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to the 2017 Winter Edition of the

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COMMODORE STEVE CHAU

We have been blessed with terrific weather this autumn and it was great to see many of you enjoy extended cruising passages down the Channel and up the East Coast. The Combined Clubs summer racing program has ended, however the racing has continued into autumn.

This autumn we introduced a new race series called the Long Distance Two Handed. The new race series attracted significant interest from all Clubs and witnessed healthy entries and participation over four weeks. It is fantastic to see many family entries out there supporting this new event, who knows a Melbourne to Osaka might be on the horizon for some.

Congratulations should go towards all those skippers and crew that received prizes at the recent Combined Clubs Prize Night and our DSS Prize Night. It was most pleasing to see new faces amongst the prize winners in the various divisions. Of particular note, congratulations must go to Shaun

Tiedemann and his crew who have received a large number of prizes in their first year of competition. Most noteworthy is winning the 2017 Tasmanian Offshore Championship award. Congratulations and well done.

There has been considerable efforts behind the scene organising the SB20 World Championship which will run in Hobart in January 2018. This is a joint initiative between the Derwent Sailing Squadron and the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. This event is a significant event and will also include lead up races including the Australian Championship before the event. The number of SB20 yachts in the squadron has increased and we wish each of the crews the very best in the preparation for the impending Worlds.

At the Clubhouse, house and social is going well. The Wednesday Taco night is very popular amongst the membership and local community. During the month of May we hosted a number of birthday and private functions which kept the kitchen busy on the weekends.

The Club is an exceptional venue to host such functions and we always ask you consider the Club as a venue to celebrate that special occasion. The Club can take the hassle and stress out of organising to ensure it is a successful occasion. Please feel free to contact the Club if you need a venue. We cater for all sizes of functions from an intimate gathering to a large party on the lawns like the Kravats. I must say a special thank you for all those members and

volunteers that made the Kravats a very successful event for 2017. Without your support we would not be able to create such a wonderful day.

Since our last Newsletter, it has been pleasing to see members embrace the new electrical connection policy for marina berth holders. We would like all electrical connection cords to be tested and tagged. If you have a permanent arrangement in place we do require a galvanic isolator is fitted to ensure electrical protection for you and your fellow marina neighbours.

A number of information briefings have been conducted to date and it is terrific to see members abide by the recommendations made by Boating Services. If you would like more information about the electrical connection policy it is available at the office or online at the Club's website.

Many of you will be aware we are in the process of updating our constitution to remove inconsistencies and anomalies with our current constitution. The Club has run two information nights for members and an information briefing for Life and Golden members to consider the need for changes and implications. We have received very positive feedback for the suggested changes and I thank those members for providing their input.

I must say we are indebted to Jamie Bayly-Stark for all his hard work to facilitate the review and change process. I do hope we will be able to have a revised modern constitution endorsed at our AGM meeting in

late June. As always if you have any feedback about the proposed constitution changes please let us know.

We will also be sending out shortly a members survey to ask members their opinions about the service provision within the Club. In particular there is an emphasis on house and social activities provided by the Club requesting feedback about the nature of events and delivery of service.

We would like as much feedback as possible so we can remain progressive with what members want. When you receive your link to the online survey we would appreciate any thoughts you may have. The survey should only take 15 minutes to fulfil.

The culture of the Club is directly aligned to the people who are engaged with the Club. Member's are engaged in a number of ways but one of the most significant is via our volunteer pool that assist the hosting of house and social events and also contributing time on the water with race management and patrol boats crews.

We are always looking for volunteers that have a few hours spare to assist the Club. A new initiative for senior members within the Club is the "Boat Shed" idea. A group of men and our Rear Commodore Colleen McCulloch meet regularly to do various jobs around the Club. The Club feels it very important to support this initiative and would like to see this group grow and be sustainable. If you have an interest in

this initiative or other aspects of the volunteering at the Club please let us know. A little goes a long way.

I do hope the autumn weather remains mild so we can continue our sailing and cruising pursuits. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next AGM on Wednesday 28th June.

MEMBERS SURVEY

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

The House and Social Sub-Committee have put together a members survey, focussing on questions about the Club generally and specifically about House and Social.

We do encourage you to respond to the survey as it will provide us with valuable information about the services and facilities you want your Club to provide.

The survey will only take 10-15 minutes of your time and will be sent to you via email. A copy will be posted to members who do not have an email, or if you would like a copy sent to you please contact the Office on 6223 1977.

Thank you to Di Reale (House & Social Sub-Committee Member) for compiling and generating the survey.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.



VICE COMMODORE SAILING

PETER HAROS

With the conclusion of our Summer Sailing program it's time to reflect on the efforts of our skippers, crews and volunteers that participated in the Combined Clubs and DSS held events.

COMBINED CLUBS RACING

It is fantastic to see DSS Club boats Philosopher (S. Tiedemann Div 1) AMS and IRC, Hornet (N. Georgeson Div 4) PHS at the top of the leader boards of their respective fleets in the Harbour series. Congratulations to Zephyr (I. Johnston) taking out the PHS long distance series Group A.

For the first time, Combined Clubs held a Long Distance two handed, three race series on a Sunday afternoon which has proven to be popular with 20 or so boats entered in 2 divisions. Congratulations to winners of this first up event.

