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SQUADRON NEWS



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## COMMODORE STEVE CHAU

Another season has concluded and we have been blessed with some fantastic boating conditions. We haven't had a summer season like this for some time. As we approach the end to our season, it certainly gives us time to reflect on the great boating memories experienced these past few months, however, for me it also provides an opportunity to think about the great contributions our volunteers have made to the clubhouse surrounds and on the

water to facilitate our hectic yachting calendar. I must say I'm in awe at the hard work Peter and Colleen McCulloch have done to revitalise our club gardens post construction of the marina extension. The new flag pole and associated landscaping works look absolutely wonderful. A big thank you to Peter and Colleen for your outstanding contribution.

The clubhouse and docks were a hype of activity over the Christmas and New Year period. The annual Launceston to Hobart race was a resounding success and this is due to the large volunteer group assisting the radio operations, berthing procedures, the information booth and crew party at the docks. Without

the support of our volunteers we can not run such successful events. This year we will run the 10th Launceston to Hobart race and we will again be calling on volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

The Squadron has been very busy chairing the Combined Clubs Racing Calendar and on all accounts the racing has been very competitive and rewarding. I was particularly pleased to see a number of new names receiving prizes this year.

I would like to commend the House and Social Sub-Committee for their tireless work making the Launceston to Hobart Crew Party another great success. They keep raising the bar and I look forward to see what is in plan for this year's race. The recent DSS Day on the Lawn was another spectacular success. The weather was superb and all those in attendance had a thoroughly good time. Events like these once again would not be possible without the support of our volunteer team.

In May we have the Combined Clubs Progressive Dinner which is a great social event organised by all senior clubs in Hobart. Please contact the office for details if you are interested.

Now that we have finished our magnificent new marina it is time to resurface the car park and rework the layout to facilitate more car spaces. This should be happening in the next few months. We also have plans to build a new amenities block near the marina to support the increased number of berths.

Along with external works we intend to refurbish the existing club amenities which has been a long time overdue. Improvements to the clubrooms are all part of a new Strategic Plan which has been the project of our Past Commodore Ron Bugg. We are very close to finishing a substantial draft which we will call on the membership for feedback. The Strategic Plan underpins the future direction for the club. It will sit alongside our Master Plan which is also being developed. We will welcome constructive comments about the Strategic Plan from our membership so please come forward with suggestions.

Much of our boatyard has been closed off due to the build of the marina extension. It is a concern, however, that the boatyard is currently not well utilised given our summer sailing season has drawn to a close. We would like to know why the boatyard is not busy, although we note that slipways and hardstand at other clubs are quiet also. Is it a case that people are not needing to slip their boats so often, or are going elsewhere as their boats are too large for our slip? We would like to know your thoughts on the matter.

With the splendid autumn conditions, it's not surprising the cruising fraternity have enjoyed some lovely voyages down the Channel and up the East Coast. The club's own mooring system 'String of Pearls' has been well patronaged, and it is pleasing to see a great majority of new members are active cruisers.

The club's membership has been growing steadily to over 850 members, which is very encouraging, as the club would not be a club without the support of our members. We are constantly told that the club has a great feel to it, which is flattering, but in reality only a small consistent number of the membership are engaged with the clubhouse on a regular basis. I would like to see this engagement increase in line with the growth of the membership.

Hopefully our progressive changes to the clubhouse and surrounds will increase the engagement of the members with the clubhouse.

On a final note, I am pleased to announce the Squadron intends to officially open the new marina extension shortly. It will be a significant day to officially mark a major milestone in the club's history. I do look forward to seeing many of you on or before that day.





# VICE COMMODORE SAILING PETER HAROS

The summer sailing season is over now for 2015-16, and it's time to congratulate our winners, skippers and crews. There were sixteen or seventeen series and/or major races this season. That's a lot of individual races, so a big thankyou must go to the PROs, Sailing Secretary, great office staff, patrol boat drivers, mark layers, and the sailing sub-committee. Thanks also to our Front of House team led by Tracey, who has made our clubhouse a great

place to be at any time, especially after a race.

Along with many others, I thank you all for your efforts.

