



Devonport Yacht Club News



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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from Club President John Duder



So the racing season's over, perhaps leaving some time for gentle cruising, although winter does seem to have finally arrived. The annual 3-legged triangular race around the Gulf via Te Kouma and Kawau in March was well attended and the overall winner was John Flemings' *Helix*. The final event of the season was the single-handed race around Motutapu. The winner on handicap of the DYC group was Mike Strong in *Ladybird*, in what started off in a fresh nor'easter and finished in a brisk southerly. Haulage has now started after a well-attended working bee on May 16th, led by haulage master Derek Snowball and Richard Darke.

Over lunch the haulage team were briefed about the new anti-fouling regulations which require curtaining and collection of all antifouling removed from vessels. Please familiarise yourself with these new rules.

It is good to report that the challenge Team race with the Navy has been reinvigorated after a 7-year gap. There were 5 in the races in Shoal Bay on April 11th with a brisk souwesterly breeze. The three skippers were Andy Mason, Phillip Brearey and Grant Daniel with Lyn Mason, Louise Breary as crew, and Rhys Cole replacing me for the final two races. DYC came out on top with four out of the five races. The start boat was Lidar and thanks to Hugh and Laura Maguire and Robert Service as the start crew. The long-standing association with the Navy has been recognised by a DYC burgee celebrating the 1939-40 whaler race, including a photo of a whaler and the dedication "Lest We Forget", in recognition of the long-standing relationship between DYC and the Royal New Zealand Navy and in memory of those sailors who did not return from two world wars. We will remember them. Colin Tubbs is compiling a list of those club members who served in WWII, but there are little known members who were in WWI. Can you help? DYC were represented in Devonport on Anzac Day by the Commodore and Colin Tubbs.



Fifty years ago Tony Armit was in the middle of his circumnavigation in the Woolcott ketch *Marco Polo*. She was the first New Zealand yacht to circle the world, flying the DYC burgee. Tony has presented that burgee (what's left of it!) to the Club and it will be framed, with photographs of his departure in July 1954 and return in October 1957.

While in the UK during March, I paid my respects to Sir Peter Blake in the graveyard of Thomas-a-Beckett Church near Emsworth in Hampshire. The grave is in a central avenue easily recognisable by the small New Zealand and *Black Magic* flags and some fresh flowers. Peter is specifically noted in the graveyard noticeboard. That was the evening of a memorable day visiting the historic Portsmouth Naval dockyard. A 500year span is represented by Henry VIII's *Mary Rose* raised from the depths (actually half of it), in a stunning museum of artefacts and then Admiral Nelson's *Victory* (on which our great grandfather Thomas served). Finally, There was HMS *Warrior*, the

ultimate deterrent in 1860, but obsolete ten years later. She represented the change from sail to steam, muzzle loading to breach loading cannon, and the introduction of armour plating 4" thick! It was all well worth a visit.

And finally, an update on a one-time club serving wench. Granddaughter Sedef, with me in London, was lucky enough to get a last-minute placing on the Australian STS *Young Endeavour*, along the Mediterranean from Cadiz in Spain to Cannakale in Turkey. They were present at Anzac Cove on April 25 and had toured the peninsula the previous day.

For those of you hauled out, I wish you happy and controlled scrubbing and a successful return to our beautiful harbour which the Pors are trying to encroach upon. DYC was well represented at the protest march so keep it up!

John Duder

David Martin
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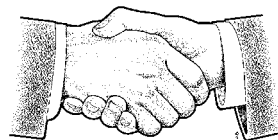
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DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

DYC NEW MEMBERSHIP				
Member	Boat Name	Design	Sail#	Call sign
Family Membership				
Michael Fitzpatrick & Julie Raddon		Between Boats		
Associate Membership				
Richard & Barbara Atkins				



CLUB WEB SITE WWW.DYC.ORG.NZ

It seems our Club website has become a casualty of the modern age. We can no longer successfully upload data to it using our steam age, coal fired software. The issues were discussed at the last Committee meeting and steps are being taken to renew our software and re-establish the Web Site to a more favourable web host location. This could take a few weeks to achieve.

During the relocation we will also be taking the opportunity to re-design, add some new features and refresh the look and feel of the site. The last time this was done was back in 2005, and that was essentially just a dress up of what was previously there.

In the meantime and until the relocation is achieved, the current web site is still usable by viewers. It is currently complete with the exception of a few images in the May newsletter. However, we won't be able to refresh it with any further information until the software update and relocation has been achieved.



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Trivia Quiz Night

25th July

\$10 per person

Tables of 8 people or you will be allocated a table to join.