PHS

Div 1 Wildfire (Team Wildfire)

AMS

Div 1 Cromarty Magellan (R. Grant)

Div 2 Off Piste (P. Einoder)

DSS PENNANTS

Racing was keenly contested this summer, even though numbers for the Harbour series were a bit on the low side.

Group 1- Philosopher showed the way with wins in both AMS and IRC.

Group 4 - probably the closest racing over the summer with Hornet just pipping Serica (G. Peacock) on count back with Juana (J. Young) just a couple of points back in 3rd spot.

DSS HARBOUR SERIES PENNANT

Div 1 AMS Philosopher (S. Tiedemann)

Div 1 IRC Philosopher (S. Tiedemann)

Div 1 PHS X&Y (T. Richardson)

Div 2 PHS Saga (C. Sheehan)

Div 4 PHS Juana (J. Young)

Div 6 PHS Ingenue (N. Johnston)

DSS LONG RACE SERIES

Racing in this pennant experienced a mixed bag of weather conditions.

Boats were either smashed by 40 knot winds that came in blunt end first and then in the next race struggled to get home in light dying breezes.

Group A AMS Intrigue (D. Calvert)

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Group A PHS Zephyr (I. Johnston)

Group B AMS Moonshadow (A. Ellis)

Group B PHS Groove (W. Justo)

TWILIGHTS

Twilight racing is still as popular as

Div 2 Off Piste (P. Einoder)

ever with 42 boats regularly taking to the water on Thursday nights.

Div 1 Illusion (D. Brett) Leading the series from start to finish, Dave was never headed on the leader board.

Div 2 Another Toy (Latham Syndicate) showed the fruits of consistent sailing, not even competing in the last race for a series win.

Div 3 Vistula (with the 2 Greg's on board G. Biskup and G. Brooks) also showed great consistency with 4 wins, an equal 1st, a 2nd and a 3rd.

Div 4 Alcheringa (J. Nuttall), not to be out done, easily accounted for the fleet with 5 wins and a 2nd during the season.

AUTUMN SHORT HANDED SERIES

Known as Gilbert's Shorthanded Worlds, this series was off to a fine start with two fabulous mornings of sailing for the boats that entered. Unfortunately day 3 was not so nice with racing cancelled due to gale force winds forecast on the Sunday.

46 boats in 5 divisions took to the water. In Division 1 there were 8 boats entered in the recently formed 3-handed event for boats over 36ft with spinnakers, 13 boats in the 2-handed spinnaker division and an even spread of boats in the other divisions.

Congratulations to the following winners:-

Div 1 Planet X (M. Rowley)

Div 2 Fang to the Max (F. Barrett)

Div 3 Pirates Pride (P. Masterton)

Div 4 Take Five (I. Gannon)

Div 5 Cook your own dinner (J. Allison)

SB20

The State Titles were held over the weekend of 18th and 19th March with 31 boats out on the water for this regatta. Export Roo (M. Cooper) showed it was the one to beat with an emphatic win, setting up a mouth-watering tussle with Karabos (N. Rogers) and Balios (M. Pilkington) for the top ranked Tassie boat in the upcoming worlds being held in Hobart early next year.

The expectation of 80 odd boats from all over the world, racing on our river in early January 2018 will be something to behold.

The recently completed one design pennant series, sailed on Thursday evenings, consisted of eleven races in a variety of conditions. The series was won by Karabos (N. Rodgers) from 2 Unlimited (G. Prescott) and Honey Badger (P. Burnell)

MID WEEK SERIES

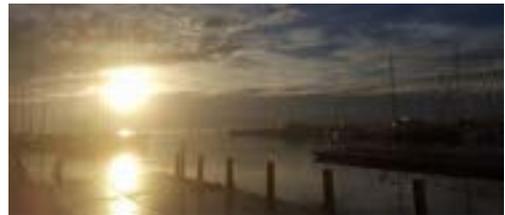
Racing on Wednesday afternoon has proved popular for our retired sailing members with 23 boats representing the three Hobart Clubs. It would be hard to pick a winner of this group, as first place seems to go to a different boat every week.

The DSS does a lot of racing throughout the summer and of course this would not happen without the great staff, Sailing Manager, PROs, Patrol boat drivers and mark layers, the Sailing Sub-Committee who have made our Clubhouse a great place to be at any time, but particularly after a race.

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

Thanks to our many Club Sponsors, because without you, racing as we know it would not happen.

Photos from Autumn Short Handed Series by Michelle Denney





REAR COMMODORE COLLEEN MCCULLOCH

The start of autumn was a busy time for the Squadron and March seems to be the month when Tasmanian couples prefer to tie the knot. The Club hosted two weddings, both held over the long weekend followed up the week after by a luncheon of 170 guests who came to listen to Mark MaClure from the Carlton Football who delivered an exciting and insightful presentation.

We are very grateful to Squadron Member Angelo Fraraccio for booking this event at the DSS and supporting the Club by bringing new faces to our facility. Many Club members have expressed an interest in attending similar engaging events at the DSS, with a suggestion that Chris Judd would make an excellent presenter. The challenge is on Angelo!!!