Thanks also to our many club sponsors - without you, there would not be racing as we know it.

## **Short-Handed**

Last Sunday, the 2nd short-handed race for 2016 was held in magnificent autumn weather, with shorts and tee shirts being the order of the day. A total of 39 boats in 5 divisions took to the water. In our relatively new Division 1, a 3 handed event for boats over 36ft with spinnakers, there are 8 boats, up a couple from last year, with 16 boats in the 2-handed spinnaker division.

## **DSS Harbour Pennant**

Division 1 AMS and IRC  
B&G Advantage (Jeff Cordell)

Division 1 PHS  
MEM (Paul & Michelle Bouchard) just  
a few points in front of Jeff Cordell

Division 2 PHS  
Rousabout (Grahame Inglis), a top  
effort, as Rousabout was very badly  
holed early in the season

Group 4 PHS  
Hornet (Neville Georgeson)

Division 6 PHS  
Free 'N' Easy (Bob Jones)

## **DSS Long Race Pennant**

Group A  
Intrigue (Don Calvert), certainly the  
best performing boat, winning the  
Club Pennants AMS, IRC and PHS  
divisions.

Group B  
Take Five (Ian Gannon)

Group C  
Tarremah (Larry Duncan) in a two  
horse race with Trick Cyclist, winning  
by just 1 point.

## **Twilights**

Combined DSS and Royals Twilight  
racing at its best, with the weather  
being kind and all ten races  
conducted.

50 boats entered the post-Christmas  
series in four divisions, continuing  
on from the 51 boats in the pre-  
Christmas series.

Racing was extremely close with only  
few points separating the top five in  
all divisions.

Winners this season were:

Mon Amie (Phil Conyard)  
Rotary (Norm Brundle)  
Mischief (Keith Weber)  
Wings Three (yours truly)

Twilight racing is a great place for  
learning to race or for just simply  
enjoying. Many people who have  
had a taste of sailing in Twilights go  
on to become regular crew members  
and some become skippers of their  
own boat.

## **SB20**

The Worlds are coming! 2017-2018  
will be a very big year for this class.  
Over the weekend of 29th and 30th  
November, the SB20 held their sprint  
series. Close racing was the order  
of the weekend with five races held  
and five different winners in the one  
design class, but it was Karabos (Nick  
Rogers) that was the most consistent  
for a series win.

The PHS division went to Sudden  
Impulse (Richard Fader).

Congratulations also go to Scott  
Brain, winner of the state SB20  
Championships held over the Crown  
Series weekend.

## **Mid Week Series**

Racing on Wednesday afternoon has  
proved popular for our work retired  
sailing members with representation  
from the DSS, RCYT and BYC, and  
a total of 23 boats entered. It would



Alive owned by DSS member Phil Turner and skippered by DSS member Duncan Hine, won the Royal Langkawi Regatta in January 2016, and has since broken the record in the Rolex China sea race, taken line honours and second under overall IRC .

be hard to pick a winner of this group, as first place seemed to go to a different boat every week.

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To boat owners and skippers, family members and crew, we extend an invitation to join us around the buoys. Experienced skippers are available to join you and your crew if you so wish. Who knows, this year a twilight race, next a Saturday Series and then eventually off-shore racing?

This leads me to the L2H, arguably the club's pinnacle race. This year

will mark the 10th anniversary of Tasmania's longest coastal race, some 297 nautical miles. The club, along with our major sponsor, **National Pies**, encourage owners of medium to large boats to consider entering. The race course itself is such that every boat has a chance to win.

Our club is growing quickly, the new marina is finished, and there are new faces and boats everywhere. We welcome you all and we look forward to seeing you on the water - racing, cruising and just enjoying yourself.

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## VICE COMMODORE CRUISING LYLE BORLASE

During March a group of five boats made the journey from Hobart to Port Davey on the DSS Port Davey Rendezvous Cruise and safely returned.

The club very much appreciates the contribution by Jeremy Firth and Penny St Ledger in providing an information briefing for members and guests with an interest in visiting Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour. Over two evenings Jeremy and Penny delivered informative sessions on how to get there, things to look

out for, where to hide when the weather turns to custard, and how to cater for extended cruises where there are no shops.