Prize for best team theme.

Decorate your table and bring your own food to nibble.



Tickets will become available from 26th June and will be able to be bought at the bar. But mark your calendar and start getting your team together!

Bar is open
Thurs- Sun
from 4.30pm

- Test your general trivia knowledge
 - Fun games during the evening
 - Raffle
 - Usual bar facilities

Be seated by 6.45 for a prompt 7pm start.
Entry will be by ticket only.





NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB INC

**The Annual General Meeting of The Devonport Yacht Club Inc
will be held at the Clubhouse,
25 King Edward Parade Devonport
at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 21st day of July 2015.**

Nominations for the positions of President, Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore must be submitted on the appropriate form, available from the Secretary.

Completed nomination forms for these positions must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for other positions may be submitted to the Secretary prior to the AGM or alternatively nominated from the floor at the AGM.

An AGM agenda is published separately in this newsletter. The agenda, together with a copy of the 2014 AGM minutes will also be available at the AGM.

Apologies to the Secretary:

Colleen Petricevich at petcom@ihug.co.nz or 445 6219





AGENDA OF THE 92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB INC

**TUESDAY 21st DAY OF JULY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB,
25 KING EDWARD PARADE DEVONPORT**

1. Introduction
2. Apologies
3. Obituaries
4. Acceptance of the 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes
6. Commodores Report
7. Treasurers Report
8. Matters Arising from the Treasurers Report
9. Adoption of the 2014/2015 Accounts
10. Setting of Subscriptions for 2015/2016 year
11. Appointment of Scrutineers
12. Election of the President
13. Election of Vice Presidents

14. Election of Flag Officers
 - Commodore
 - Vice Commodore
 - Rear Commodore

15. Election of the General Committee
 - Clubhouse Captain
 - Haulage Master
 - Sailing Master
 - Publicity Officer
 - Works Manager
 - Bar Manager
 - General Committee – Three Members to be elected

16. Election of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

17. Election of Patron and Vice Patron

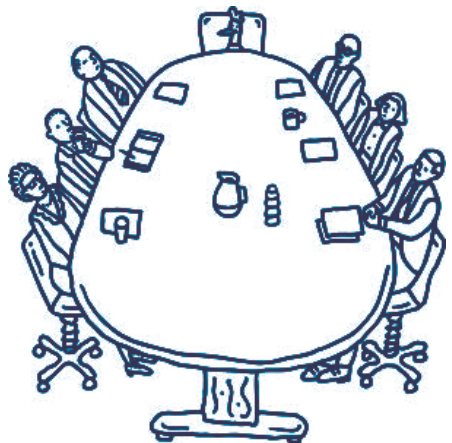
18. Appointment of Auditor and Honorary Solicitor

19. Election of Safety Officer

20. Closure

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THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB (INC). NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned nominate
for the office of:
PRESIDENT
COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
(Strike out the offices not nominated for)

of the Devonport Yacht Club Incorporated for the 2015-2016 year.

Name of Proposer:
....

Signature of
Proposer:.....

Name of
Seconder:.....

Signature of
Seconder:.....

I agree to the Nomination:
(Signature of Nominee)

All of the above must be financial members of the Devonport Yacht Club. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

STORIES FROM THE COCKPIT



Over the coming months I will include some humorous old nautical sayings, which will intrigue all and offer an explanation as to their origin.

Shroud - equipment used in connection with a wake.

Spanner Wrench - One of the most useful tools for engine repair; in some cases, the only suitable tool. Not currently manufactured anywhere in the world.

Spinnaker - An extremely large, lightweight, balloon-shaped piece of sailcloth frequently trailed in the water off the bow in a big bundle to slow the boat down.

Splice - Method of joining two ropes by weaving together the individual strands of which they are composed. The resulting connection is stronger than any knot. Splicing is something of an art and takes a while to master. You can work on perfecting your technique at home by practicing knitting a pair of socks or a stocking cap out of a pound or so of well-cooked noodles.

Square Rigger - a rigger over 30.

Starboard - special board used by skippers for navigation (usually with “Port” on the opposite side.)

Swell - a wave that's just great.

CR Leech ED*
Past Commodore



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PICTURES FROM THE PAST



This article is in the series in which I intend to highlight some of the early historical photographs from the Archives of the Devonport Yacht Club. All photographs published in these articles remain the property of the original owners; they are included on the condition that they are not reproduced in any other form without prior permission of the owner, or their representative.