As we drift closer to the close of the 2016/17 sailing season the General Committee and Social Sub-Committee have noticed a waning

number of members and guests visiting the Club during our normal peak times. Thinning numbers of patrons causes difficulties for the Club as we try to continue delivering a high level of service whilst still remaining fiscally responsible to all stakeholders.

We hope that throughout the winter months you make use of all those thermal garments we know you all own, the woolley hats and even the wet weather gear, and head down to the Club as you do during the warmer months. The DSS has grown into a warm, vibrant space alive with people and laughter, with the Bar and Dining room open for lunch and dinner from Wednesday through to Friday. During the winter months the bar is also open from 4.00-6.00pm Monday and Tuesday and on Saturday from 12.00 to 6.00pm.

We promise to keep the Club warm and toasty, which brings me to my next piece of exciting news. I am pleased to report that Innovative Electrical has been given the contract to install heating to the underside of the umbrellas. Brendan (Innovative Electrical) commenced work on Friday 12 May and spent some time locating the conduits out to the umbrellas. Unfortunately they will not carry more wiring, so new conduits need to be run.

This will take a little longer as trenches need to be dug and tiles lifted. This preliminary work must be done before the heaters can be connected, so there will be a slight delay in installation. This amenity, which will benefit Club members,

was made possible from the sale of raffle tickets, so thank you to all who supported the Club by buying these tickets and continue to do so each Friday night.

Our Member Draws have been growing over the last few months and now more than ever are worth a trip to the Club on a Friday evening for a relaxing drink or dinner with your favourite people. Currently we have 2 x \$500, 1 x \$600 and a Helly Hansen Jacket available at our weekly members draw.

“Cheers from the Rear”

LUCKY MEMBERS DRAW WINNER

Last Friday night at the Club’s Prize Night the \$1000 Members Draw was won by a strong supporter of the Club, Will Allison. Congratulations Will on taking home the major prize.



MARKETING ROSE FLYNN

General Commitrtee member, Rose Flynn, recently gave birth to her first child Sofia Marie Langdon. Weighing 7lb/3.1kg, Sofia arrived one week early on 27 February.



After 4 years on the General Committee and as Chair of the Marketing & Communications Sub-Committee, Rose is now stepping down to focus on her family and accommodation business. Rose and her partner Antony together with Antony’s daughter Eve (12), would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes on the arrival of Sofia, and for their friendship and support over the past 4 years.



Boat Shed at DSS

The DSS Boat Shed initiative has been developed along similar lines as the "Men's Shed" concept, but without the same arduous regulation, which has allowed us to have similar objectives which are more flexible to our specific interests and physical space.



The aim of the DSS Boat Shed is to provide an environment where members can meet socially in a friendly environment, advancing the health and well-being of its members. It is hoped that the Boat Shed will foster a strong sense of collegiality amongst members as they discover opportunities to give something back to the Club.

A Club is not a Club without its member contributions and we hope this will encourage members to become involved, engaged and connected.

Aims and Objectives

1. To pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests
2. Learn new skills, practice and pass on old skills
3. To provide a setting where all members and friends can meet socially in a friendly and welcoming environment
4. To improve the health and wellbeing of members and reduce the number who are at risk from preventable health issues
5. To develop the skills of its members which will benefit the Derwent Sailing Squadron by assisting in the maintenance, repair and upgrading of facilities.



Who can participate in the Boat Shed?

Available to all categories of Club Membership, and participation from both genders is encouraged.

Where are we at?

The Club is indebted to the core group of volunteers who have been responsible for establishing this program. David Bevan, Kim Elliott, Rob Loring, Peter Stanley, Barry Jones and Ron Bugg have already contributed many hours on this project.

I invite you to become involved and engaged with your Club and join us on FRIDAY 23 JUNE for the official opening. Morning tea will be held at the Boat Shed between 10.00 and 11.00am (last shed in the back of the boat yard, Casino side).

Come along and meet this dedicated group of volunteers and hopefully you will join in on a regular basis.

The Boat Shed working group and the Club are extremely grateful to Club Member David Warren for financially supporting this initiative.



XMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

We were the fortunate winners of the 5th prize in the DSS Christmas raffle which was a gift certificate for two on the Maria Island ferry. Noel and I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with John Colecook who donated the prize and who not only has a long association with the Club, but also with the Barrett family.

We had a fabulous stay in a charming room at the Triabunna caravan park, feasted on fresh flatties and scallops at the famed Fish Van, crossed the brilliant blue passage to Maria with perfect weather to enjoy an amble to the Fossil Cliffs.

We observed beautiful views and plenty of wildlife. We added a visit to Kate's Berry Farm for a delicious lunch, caught up with relatives and friends in Swansea before returning to Hobart via Triabunna to pick up our fresh cray for the next night's dinner.