A BIG thank you to you both. In total over 100 people attended your briefings, a clear indication of the popularity of the destination and a vote of confidence in your knowledge of extended cruising and Port Davey.

Rendezvous spontaneously happened in Bramble Cove and Claytons Corner with lots of story telling and note swapping on experiences and plans for the next few days.

Those who liked walking ticked off destinations such as Mt Rugby, Mt Beattie, Old River, Claytons Hut





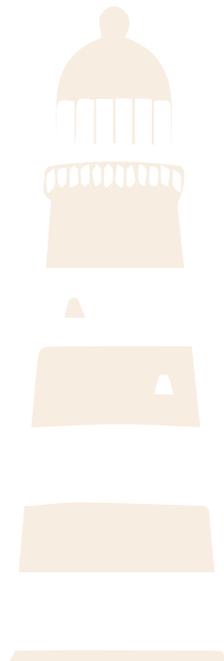
and the King's historic operations at Melaleuca.

Those who didn't soaked up great autumn weather and stunning panoramas around every corner.

The journeys in and out were uneventful for all. Northerly winds made for some good sailing but mostly motor sailing. And the days were bright and sunny. The fleet stayed in touch by radio along the way to warn of cray pots and rafts of weed.

### **Next Year**

Certainly is a destination to put on your bucket list. So if you are interested in making the trip please talk to the VC Cruising early to get timing right and preparation in train.



# DSS DAY ON THE LAWN

## featuring the Kravats

Sunday 6th March turned out to be a perfect day. We had beautiful, mild, sunny weather with light winds which allowed approximately 400 club and community members to enjoy a memorable afternoon on the DSS lawn. Some arrived early to ensure they secured prime spots around the edge of the dance floor, and this proved to be a very wise move as the crowd continued to flow in during the afternoon.

Guests enjoyed a delicious light BBQ lunch, cooked by volunteers Geoff Richardson and Doug Fitzgerald, and this was accompanied by refreshments from the bar. As always, the Kravats provided great entertainment with 60 and 70's music. As the afternoon progressed,

the dance floor became a mass of jiving, joyous dancers.

This event would not be possible without the contribution of our sponsors. We are extremely grateful to our major sponsor **Harcouts Hobart**, and to all our minor sponsors, who have significantly contributed to the club, not just this year but over many years. We thank you for your continuing support. We would also like to thank all volunteers who assisted on the day. Your contribution is much appreciated.

This annual event, which has increased in popularity over the years, is now firmly entrenched in the DSS social calendar, and will be held again on Sunday 26th February 2017.





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# REAR COMMODORE HOUSE & SOCIAL CRAIG SQUIRES

Summer has been packed with activities on the house and social front, and there is a lot to look forward to over the coming months to keep us warm during winter.

To help keep members warm over winter, we have a new gas fire in the club house which was made available via a grant from Tas Gas. The flame effect fire not only helps keep the club 'toasty' but looks great and adds some great ambience to the club.

The kitchen has been in full swing and receiving great feedback from regular Thursday and Friday dinners as well as from a range of member functions and events.

Keep an eye out for the new winter menu over the coming weeks.

Don't forget you can book your table for lunch or dinner on Thursday and Fridays via the DSS website.

We have welcomed several new members to the club, and going forward we will be holding a new members night on the second Friday of every second month. Don't forget to come to the club and welcome our new members in traditional friendly DSS style!

The Friday Night Members' Badge Draw is back up to \$800 at time of print and Friday nights at the club have been a great way to socialise with fellow club members and friends.

Members prices are available on food and drinks so make sure you have your membership card with you when ordering.

The DSS Day on the Lawn featuring the mighty Kravats was again proudly sponsored by Harcourts, and supported by many other contributors and was our busiest and most successful Day on the Lawn yet.

A big thank you to the sub-committee that made it possible - Barry Button, Colleen McCulloch, Adrea Watson, and all of the volunteers that helped in the lead up and on the day.

