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Welcome

The Derwent Sailing Squadron clubhouse is located in Sandy Bay, adjacent to the Wrest Point Casino and overlooking its expansive marina.

Often referred to as the DSS or simply the Squadron, our dynamic and engaged club offers member a wide array of amenities. These encompass a modern marina, an extensive yacht racing program, alluring cruising opportunities, a vibrant social calendar, and a comprehensive sailing and boating school, known as SailTrain.

Our clubhouse is a popular spot for both members and visitors, serving as a venue for drinks, meals, after racing celebrations and events, including business meetings, birthdays, and weddings. Situated in a stunning waterfront location in Hobart, it boasts excellent marine and dining facilities. At the Squadron, members enjoy a range of marina amenities and can engage in an array of activities. The Squadron's Boat Shed (akin to a men's shed initiative), open to all, serves as a communal space for members and friends to collaborate on projects in a secure and encouraging setting.

Our commitment extends to inclusive initiatives. such as hosting Sailability, offering sailing experiences for people with disabilities, along with access facilities which comply with the accessibility standards for marine infrastructure. Additionally, we actively champion junior sailing in partnership with the Sandy Bay Sailing Club. Embracing diversity, we advocate for equal opportunities regardless of age, gender, or ability. Join us at the Squadron, where a warm welcome awaits you.







Membership

Become a part of the Derwent Sailing Squadron by applying for membership, open to sailing and boating enthusiasts or those eager to engage in the Squadron's social activities.

As a member of this historic yet forwardthinking club, you gain access to a vibrant sailing program, exceptional marina and boatyard facilities, and an active social calendar.

Choose from various membership categories tailored to your preferences:

FULL MEMBER

Enjoy the complete spectrum of Squadron privileges, including the right to lease space in the marina, hard stand, trailer park, and storage facilities.

FAMILY MEMBER

Ideal for couples or entire families, this option provides a chance to embrace sailing and boating life while accessing berthing and storage facilities.

CREW OR SOCIAL MEMBER

Tailored for non-boat owners, these two categories allow individuals to sail regularly and/or make use of clubhouse facilities and partake in the social aspects of the Squadron.

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For those under 18 or full-time students under 25.

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SAILPASS

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By joining the Squadron, members can look forward to a host of benefits, including:

- ▶ Genuinely friendly, welcoming club;
- ► Comprehensive year-round sailing, training and social calendar;
- ► Access to the unique String of Pearls cruising moorings;
- ► Excellent clubhouse facilities, including availability for functions and conferences;
- ▶ Excellent marina and boatyard facilities;
- ▶ Discounted rates on facilities and services;
- ► Membership card providing electronic access to Member Only areas;
- ▶ Permit to use the club's car park;
- ▶ Regular newsletter and bi-weekly bulletins;
- ▶ Australian Sailing affiliation. (Yacht racing rules require all participants to be on the register of Australian Sailing [AS] or for some sailing events hold a valid temporary SailPass);
- ► The opportunity to contribute to the governance of the Squadron and be a member of the fastest growing club in Tasmania.

If you would like to be part of our fast-growing friendly club please complete and submit a membership application form to be considered by the Squadron's Board. The process is usually undertaken swiftly, and new members find themselves quickly welcomed into the Squadron and sailing in no time.

The Squadron welcomes application for membership and to access a membership application form, please visit www.dssinc. org.au/welcome/dss-club-membership/ or contact our office on +61 3 6223 1977 for more information.





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Racing

Each year, the Derwent Sailing Squadron takes pride in organising one of the most comprehensive sailing programs offered by any club in Tasmania.

Our racing office is renowned for its quality and professionalism. Almost every weekend, throughout the year, Squadron yachts engage in racing on the Derwent River. While the Pipe Opener Series, Two Capes, Launceston to Hobart, and King of the Derwent races rightfully hold a place of honour in our calendar, the season boasts over 150 events catering to sailors of all skill levels. 14 DSSINC.ORG.AU

The enthusiastic support from the yachting community, evident in the sizable fleet sizes, is a testament to the popularity of Squadron races. Many yacht designs require crews of three or more, creating opportunities for skippers in need of reliable crew members. For those not looking to own or manage a boat, crewing presents a cost-effective and accessible path to the joy of sailing.