Thank you DSS and John Colecook from Ricki and Noel Barrett

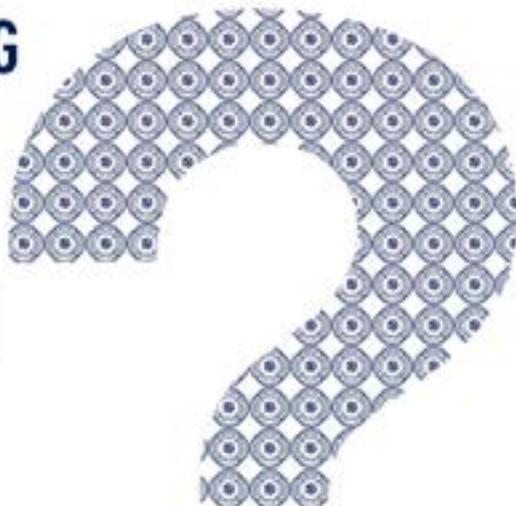


**DERWENT SAILING
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TRIVIA NIGHT

&

SILENT AUCTION



Saturday July 15th at 7pm

Join us for an evening of fun, trivia, raffles and prizes while raising funds for Cancer Council Tasmania

\$20 per ticket - maximum of 8 per team - nibbles provided
Grab your ticket at the office or call 6223 1977
23 Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay

\$5 from each ticket and all proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to:



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Tasmania**

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We are sourcing Silent Auction items and would be very grateful for any donation from our members to assist in raising money for this very worthy cause. Table bookings can be made by calling the DSS Office on 6223 1977.



The Salty Dog

Photographic Art Prize

DSS Members' Own Art-wall

June 16th to August 4th 2017

*... a celebration of
all things sailing*

We have seen your photos on Facebook, phones and cameras and know the Squadron is brimming with great memories and celebrations of time spent on the water. We ask that you share them on the Art-wall by submitting your favourite photo(s) to one or more of the following categories:

RACING | CRUISING | LANDSCAPE | FUN ON THE WATER

Email jpeg or pdf image(s) to cathrynjk@gmail.com by June 4th 2017. Don't resize your photos, send in the largest size you have. Include your name, nominate colour or black & white printing and submission category(s). Entries will be printed to 20cm x 25cm and displayed by number – entrants remaining anonymous. A ballot box nomination will be used to select the winning photo for each category. Entry fee \$10 charged to your club account.

OFFICIAL OPENING FRIDAY JUNE 16th

PRIZES AWARDED 'AT HOME' NIGHT FRIDAY AUGUST 4th

DSS ART WALL

Check out The Salty Dog Photographic Art Prize poster and enter now...

Later on this year we look forward to exhibits from John Fisher-Thomas in mid August to September with "Waterways" and the Heritage Art Group in October.

STALWARTS LUNCH

Since our last edition of Squadron News we have held two Stalwart luncheons. Vice Commodore Peter Haros welcomed stalwarts and friends on Tuesday 7th March and all who attended enjoyed the chance to catch up.

Our second luncheon was held on Thursday 18th May. Rear Commodore Colleen McCulloch welcomed the group to the Club and provided information on the "Boat Shed", inviting members to join. A brief outline of the forthcoming Members Survey was also provided and members present were encouraged to complete the survey.

General Committee member, Jamie Bayly-Stark, presented an outline to the Stalwarts of the proposed

changes to the Constitution and outlined the reasons for these changes. It was nice to see some new faces attend this event and hope they will return to our next Stalwarts luncheon to be held on Thursday 21st September 2017.

2017 CALANDAR OF EVENTS

Check out the House and Social tab of the DSS website for more information on our annual events, times, costs and how to book tickets. You will also be able to see more information and updates from the House and Social committee, what's happening in the restaurant and any other specials that have been scheduled in for your enjoyment.

CANCER COUNCIL AT HOME & NEW TRIVIA NIGHT MEMBER NIGHT

Sat 15th Jul

Fri 6th Aug

PIPE OPENER SOCIAL WORKING BEE & AFL FINAL

September

Sat 30th Sept

LAUNNIE LAUNCH ON THE LAWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

November

Fri 8th Dec

L2H CREW PARTY

Sun 31st Dec

SAVE THE DATES!



BOATING SERVICES

DAVID BRETT

Believe it or not, the Boating Services Sub-Committee is making progress on a number of issues and yes, the Electrical Connection Policy is being rolled out. As soon as Shaun clears his desk, expect information on Tag and Test days, approved lead purchase and galvanic isolator availability from the Club at discount prices.

You will have seen the conversion of the northern end of the slipway to boat storage. This has allowed freeing up of carpark space and heaps of room for trailer boats so should be a great advantage during

the SB20 worlds next year.

Other items on the go are:

1. Involvement with a new sub-committee to specifically look at new facilities for the marina, including toilets and laundry facilities;
2. Planning and design for slip-yard stormwater collection and treatment to comply with legislative requirements and best practice;
3. Development of a management plan for the ageing Cheverton's Jetty infrastructure. You may have noticed the sinking pile on the northern side of the boat sheds. Repairs are in hand. This is an example of the reason we need to allow for ongoing maintenance of the aging infrastructure and the need for increased rental fees;
4. Planning for additional storage sheds/lockers to cater for increased demand
5. Review of risks around the slip and marina and development of a risk management protocol.

As I said last newsletter "that's a lot of work" and any help would be welcome on our small committee.



As leaders in boat sales, our multi office network connects the right buyers and sellers. With a large range of yachts and powerboats for sale and representing world leading brands, we'll make your boating dreams come true!

DSS SUMMER



PRIZE NIGHT



RIVER CRUISE

WHEN?