Planning is underway already to make next year is even better so keep Sunday 27th Feb 2017 free for more dancing and music on the DSS lawn!

Our artwall has displayed some great works and at the recent interclub prize night hosted at the DSS, we drew the winners of the artwall raffle with a great prize donated by the Heritage Art Group.

Our next exhibition opening is scheduled for the 28th April so come down to your club at 6pm to enjoy the festivities.

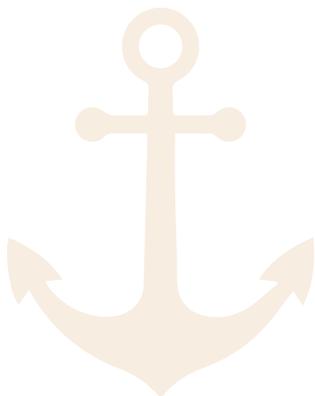
We are hosting the 'main event' of the interclub progressive dinner on the 21st May and this 'night to remember' will sell out – book your tickets now to join this great evening.

This year's Commodores' At Home is scheduled for 13th August and will be a cocktail and canapé celebration of the DSS, and an opportunity to introduce the new committee and members for the coming year.

If you'd like to lend a hand with any functions or become a more active part of the house and social events, please get in touch with the office – many hands make light work and everyone that has been part of the house and social committee will tell you it is a very rewarding way to enhance your club.

I hope to see many of you at the events and functions coming up and in the dining room trying out the new winter menu.

Cheers from the Rear



# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Saturday 21st May 2016

Would you like a dining experience at some of Hobart's best waterfront locations, a short cruise and the opportunity to meet new friends?

If the answer is YES, YES, YES, then book an exciting and different evening while enjoying a three course Progressive Dinner.

Delicious food and refreshments will be provided at the Bellerive Yacht Club, Derwent Sailing Squadron and the Royal Yacht Club with a complimentary drink and live entertainment at each location. Various forms of transport will be provided between locations and included in the cost.

**COST:** \$90pp

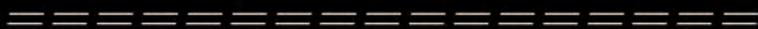
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**RSVP:** Thursday 12 May to the office of the DSS

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# BOATING SERVICES

## DAVID BRETT

It's been a while since my last report and looking back on the past few months, I realise that we have made some progress but there seems to be a growing "to-do" list. The big change is the completion of the marina with things getting back to normal in the slipyard. The yard has been a bit quiet over summer but is now starting to pick up. Marine Facility Officer Carl Waterworth reports that he now has an underwater camera operational, so this should improve safety when lifting new boats. The yard has also been improved with rationalisation of cradles to get more room for SB20 storage.

We have been trying to get as many boats as possible off the carpark, to make more spaces available for cars, as we realise that parking is a major issue for members. Hopefully we will soon be able to report on positive developments in enlarging and improving the car-park – stay tuned!

There are still a few outstanding items to complete our commitments in developing the marina that should come to fruition over the coming months. These include upgrading of the marina entrance and provision of a new amenities building, including

toilet shower and washing facilities. Planning is progressing to include a new extension to Cheverton Jetty that could provide secure lockers for dinghy and boating equipment storage, as well as bike racks and wheel barrow storage. Anyone interested in securing a locker, please contact the office so we can start a list of interested people and gauge how many we should plan for.

Other items on the go are completion of the Marine Facility Officer's office and measurement of electrolysis levels around the marina.

The Boating Services Sub-Committee welcomes contact from members regarding boating services issues. Please don't hesitate to contact us with feedback or requests. Even better, come onto the sub-committee to help us improve boating service for our club. We may also look to invite people to join to represent specialist interest groups.