The Squadron's racing series, many of which are run in conjunction with other clubs, include:

- ► Harbour Pennant Series (5 race days over summer)
- ► Long Race Pennant Series (5 race days over summer)
- ► Midweek series (every Wednesday from October to May)
- ► Twilight series (every Thursday evening from October to March)
- ► SB20 Summer Pennant (every Thursday evening from October to March)
- ► Autumn Double Handed series (over weekends in autumn)
- ▶ Winter series (Sunday mornings over the winter months)

A full calendar of racing events can be found at www.dssinc.org.au/yacht-racing/.



Join us for a season filled with exciting races and the camaraderie of the sailing community. Our friendly sailing staff are here to help in finding you a crew spot throughout the year.

PIPE OPENER SERIES

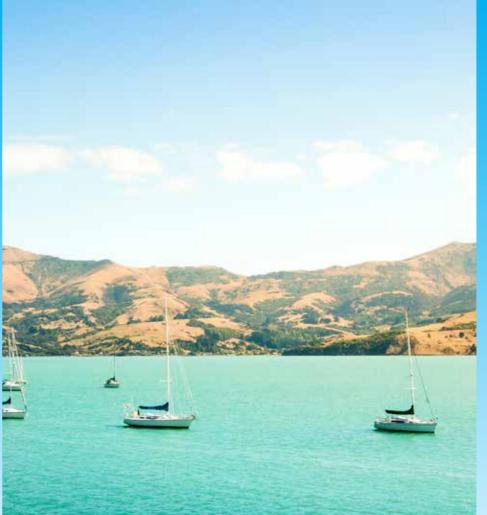
A firm favourite in the sailing calendar, the hugely popular Pipe Opener Series is conducted every September to kick off the summer sailing season. For more than five decades, this event has been a highly anticipated highlight of the sailing calendar.

In collaboration with the Kettering Yacht Club, this series comprises three races: the Friday overnight race from Hobart to Oyster Cove, the Oyster Cove Cup on Saturday, and the Oyster Cove to Dennes Point race on Sunday.

This weekend is a wonderful experience filled with camaraderie and festivities. For those yachts opting for a more cruising approach, yachts can enter the cruising division and race down on Friday afternoon. Prizes for the Oyster Cove Cup race are presented at the Pipe Opener party at the Kettering Yacht Club on the Saturday night, whilst prizes for the Hobart to Oyster Cove and the Oyster Cove to Dennes Point race are presented at the Squadron prize night in October.

For additional details, please visit www.dssinc.org.au/yacht-racing/ or contact our sailing office on +61 3 6223 1977 for more information.







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LAUNCESTON TO HOBART YACHT RACE

Starting every 27th of December, the Launceston to Hobart yacht race embarks on a thrilling 285 nautical mile journey, starting from Beauty Point, along the North East and East Coast of Tasmania and finishing in Hobart. Known as the L2H, this event marked its tenth anniversary race in 2016 with a remarkable fleet of 48 yachts. It has swiftly become a beloved choice for local yacht enthusiasts, offering an affordable and robust ocean race. Participants get the best of both worlds – being home for Christmas with family, facing the challenges of offshore racing, and joining the New Year celebrations on Hobart's waterfront.





This iconic annual racing celebration witnesses yachts from the Launceston to Hobart, Melbourne to Hobart, and Sydney to Hobart races competing fiercely up the River Derwent to the finish line. They then dock in central Hobart, creating a spectacular New Year's scene. The Hobart waterfront bustles with activity during this time and is the place to be between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

All participating yachts are equipped with a yacht tracker, allowing competitors' family and friends to follow their race progress through live updates on the web or their phones. The L2H welcomes all boats over 9 metres that meet Category 3 racing safety requirements, including a life raft. Those unsure about entering can connect with a previous L2H competitor with a similar boat to discuss the experience.