**Saturday 1 July
6.15pm to 8.30pm**

Boarding will commence at 6.15pm with the ferry departing at 6.30pm sharp and returning at 8.30pm

WHERE?

**On Board Mona
Roma**

WHY?

Eight talented Tasmanian sailors are fundraising to offset the costs of representing Australia at the World International Cadet Championships to be held in The Netherlands in August 2017.



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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
2017 BAINBRIDGE
THE NETHERLANDS

TICKETS

\$55 per person which includes a drink on arrival and canapes and nibbles during the cruise. After your first drink you can purchase drinks on-board at bar prices.

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TASMANIA

PURCHASE OF A NEW RESCUE BOAT

In discussion with our members who crew the pickup boat, "Jo Cannon" there is a need to upgrade. Experience has shown that the Jo Cannon is difficult to manoeuvre and is heavy aft creating a possibly of broaching thru the transom in heavy seas.

It is expected a new boat would be used more frequently next year to support the Saturday program. The executive have examined the specs for a Highfield 4.2M RIB with centre console, built in fuel tank, targa rollbar and bow roller – this combination is the same as the one Wynyard Yacht Club recently purchased. The cost inc. GST is \$9450.00 plus if we get Hutch to make a cover we can add a further \$2000.00.

A cover is probably needed as the boat will sit outside for most of its life. An application for grant funding could be supported by the fact we have purchased a new 40hp outboard recently and already have a suitable trailer.

DSS / NAUTILAS SERIES

The last of the race series for Hansa 303 dinghies run in conjunction with

the DSS and SBSC was recently completed. At times, the waiting for starts (up to 1 hour) has been frustrating. Only four races were completed due to bad weather.

Next year we expect to be the first class to start each race and hence not have the delays experienced in the past – this will also allow more time after the last race to return to the DSS. We may also ask for an extension to the number of racing days from 4 - 6.

COMMONWEALTH BANK GRANT

The new Hansa 303 dinghy, mostly funded by the \$10,000 Commonwealth Bank grant has arrived and now racing. The new dinghy increased the Hobart fleet to eight.

ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY BAY

The Rotary Club of Sandy Bay made a generous offer to Sailability during the Wooden Boat Festival to fund one person on the Tall Ship "Tenacious" on a 6 day trip. Expressions of interest were called and Craig Escott (Eskie), was chosen and he was accompanied by Darrel Johnson as carer.

HANSA 303 STATE TITLES, 2017

The Hansa State titles were hosted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron over the weekend 25th-26th February, 2017. Conditions for the morning races were light and fluky. Wynyard sailors did very well. The full results are available on the DSS website.

NEW CHILDREN'S LIFEJACKETS

IN the discussions with the Rotary Club of Sandy Bay about the "Tenacious" offer it was mentioned we had a need for suitable children's lifejackets. An audit showed we had about 50 medium to large jackets and few children's jackets.

Marion Cooper representing the Rotary Club immediately made an offer to purchase 15 Stormy Children's Lifejackets which were formally presented on 26th March, by President Roger Ibbott. Some now reside on the Payne's with the remainder stored in the dinghy shed.

2017 HANSA CLASS COMBINED ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seven Hansa 303's travelled to the Titles held at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, over the Easter period (two from Wynyard five from Hobart). Chris Symonds, Mike Darby, Bert Sommisch, Ted Moule, Stuart Hay, Rod Viney, Craig Escott as sailors and Brian and Wendy Freeman plus Miranda Carver as support.

In the first race, conditions were light. The Hansa 303 single person division, handled the conditions well and most completed the course. Current World Champion Chris Symonds (Wynyard) lead home his Club teammate Mike Darby with Kenneth Hibbert (SA) in third place.

The second day of racing for the Hansa 303 single person contest, had two competitors dead heating for second place in one race. Chris Symonds had his lead narrowed to .5, following a dead heat for second between fellow Tasmanian Mike

Darby and SA's Kenneth Hibbert. After three days of racing, sailors were frustrated by a lack of wind.

After the third and final day of racing in the Hansa 303 single person class, Chris Symonds added the Australian and Asia Pacific championship to his collection of achievements. Full results for all classes are available on the RGYC website

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Sailability Tasmania is again raising funds via the Tasmanian Entertainment Book. 20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting Sailability. Books are available from the DSS Office.



William Brown, Secretary

DSS AT HOME 4TH AUGUST



The 2017 DSS At Home is coming up in August and members and friends of the Club can expect a wonderful evening.

The addition of the announcement of the Salty Dog Photographic Art prize winners will be an attraction.

SAILTRAIN DAVID SHORT

Sail train has been busy running many valuable courses for the boating community, and the courses have been well supported by members. The program includes MAST Power Boat, RYA Marine Diesel, RYA Competent Crew, RYA Day Skipper, Yacht master, Marine radio Inshore and Coastal Navigation.

The safety and Sea Course run by Jeremy Parker and Jeff Cordell is recommended for anyone undertaking coastal racing and cruising. All RYA Courses are certified, being recognised worldwide.

To keep our training course in tune with our members needs we welcome input on any subject you may be interested in, by contacting the DSS office. Our courses fill up very quickly so if you see a course you are interested in please book in early to avoid disappointment. All booking forms are on the DSS Website under Sail train

UPCOMING COURSES JUNE - AUGUST 2017

MAST POWERBOAT X 4 HOURS

Sunday 16th July
Sunday 20th August

RYA COMPETENT CREW X 5 DAYS

8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th July

RYA DAYSKIPPER

Please contact the office to place your expression of interest.