**PLEASE HELP TO KEEP  
OUR CLUB A SAFE PLACE  
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**NO DRINKING OF ALCOHOL  
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**NO UNSUPERVISED  
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DOGS OR CYCLING IN THE  
BOATYARD OR ON THE  
MARINA**

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## **RYA Marine Diesel \$120**

Monday 2 May 6.30pm – 9pm  
Monday 9 May 6.30pm – 9pm  
Monday 16 May 6.30pm – 9pm

## **Short Range Operators Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) \$140**

Monday 16 May 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Monday 23 May 6.30pm – 9.30pm

## **RYA Competent Crew \$616 (3 days +1 overnight)**

Friday 13 May  
Saturday 14 May  
Sunday 15 May

## **Outboard Motor \$80**

Monday 30 May 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Monday 6 June 6.30pm – 9.30pm

## **Day Skipper**

### **Members \$924 / Non \$1106**

Saturday 28 May  
Sunday 29 May  
Monday 30 May  
Tuesday 31 May  
Wednesday 1 June

## **MAST Power Boat - \$140**

Sunday 19 June 10am – 2.30pm

## **MAST Power Boat \$140**

Sunday 15 May 10am – 2.30pm

## **RYA Start Yachting \$310**

Wednesday 18 May – briefing  
Saturday 21 May 10am – 4pm  
Sunday 22 May 10am – 4pm

## **RYA Competent Crew \$616 (3 day + 1 overnight)**

Friday 17 June  
Saturday 18 June  
Sunday 19 June

## **RYA Competent Crew Course (5 days + 1 Overnight)**

### **Members \$924 / Non \$1106**

Wednesday 22 June  
Thursday 23 June  
Friday 24 June  
Saturday 25 June  
Sunday 26 June

## **\*WINTER SPECIAL \$3500\***

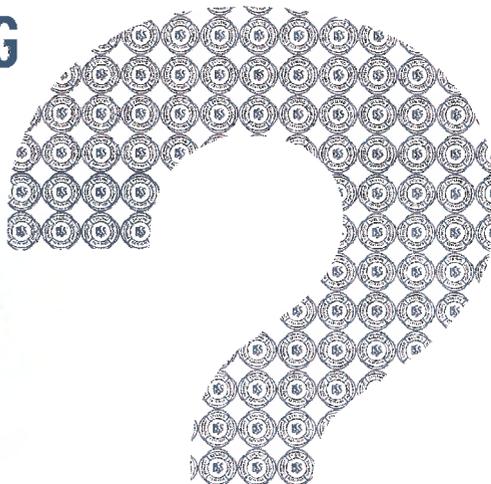
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# **TRIVIA NIGHT**

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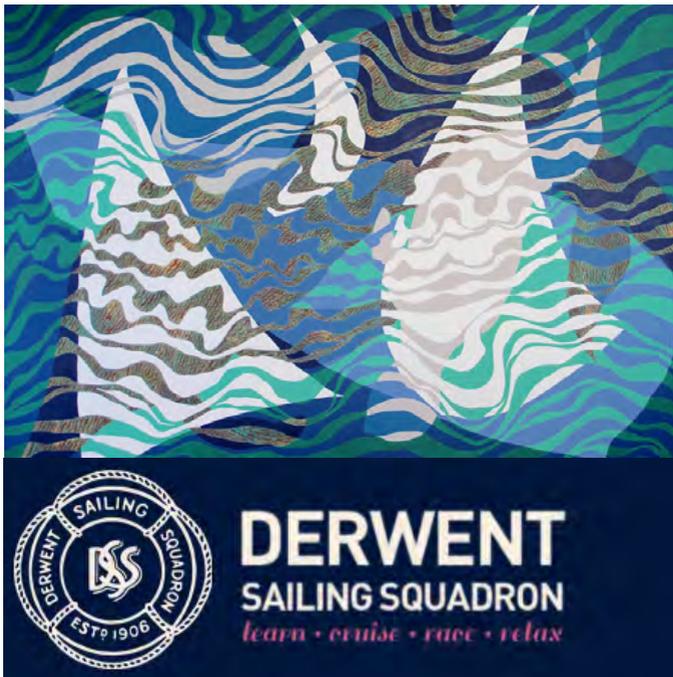
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# Art@the Bay

29 April – 17 June 2016 | DSS Artwall

An exhibition of realistic and contemporary paintings and prints by the accomplished artists of the Art@theBay group.

Opening event: Thursday 28 April | 6pm  
refreshments provided | meals available

Exhibition open Mon-Wed 9am–5pm  
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