Can you identify the main features and location of these photos? All answers to the author. However the answers will be in the next newsletter. If there are any corrections to my answers please let me know. If you have any photographs that you think would be of interest to fellow members, then please eMail to me, with details.

May's Pictures

I have never included a set of Photographs from a single activity, but there are always exceptions.

Photo 1: Heather Lidgard is all kitted in preparation of firing the starting cannon. In support is some of the starting crew. You will note the high visibility gear, this was because the Devonport Wharf was a construction zone. We were granted permission to start from the wharf by the Auckland Council, and Downer Construction in recognition that the race has always been started from the wharf, and it is traditions like this that need to be continued.

Photo 2: And away they go, sent on their way in grand style by Heather Lidgard.

Photo 3: A groaning table laden with trophies. All of the trophies have been hand made, and the majority date back to the first race in 1977.

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Over the coming months I will include some old naval sayings, which will intrigue all and offer an explanation as to their origin. (Reproduced with kind permission of the RNZN Museum)

In the doldrums:

In low spirits

Sailors referred to the windless area near the equator where the north-east and south-east trade winds converge as the 'doldrums', derived from the old English 'dol', meaning 'dull'.

In the offing:

About to happen

The area of sea visible from the shore was known as the offing. Therefore, a ship visible from land was said to be 'in the offing'; about to enter port.

Keel over:

Fall over; faint; collapse

The keel is the bottom-most part of a ship and runs from stem to stern. A ship that had turned over was said to have keeled over.

Leading light:

Someone outstanding in their field; an example to others; an inspiration

A line of 'leading lights' indicated the safe entry that ships followed into port.

Learn the ropes:

Gain a skill

Young sailors were taught what each rope, rigging and knot was for aboard a ship. After 'learning the ropes', sailors would then 'know the ropes'.

Leeway:

Margin of freedom; latitude

The lee side of a ship is that opposite the side against which the wind blows. A ship sailing parallel to a shore with the wind blowing against the side furthest from the shore must leave enough leeway, distance between the ship and the shore, to avoid being driven onto the shore.

Let the cat out of the bag:

Reveal a secret

The cat (cat o' nine tails), the whip used to flog sailors, was usually kept in a cloth bag.

Loose cannon:

Someone who is unpredictable

Heavy cannons were dangerous objects on board ships if not properly secured. In rough weather they could be thrown about the decks; when fired they recoiled violently.

CR Leech ED*

Past Commodore

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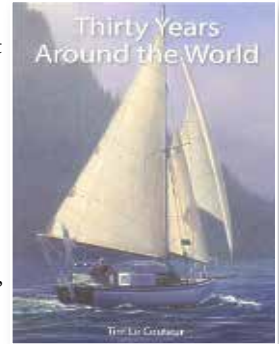
Book Review

THIRTY YEARS AROUND THE WORLD

By Tim Le COURTER.

This is the story of 3 voyages undertaken by Tim and Ginny Le Coureur and their family and friends who came along at various stages during their travels.

They didn't actually spend 30 years cruising the world but it took them 30 years to finally complete their circumnavigation of the world, which is what they set out to do when they left England in their "Wei-Hai" in 1971 as young newly-weds. "Wei-Hai" is a Norman Dallimore design and at just over 28ft not very large. New Zealand was to be their first stop but it lasted a bit longer than expected as they did not set out again until 1993.



The first part of the book is this 18 month voyage out from England via the Atlantic, Caribbean, Panama Canal, the Pacific Islands and finally New Zealand. They settled down in Auckland, picked up jobs, started a business, acquired a house, and had 3 children. But the dream of finishing their trip never left them and in 1993 they were off to the Mediterranean for their second cruise. They had purchased "Falconer", a Hallberg-Rassey 382, in Spain and were joined by their 3 children, Simon, Rozy and George as well as various friends and family members at different stages during this trip. After travelling through the Mediterranean (visiting Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey) they cross the Atlantic again and sell "Falconer" in Fort Lauderdale to come home to Auckland.

Their circumnavigation still not complete they set out again in 2001 in another Hallberg-Rassey "Hesperine". Once again doing a Mediterranean circuit visiting quite a few places they had not been to during their first time here. Then it was back across the Atlantic, The Pacific and then on through the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea to finally complete their circumnavigation in the Mediterranean.

Tim tells it all in his own style and it is really interesting to see the difference in boats and equipment over the three different voyages. Things do move on and develop pretty quickly as you will find out. The book is illustrated with beautiful colour photographs on just about every page which is a nice touch as they really add to this happy positive story.

NZ\$40.00

Kind regards,
Marianne Bosman

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