLSION

Sandy Bay Sailing Club has had a great start to the sailing season with Sail and Play and Tackers programs both being fully subscribed. With our ever increasing sailing program, the sailing club took a large step forward by employing a Club Coach, Lizzie Rountree. Lizzie has embraced our club and it's members, both in mid-week coaching sessions and weekend sailing. She has a wealth of sailing experience both in racing and coaching, and is working with all levels of sailing ability to help establish confident and capable sailors.

Our Peter Johnston Super Series was strongly supported by nearly

100 children sailing in 70 boats. Over two days of racing, 10 Off The Beach classes were sailed in varying conditions with great sunny weather!

Another highlight for Sandy Bay Sailing Club, was being voted Club of the Year in the Yachting Tasmanian Awards. Our sailing success continues this season with numerous youth sailors being selected to represent their country in both International Cadets and Optimist classes. Our association with the DSS has helped us provide a flourishing sailing environment for young sailors.

The Sandy Bay Sailing Kids Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 10 December at the Club from 4.30pm. A special feature of the party will be the arrival of Santa around 4.45pm.



Kids + Boats = FUN

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Friday 16th Sept 2016

Overnight race from Castray Box down the Derwent to finish off Gordon

LAUNCESTON TO HOBART

Tuesday 27th Dec 2016

Race from Launceston down the east coast of Tassie to finish off Castray Box in the Derwent River

ZUIDPOOL ROCK RACE

Wednesday 25th Jan 2017

Overnight race from Castray Box down the Derwent around Zuidpool Rock and return to finish off Castray Box

Enter each race online now @ www.dssinc.org.au or via the office for more information contact Mike on 6223 1977



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- Open to Members and Non Members
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5.30PM

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REMINDER RAFFLE BOOKS DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE
BY WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2016