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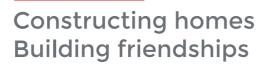




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TWO CAPES RACE

Acknowledging the growing appeal of offshore-style racing, both on a local and national scale, the Two Capes Race introduces an 82 nautical mile challenge for sailors eager to put their offshore skills to the test. Starting on Saturday morning, the race sees a majority of the fleet finished by the early hours of Sunday morning.

The race route takes participants from the River Derwent into Storm Bay and onward to virtual turning marks positioned south of Cape Raoul and east of Fluted Cape. This race injects an intriguing twist, challenging the navigation prowess of skippers and their crews to provide evidence they have passed the virtual marks before returning to finish in Hobart.

For additional details, please visit www.dssinc.org.au/yacht-racing/ or contact our sailing office on +61 3 6223 1977 for more information.



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KING OF THE DERWENT

Another standout event on the Squadron's sailing calendar is the annual King of the Derwent yacht race, traditionally scheduled for the afternoon of January 2nd. Open to monohull yachts meeting the eligibility criteria, the race attracts local entrants along with those from the Launceston to Hobart, Melbourne to Hobart, and Sydney to Hobart races. Its inaugural edition took place in 1979, and since then, it has hosted some of the most renowned international ocean racing yachts. The coveted overall King of the Derwent prize is bestowed upon the winner in the IRC handicap division. The official trophy and prize presentation is a highlight, occurring at a special social prizegiving event on the waterfront lawns of the Squadron at the race's conclusion.

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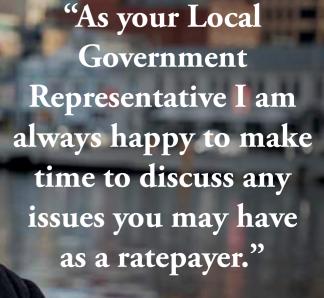
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TWILIGHT SAILING

The arrival of daylight saving is welcomed by millions of Australians for many reasons - it heralds the approach of summer, and with it, the promise of better weather and the opportunity to spend more time outdoors. For sailors on the River Derwent, daylight saving means one thing above all else: the chance to enjoy another wonderful season of Twilight Sailing.

The Squadron conducts a series of Thursday twilight events on the water throughout the summer. For many, heading to the Squadron straight after work on a Thursday is a popular routine. Getting down to the Squadron on a Thursday for a couple of hours on the water as the sun sets, followed by a drink on the boat with mates, then dinner and socialising in the clubhouse afterwards is, for many, one of the most enjoyable sides of Squadron life.

This social style of sailing is remarkably accessible and resonates with individuals who may not identify as sailors. Everyone is enthusiastically welcomed, and it's not uncommon for individuals to become Squadron members after experiencing the magic of Twilight Sailing. The initial, unforgettable taste of the sport often evolves into an all-consuming passion. When it comes to post-Twilight celebrations, the Squadron truly knows how to elevate the experience.

If you are interested in experiencing the fun of sailing in a Twilight race, then contact our sailing office to secure a crew spot by emailing sailing@dssinc.org.au or contact us on +61 3 6223 1977.