INSHORE AND COASTAL NAVIGATION X 6 EVENINGS

Wednesday 2nd August
Wednesday 9th August
Sunday 13th August
Wednesday 23rd August
Wednesday 30th August
Wednesday 6th September

SAFETY AND SEA SURVIVAL X 3 EVENINGS

Monday 24th July
Wednesday 26th July
Sunday 30th July

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SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE

KEVIN & BARRY



What Kevin Jacobson and Barry Cashion have in common is that they're both electrical engineers and they have sailed together for sixty-one years.

To get some perspective on that, in the year they started sailing together in Hobart (1956) Dwight D Eisenhower was the President of the United States, Sir Robert Menzies was Australian Prime Minister and Elvis Presley had his first hit with "Heartbreak Hotel".

And a timeline of change since they've been sailing together identifies the rise of rock and roll as a worldwide phenomenon in the fifties, the youth revolution and the rise of the Beatles in the sixties, the garish fashions of the seventies, the big hair of the eighties, the rise of hip-hop in the noughties and then into the current decade with Donald Trump.

It's a remarkably long time for two men to be discussing tactics on a boat on the River Derwent and surrounds. It's also remarkable that

Kevin (77) and Barry (87) are still racing, and not in the sedate planked wooden boat those not in the know would expect. No, they race a fast Mungral 10 called Eliza, designed by local naval architect Fred Barrett.

The men met when Kevin became Barry's apprentice and Barry had a boat, so Kevin became a sailor - then it went on and on. Barry had Nirvana at the time, a Knud Reimers "Albatross" design, but when he sold it they went racing in the eight-metre class. Then there were a succession of boats over the years, most of which were built by Kevin, but with the assistance of Barry - a fast quarter-tonner, a slow half-tonner, a very fast Adams 11.9 called Adamant and now Eliza.

They have fond memories of the Adams 11.9. They once clocked 18 knots with it and maintain they had the quickest trip of their era in the Green Island Race. They did the race in less than five hours. In addition, they won the November 1985 Tasmania Day pursuit race, which was sponsored by the Tasmanian Government.

The boat they currently race - Eliza - is a good all-round performer. It was built by Kevin with help from Barry and also from Kevin's late wife Margaret, cutting fibre glass cloth for the layup.

Kevin already has his eye on his next boat, a Jeanneau 349 - but of course, with a performance pack which he hopes to race and cruise in a more gentlemanly manner.

Written by Terry Long

SQUADRON MEMBER PROFILE

MIKE PRITCHARD



There's a new boat at the DSS, and she looks all business.

She's called *Victoire* and even in the dock, she exudes speed. But she's deceptive. Down below, there are double bunks, a fridge/freezer and a watermaker. The fitout is beautiful and the owner Mike Pritchard and his family – wife Bianca and children Oliver, Oscar Stella and Sebastien – would be happy to take her cruising for a couple of months at a time.

Victoire is a Cookson 50, which was built in New Zealand as a racer/cruiser and she's raced with success all over the world. At times, she's been called Quantum Racing and Jazz.

A quick look at results from the last Sydney to Hobart will demonstrate the Cookson 50 is a very competitive boat. Sistership *Ubox* was thirteenth on line honours, with *Victoire* fourteenth. In IRC All, it was *Ubox* third and *Victoire* tenth. In IRC Div O, *Ubox* was third and *Victoire* eighth. In ORCi, *Ubox* was first and *Victoire*

fifth. And across those divisions, the competition is intense so it's an extraordinary performance for a racer/cruiser.

In the short-term, Mike, who is an orthopaedic surgeon in Hobart, has his eye on the next Sydney to Hobart. The remainder of this year will be used for preparation – training, evaluation and the lead-up races like Maria Island.

Victoire will race with a crew of eight to twelve. The exact number for a particular race will depend upon the weather forecast, weight, boat handling and crew experience at the time.

Mike has an interrupted sailing career. He started with his father-in-law when he was at university twenty-five years ago, moved off to motorsport and then returned to sailing in the 2012-13 season with the Beneteau First Audere. He did the last Sydney to Hobart and Bianca sailed with him. His children all sail as well.

They expect to have *Victoire* in the family for many years to come, working the dual interests of racing and cruising.

STOP PRESS: *Victoire* has been renamed and now known as *Oskana*.

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CRAIG & MARGIE



If you're in need of some immediate help with a fish-hook in the finger, broken leg or cardiac arrest, Craig Westlake is your man. If you're the skipper of a deep-sea fishing boat which works Antarctic waters and need some serious OHS in an exotic location, Margie Westlake can fix you up. And when they're not attending to those sorts of things, they're in the DSS Clubhouse having a convivial time, or on their Bavaria 38 Kalinda on the floating marina.

Craig runs the ambulance service in southern Tasmania and has had to put his paramedic skills to work in Tasmanian waters. Margie can need to go to places like Mauritius or Wellington to supervise OHS on the deep-sea boats operated by the international company she works for from Hobart.