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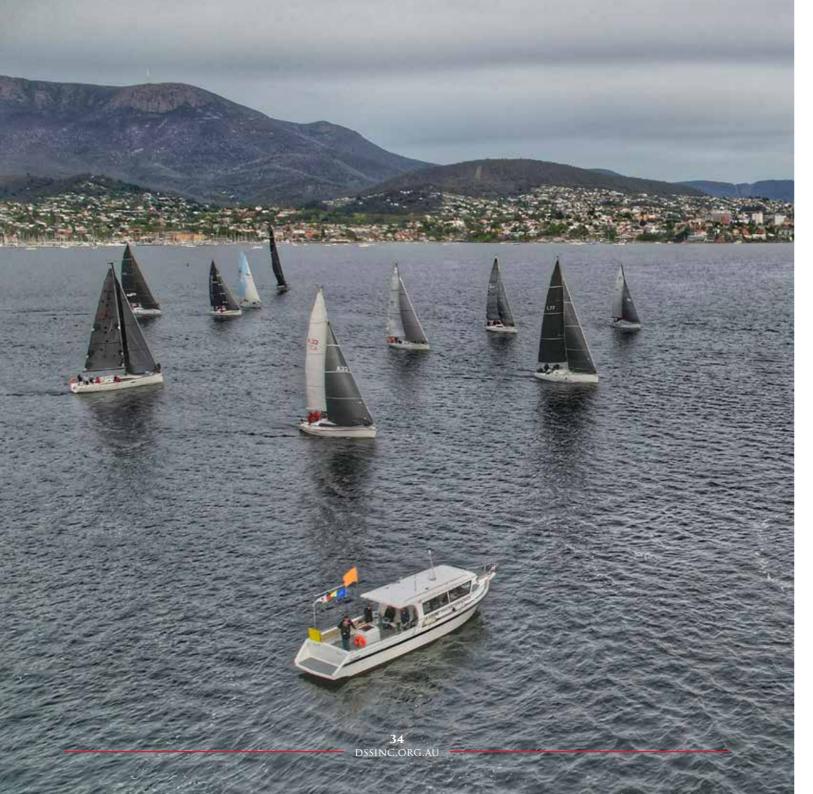


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RACE MANAGEMENT

The Derwent Sailing Squadron is proud of its heritage and has a rich history of offering championship racing opportunities to top-tier sailors worldwide. Playing host to state and national championships is a regular feature and a moment of great pride was being selected as the co-host for the prestigious 2018 SB20 World Championships and the Australian Sharpie Nationals in 2022.

Backing this legacy is a devoted and seasoned race management team within the Squadron. Their wealth of experience is a cornerstone, and their professionalism instils confidence in organisers of significant events on both the national and international fronts, assuring them that their events are in capable hands.

Selected by Australian Sailing to host the prestigious Australian Yachting Championship in 2025, the Squadron will once more demonstrate its adept race management skills in delivering a high-calibre national regatta.

If you are interested in being part of our race management team then contact our sailing office by emailing sailing@dssinc.org.au





Social Activities

Derwent Sailing Squadron members have many things in common but two of the most important are a love of boating and a love of life.

The Squadron is known locally as the friendly club where visitors are encouraged to pop in, any day of the week, to see why this reputation is well deserved. A warm welcome is always guaranteed!

The social calendar is designed for the enjoyment of the entire family, offering a diverse range of events. From casual barbecues, where sailors clad in wet weather gear swap tales after a day on the water, to winter feasts and black-tie cocktail parties, we have something for everyone.

The sailing calendar seamlessly integrates with our active social scene, providing opportunities for sailors to reconvene after weekend or midweek races, share stories, and gather for drinks and dinner after evening twilight races in the summer. Friday night is members' club night, with raffles followed by the Members' Badge Draw featuring cash prizes donated by sponsors of the Squadron each week. Members need to be at the club to win, otherwise the prize jackpots roll over to the following week. The Squadron also hold regular New Members' events, where new members are warmly welcomed and given an introduction to Squadron life.



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Other events may include a car boot sale and an AFL grand final barbecue. Squadron members are a diverse and cosmopolitan bunch!



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Restaurant & Bar

The Derwent Sailing Squadron clubhouse is located on the banks of the picturesque Derwent River and boasts a spectacular location just a stone's throw from the Wrest Point Casino and opposite the University of Tasmania.

Conveniently within walking distance of Hobart's renowned Salamanca precinct and the city centre, our clubhouse is a hub of activity.

Our exceptional facilities provide members with a welcoming haven, a true home away from home. The dining room, open for lunch and dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, features an extensive bistro-style menu highlighting fresh local ingredients. The bar, with its inviting ambiance, is currently open Tuesday to Friday from midday, and Saturday from 1pm. It's the perfect spot to unwind and enjoy a refreshing drink while taking in the beautiful waterfront view.

Continuously refined, the Squadron's menu offers vegetarian and gluten-free options, alongside beloved dishes such as steak, fish and chips, and heartwarming soups in winter. Complementing the dining menu is a fully stocked bar, featuring a fine selection of draught and bottled beers and ciders, fine wines and spirits, and an array of non-alcoholic beverages.

During the spring and summer months, the Squadron's outdoor area becomes a vibrant hub for various activities. Members and visitors relish al fresco dining by the barbecue area, making use of picnic tables and shade umbrellas on our waterfront lawn.

Inside the clubhouse, members and visitors unwind beside the bar or in various lounge areas, including the Trophy Room, complete with a library available for members' and visitors' use. Whether enjoying the river view or the camaraderie within, the Derwent Sailing Squadron clubhouse offers a truly exceptional experience.

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Weddings & Special Occasions

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Arrival by yacht can be arranged, and ceremonies can be held on the waterfront lawn, with guests adjourning inside for the reception. A comprehensive menu is available, catering for a wide range of tastes and special dietary requirements.

The functions team are more than happy to work to any budget and can cater for any requirement, from a simple but filling alternate drop buffet to a barbecue or a lavish banquet.

The dining room can accommodate up to 140 guests in comfort for a banquet or up to 300 guests for a cocktail party. There is also onsite parking for 100 vehicles.

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Our functions team, a skilled and adaptable group, is committed to meeting all clients' needs Delegates can enjoy refreshments like morning and afternoon tea, coffee, pastries, and snacks to stay energised and alert. Meal options range from working lunches and buffets to grand banquets. A popular choice is our gourmet barbecue, offering a delightful experience on the waterfront lawn.

For a unique twist, consider arranging an afternoon sail on the river – an excellent option for team-building exercises or as a well-deserved reward for a job well done. The Derwent Sailing Squadron ensures a seamless blend of business and leisure in a picturesque setting.

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Marina & Boatyard

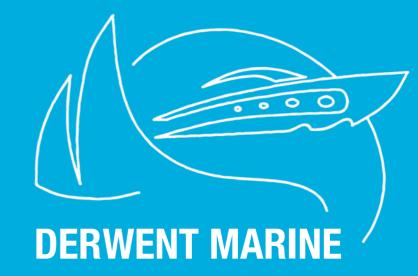
The Derwent Sailing Squadron proudly features Tasmania's largest and most technologically advanced club marina, providing a varied selection of berthing options for our members.

With the capacity to accommodate up to 270 vessels, ranging from dinghies to berths suitable for 30m super yachts, powerboats, and multihulls, the marina is a versatile haven.

Crafted with our members' convenience in mind, the marina offers spacious pens with depths of up to 12 metres and fairway widths that surpass the dreams of others. Manoeuvring in and out of your pen at the Squadron poses no challenge.

In addition to the marina, the Squadron's slipway, boatyard, and boatyard services are extensive, complementing the overall marine facilities. These services include:

- 1. 24hr Premium Diesel Pump: We provide both high and low flow diesel pumps for your convenience, ensuring you have access to fuel whenever you need it.
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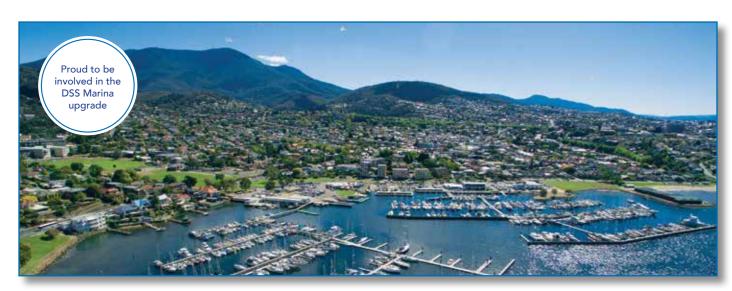
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Cruising - String of Pearls

Cruising is a very popular pastime for a significant amount of Squadron members with the DSS offering an active and popular cruising calendar for members who prefer the relaxation and camaraderie of social sailing in some of Australia's premier cruising grounds.