Originally, they're Adelaide people, who sailed a Duncanson 35 around Gulf St Vincent and Spencer Gulf.

They came to Hobart three years ago, when Craig took over the ambulance service and brought the Duncanson with them.

In Adelaide they were members of the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia at Northaven and loved the social atmosphere. At first, they took their boat to Kettering, which was fine as a marina, but does not have the social life provided by the DSS and the Clubhouse, so they shifted camp to the DSS.

In October of 2015 they bought their Bavaria 38 and sailed it to Hobart in March last year – one thousand miles of wind on the nose. She was called Force Majeure – an arcane term used mainly in contractual law – and so she was renamed recently in a ceremony said to placate the sea gods. It involves drinking champagne. Both love the DSS for its social side and they have quickly embedded themselves among the regulars and visitors. Craig said joining the DSS was a social experiment really, but it was an experiment that worked for them.

Apart from cruising Bruny, the Tasman Peninsula and the East Coast, Craig races with Ian Johnston on Zephyr and Margie races with Ian Gannon on Take Five, with some success.

So if you put together cruising, racing and conviviality, the DSS has proved to be the perfect landing place for the Westlakes.

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Battery World

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF TASMANIA BY GARRY KENNEDY

20th Feb 2017 to 22nd March 2017

Planning started in August 2016 with most of us meet for dinner and discuss the options of a circumnavigation in March 2017. This was followed up with a second dinner in January 2017 to finalise who was going and a date for people to put in their diaries and to organise boats, leave etc.

FINALLY WE ARE WAY ON CIAO BELLA:

Day 1 – DSS to Rosebanks in Barnes Bay. Leaving late in the day, after some final jobs and provisioning, Peter Haros and I headed down the river.



Day 2 – Rosebanks to Recherche Bay. Up and across to Kettering to refuel the boat and top up our six jerry cans. Seeing we had all day to get there we tried hard to just sail, but gave up after a few of hours of a very frustrating wind and motored and motor-sailed the rest of the way. The bay was full of boats, when we arrived. Maristo was already there so we rafted up and had our first of many to come fivesies. When the others arrived we planned to leave for Port Davey at 2:00hrs.

Day 3 – Recherche to Port Davey. A

tough start to the day, as we were heading around Fishers Point at 2:00hrs in the morning I managed to pick up a pot line. So on with the shorty wet suit and over the back to clear the prop. It wasn't the best start to the trip but luckily it improved as the day went on. At times we had some wind so out would go the headsail. I think we unrolled and rolled it back up 5 times on the way around. Arriving at Breaksea Is at 11:00hrs. Everyone arrived within half an hour. So past Breaksea Is and up the Bathurst Channel to Schooner Cove for the afternoon.



Day 4 – Was a lazy day in Schooner Cove, seeing the weather had closed in on us. It was a good day getting to know everybody's thoughts on the trip a head and to plan our activities while in Port Davey.

Day 5 – Down to Claytons corner in the rain and a dinghy ride back to pick up our boats. We all jumped on Maristo and Eriskay and went off site seeing and ended up in Claytons Corner with only two boats. Then my very good friend Chris said we'll take my dinghy back up and get the boats. The wind had picked up in the channel and the chop was about 0.5m in the lumpy bits, by the time we got there we were soaked not to mention a little cold.



Day 6 – The group divided and climbed Mt Rugby or Dinghied to Melaleuca. I did wonder if I would make it to the top of Mt Rugby, so headed off with 4 others Peter, Alaina, Dave and Elysse, taking pics all the way up and back down, what a view when you were there. Well worth the walk its only 740m high. The group who went to Melaleuca also had a great day getting some beautiful photos.



Day 7 – Davey River day. We motor back out past Breaksea Is and up to Schist Cove, anchored just south of the reef and headed off in the dinghies. What a great day, 4-5 hours motoring and three refuels and only one shear pin between us for the day. Yes a bigger outboard would have been better but who cares it was a fantastic day.



Day 8 – Another beautiful day for last day at Davey. We all motored and motor-sailed down to Spain Bay, for a walk over to Stephens Bay. This was spectacular what an awesome place, even though the March Flies were savage at Stephens Bay and I am sure they were trying to carry us away to feast on us later.



Day 9 – Off to Strahan, leaving Spain Bay at midnight, again there was no significant wind to sail the 84NMs up the west coast to Hells Gates, we motor-sailed with the main most of the way and a couple of times the headsail did come out but not for long. We arrived at 12:45hrs. I suppose the advantage of no wind is the entrance to Macquarie Harbour is as flat as a pan cake. The entrance was very easy in those conditions. One by one we all made our way over to Strahan. It was nice to go ashore and buy a nice coffee and have a meal together at Hamers Grill (The Pub Cafe).



Day 10 – Slow start to the day having a coffee and picking up extra groceries and water. Then off to Birches Inlet to camp the night, and plan our trip up the Gordon River the following day.

Day 11 – Up and away at 7:00hrs up the Gordon River to Warners Landing. Lots of great pics on the way, back at 17:55, a 55NM run. Should have stayed up there overnight, next time.

To be continued in the Spring edition of the Squadron News

CLUB NOTICES

MARINA RULES REGARDING DOGS

It has been pleasing to see quite a number of members observing the rules regarding dogs on the Marina. Unfortunately, some members have chosen to allow their dogs on the marina without being secured by a lead. Consequently, we have posted the Marina Rules as a reminder.