Many cruising events are informally organised by our members but annual events, subject to member interest, include the Pipe Opener Cruise and the East Coast Classic Cruise.

The String of Pearls encompasses strategically placed mooring facilities, providing Squadron members with an extensive itinerary of destinations for their southern Tasmania cruising adventures. These moorings are carefully distributed throughout the captivating waters of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Norfolk Bay, Frederick Henry Bay, Bruny Island, Storm Bay, the River Derwent, the Tasman Peninsula, Triabunna, and Coles Bay.

Each mooring location has been chosen with convenience and exploration in mind. They are situated in close proximity to a wealth of onshore tourist attractions, allowing sailors to fully immerse themselves in the wonders of this extraordinary region.

Discover pristine beaches, traverse scenic walking tracks, and indulge in the culinary delights of local restaurants, cafes, cheeseries, smokehouses, orchards, vineyards, cideries, museums, and so much more.

The String of Pearls opens up a world of possibilities for cruising enthusiasts, offering a seamless blend of breathtaking natural beauty and engaging cultural experiences. Sailors can chart their course, navigating from one enchanting destination to another, all while enjoying the ease and comfort of these strategically positioned moorings.

Set sail with the String of Pearls and unlock the hidden treasures of southern Tasmania, where every mooring location is an invitation to explore the remarkable diversity of this remarkable region. Mooring bookings are made via an online reservation system, and may be made up to five days in advance.

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Throughout the year, SailTrain's exceptional team of highly experienced and accredited instructors conducts a comprehensive calendar of courses. These courses aim to equip students with qualifications that enhance their sailing and boating skills. All instructors prioritise the safety and comfort of students while ensuring the courses are enjoyable – a perfect learning environment.

At the Squadron we strive to grow sailing and boating participation by inspiring and supporting participation by delivering quality training services.

Our SailTrain objectives are to promote:

- ► Inclusion and diversity
- ▶ Safety on water
- ► Enhance individuals' navigation skills
- ▶ Develop proficiency in manoeuvring and handing a boat
- ► Education on boat maintenance and the proper use of equipment
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- Office of Maritime Communications Marine Radio
 - Short Range Certificate of Competency (SROCP)
- Long Range Certificate of Competency (LROCP)
- ▶ Inshore & Coastal Navigation Course



Private tuition is also available. Personalised tuition is available for both powerboats and sailing vessels, allowing you the flexibility to choose between using your own boat or the Squadron's Australian Sailing accredited training boat. It's a tailored approach to honing your skills, ensuring a focused and individualised learning experience that suits your preferences and goals.

A full list of training courses can be found at www.dssinc.org.au/sailtrain. For more information email sailtrain@dssinc.org.au or contact on +61 3 6223 1977.

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Club History

Established in February 1906 as the Domain Sailing Squadron, the Derwent Sailing Squadron originated from a small group of yachtsmen seeking more accessible and smaller boats compared to the prevailing trend.

Initially convening aboard the old whaling ship Derwent Hunter at the current Domain slipyard, the Squadron faced a setback when the vessel succumbed to fire in 1907. For nearly five decades, the Squadron operated without a permanent home, holding meetings in various Hobart taverns before settling in the old RSL building on Macquarie St.

In 1953, a significant move marked the Squadron's shift to its current location, securing Cheverton's Jetty through a lease from the Cheverton family. The Squadron later acquired the jetty and leased foreshore land from the Hobart City Council. The year 1965 witnessed the official opening of the new clubhouse by Lady Gairdner, the Governor's wife. Shortly after, a range of facilities, including a slipway, jetty, haul-out, yacht storage, and launching ramp, were inaugurated.

The evolution continued with the opening of the 102-berth Graham Blackwood Marina in 1985, expanded by an additional 28 berths in 1987. A modern enhancement followed in 2015 with the completion of the Roy Barkas Marina Extension, adding a contemporary 140-berth floating marina. The Squadron now boasts the largest marina capacity of any club in Tasmania, accommodating 270 boats.

The forward-thinking Squadron Board consistently invests in and enhances member infrastructure and services. With record-level membership, the Squadron eagerly anticipates the future with enthusiasm.





Dinghy Sailing

A mere five-minute drive along the waterfront from the Derwent Sailing Squadron leads you to Tasmania's premier club for dinghy sailing the Sandy Bay Sailing Club (SBSC).

Distinguished for nurturing champion sailors through its robust training and racing programs, SBSC is dedicated to offering every member the opportunity to become the 'best sailor they want to be.' Recognising SBSC's prowess in developing young sailors, the Derwent Sailing Squadron and SBSC established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in mid-2014. This MOU extends great benefits to members of both clubs, leveraging each club's strengths for the collective advantage of their members.

SBSC boasts qualified sailing coaches, ensuring optimal outcomes for all members. While the popular Tackers - Learn to Sail programs (10 weeks on Saturday mornings or 4 days during school holidays) draw attention, SBSC caters to a broad spectrum of sailing classes and abilities. It serves as an excellent starting point for children entering the world of sailing, guided by experienced instructors.

Similar to the Squadron, SBSC embodies a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, upheld by a dedicated group of volunteers. Parents savour the camaraderie on the sandy foreshore as much as the children relish the water-based activities.

For more details on the SBSC, please visit www.sandybaysailingclub.org.au

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Sailability Tasmania

Sailability Tasmania is a voluntary organisation that aims to provide a safe and friendly environment where people of all abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate in the sport of sailing either casually or competitively.

The Squadron has supported Sailability from the time it was formally established in Hobart in February 1999.

The first of Sailability's boats were two Hansa 2.3 dinghies purchased with funds made available by Sport and Recreation. Over the years the number of yachts has grown to four David Payne keel boats, two each in Launceston and Hobart, and twelve Hansa 303 dinghies, six (plus one privately owned) in Hobart and six at the Wynyard Yacht Club in Northwest Tasmania. There are another seven smaller Hansa 2.3 dinghies in Hobart.

The first of the keelboats were built as part of a "Work for the Dole" project and launched in Launceston in January 2002. Rotary nominated the project as a "Work for the Dole" 2001 Activity Award in the "Caring for People" category. The award was presented at a Prime Ministerial dinner in the Great Hall at Parliament House, Canberra.

A similar "Work for the Dole" program through Mission Australia was arranged for the construction of two more yachts for Hobart. These vessels were built at the Laughlin and Salter shipyard at Prince of Wales Bay with the voluntary assistance and oversight of Squadron Life Member, Brian Freeman, Shipwright and Builder. Brian was closely involved with the formation of Sailability in the South and still assists with the maintenance of the yachts and is a strong supporter and volunteer for its activities.

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In excess of 2,500 clients per year participate in their sailing activities with the Paynes sailing throughout the year, on average five days per week, subject to weather. Bookings come from various disability support organisations, youth groups and schools with Sailability welcoming people without regard to age, ability, gender or socio-economic status, as sailors or volunteers.

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Academic students and staff alike, during their limited down time, can be found availing of the wonderful Squadron facilities and services, plying the river on a twilight or pennant yacht race, upskilling their marine knowledge through the myriad of offered training courses or relaxing, enjoying the club's laid back hospitality.

UTAS students and staff are most welcome to join the University of Tasmania's Sailing Club and in doing so they also become members of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

For more information on joining the University of Tasmania's Sailing Club - please contact sailing@dssinc.org.au or contact on +61 3 6223 1977





Contact Details

We look forward to welcoming you to Derwent Sailing Squadron. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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