These rules have been implemented with safety in mind and we ask you to be considerate of all who use our marina walkways.



**NO BIKES, SKATEBOARDS
OR SCOOTERS**



**NO SWIMMING
OR FISHING**



**NO DOGS
UNLESS ON A LEAD**



**NO SPRAY PAINTING
OR GRINDING**

**MAXIMUM SPEED 4 KNOTS
IN MARINA AREA**

RECYCLE BATTERIES

The Squadron now has a used battery drop off container located in the slip-yard. Please see our Marine Facilities Officer Peter for more details.



BOAT SHED CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

The process of setting up the Boat Shed requires either the purchase or donation of equipment. If you have some items in your shed or garage you no longer use or surplus to your needs, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Call Rear Commodore Colleen on 0418113515 if you have a spare hammer, screwdriver, chisels, safety glasses, clamps, side cutters, pliers, power tools or anything associated with a workshop. Look forward to receiving your call.



Photo by Katy Morgan

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

Can't get in your boat shed? Have unused boat equipment you would like to sell or give away? Why not list these items in the Squadron classified. Please send your sale/give away items including a short description of the item and contact details to rearcommodore@dssinc.org.au and they will be listed in the next Squadron News as well as Social Snippitz.

FOR SALE

OFFICE DESK - light grey in colour. View and enquiries to Office at DSS. Price: Make an offer



6 VERTICAL BLINDS (GIVE AWAY) - cream in colour, drop 1.76m and width 3 x 1.18m 3 x 1.5m very suitable for the shack. View and enquiries to Office at DSS.

WANTED

HOUSE PLANTS - The makeover of the Committee Room is progressing well, thanks to a group of volunteers. To finish the room some greenery is needed. If you have a Ficus Compacta, a Dracaena or a Peace Lily surplus to your needs we would love to hear from you. Also if you want to divide "Mother in Laws Tongue" please give Rear Commodore Colleen a call on 0418113515

DINING @ DSS

During the winter months we will offer our usual Squadron classics, with the introduction of "Specials" on Friday night. The "Specials" will vary over time, so to tempt your tastebuds, the specials recently on offer are listed below.



As well we always have Wednesday TACO nights with a choice of Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Tacos from \$2 and Gourmet Tacos for \$6.

PRESENT YOUR CARD

With our integration of Mircopower within the Squadron presenting your member card when visiting has a range of great benefits:

- 10% off all Drinks and Meals
- \$20 Meal Voucher in the month of your B'Day
- \$20 Bar Voucher - for each \$500 you spend



STRING OF PEARLS

The String of Pearls is a series of strategically placed moorings in sheltered waters around the southern region. These moorings are available to members on an annual subscription basis, providing members with secure, well maintained moorings for unlimited use.

Our booking system allows members to book moorings days ahead, giving certainty of availability regardless of what time of day or night you arrive. The booking system also highlights the activities that are available on shore at each of the mooring locations. These include a chocolate factory, oyster farm, whisky house, cheese makers, tour operators, restaurants, wineries and nature walks.

How can I use this facility?

1. You must be a Derwent Sailing Squadron member to make a booking.
2. You must pay the Annual Subscription of \$75 and agree to the Terms and Conditions.
3. You must make a booking via our Online Reservation system for the mooring you wish to use.

Where are the moorings located?

Adventure Bay, Cygnet, Dodges Ferry, Dover, Great Bay, Isthmus Bay, Nubeena, Recherche, Saltwater River, Southport, Sykes Cove and Taranna.

Picture of a couple of our members enjoying the mooring at Great Bay.



NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB

The expansion of our new marina has meant we have welcomed many new members to the Club. We extend a warm welcome to all our new members and hope you take the opportunity to enjoy and become involved in the many aspects of the Club.

Members joining since March are:

CORPORATE

Sarah Castine, Ian Cooksey, Annie Ford, Carly Giosio and Laura Smith.

COUNTRY

Virginia Gerlach

CREW

Karyn Hill (Double D's), Philip Hurell and Anthony Stoner.

FAMILY

Mary-Ann Duncombe (Pangenner), Willem Fromberg (Sea Dance) and Andrew Sinclair (Haphazard).

FAMILY ASSOCIATED

John Duncombe, Patricia Fromberg, Jenny Sinclair and Steven Wright.

FAMILY INTERMEDIATE

Ashleigh Duncombe, Emily Duncombe and Steph Duncombe.

FAMILY JUNIOR

Oscar Sinclair

FULL

David Byrom (Option), Mark Crampton (Amalfi), Anthony FitzGerald (Contact), Paul Gray (Oriole), Margery Jensen (Hidden Secret), Emmanuel Laurenceau-Cornec (Chaka), Tom Macdonald (Whoopdido), Jonathan Nevill (Ocean Child One), Peter Newman (Exile) and Jay Pigott (Rigged).

SOCIAL

Jennifer Mawbey and Josephine Van der Woude.



Like any Club, we are greatly indebted to our sponsors who contribute in so many ways to the Club. Many racing and social events would not be possible without your generous support.

We would like to recognise you all as great supporters and friends of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

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