



Devonport Yacht Club News

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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from Vice Commodore Natasha Strong

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the 110 year celebration cocktail party a success on Sunday afternoon. It was a good opportunity for a more formal gathering and was a wonderful occasion. Thank you especially to our social committee, Kirsty - our indefatigable bar manager, and to our caterers. The Club looked great and the cocktails and finger food were top notch. Thank you too to Martin Foster and others who generously lent their Club memorabilia for the afternoon, it was a true multimedia display with the playing of "Turn Left at the Corners" (the video of the inaugural Two Handed Round the North Island Race) during the celebration. I'm looking forward to our next birthday knees up (at 115 years...).



This month we welcome two new general committee members; Hugh Pollock has stepped into Charlie's very big shoes as our new works manager and Peter Skogstad is our new secretary, filling Colleen's (also very big) shoes. We welcome you both to the general committee and look forward to working with you over the months ahead. A huge thank you to both Charlie and Colleen for their efforts over the last (countless) years. We have appreciated all your hard work and I'm sure you're looking forward to a bit of a break from Club matters and to being able to come down to the Club purely for pleasure!

It feels as though it was only yesterday that we were patting ourselves on the back for finally signing our new lease with Auckland Council. As I mentioned in April, our new lease requires us to report annually on a number of KPIs (key performance indicators) related mainly to our place in the community as a club occupying reserve land at a peppercorn. These KPIs relate to things we were already doing and we have just provided our first annual report on these things to the Council. They include (among other things) obligations around health and safety, environmental protection, education, and community use of our Clubhouse. All of which we have been able to positively report on.



In relation to health and safety, we have been closely watching the progress of the new legislation which has now been passed. Although it was a response to the systemic failures which led to the Pike River disaster, it has been much watered down since its first reading in the house. In any event, we have been working through the implications of the new legislation for the Club and are now (among other things) developing a risk / hazard schedule which lists the key risks in each area of our activities and sets out our approach to minimising those risks. This will be a living document used as a basis to communicate with members about how we can all work together to keep ourselves safe, while participating in Club activities. We'll keep you posted as this work progresses and make sure you're aware of the risks and mitigation measures as they affect you.

In relation to environmental protection, if you have hauled at the Club this winter or been on the yard during the haulage season you will have seen the measures we have put in place to ensure the impact of our haulage and boat maintenance activities on the environment is minimised. This has been led by Derek and his very able haulage team. Because this is the first season of the new measures, we've taken more of an educational approach to any "departures" from the requirements. Next season we hope everyone who hauls will be completely on board and we'll be taking a much firmer approach to such departures. It's up to us to make the difference here (as with our health and safety) and doing so is important to the Club and the community of which we are part.

In relation to education, we are putting together a programme, both educational and fun, which will be run on occasional Thursday evenings. Whilst we have a good list of topics, if you have any area you think could be usefully covered for our members at these evenings, please let Geoff Evans know as he will be managing the programme. At the moment the list runs the full gamut from navigation, to coastguard, to first aid, to book talks, anchorage and adventure swapping and more.

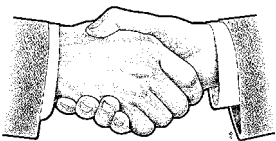
Finally, in relation to community use of our Clubhouse, we already have a number of community groups and organisations (both not for profit and commercial) using the Clubhouse as a meeting and event space. If you know of other community type groups who would benefit from use of our Clubhouse, particularly during weekdays when it is often underutilised, please let anyone on the general committee know or ask the community group to get in touch with Marje Ward, our Clubhouse Captain. It's much better for the Club to be used, especially by the local community!

The last piece of administration-related matters on my list is the great rules rewrite. As many of you are aware, I am leading a small sub-committee in the rewrite of the Club's rules. The other members of the sub-committee are Bill Jaques, Sue Johnson, and Wayne Mapp. We have been meeting every three weeks now for the best part of a year to discuss and rewrite the rules. We have thrown out the rule book so to speak and have spent many hours debating the finer points! Our aim is to bring a revised set of rules together with a summary paper to the members in a series of workshops in the first half of 2016. I encourage you all to read the proposed revised rules once they are available and attend the workshops, if you can. The workshops will be your opportunity to influence the rules, the more input we have the better the rules will be. The workshops will be followed by a special general meeting, where the proposed revised rules (and any amendments coming out of the workshops) will be voted on by the members. I am keen to end the process with a set of simple, fair, best practice, fit for purpose rules, which will see us through at least the next few generations of members.

Finally (I know I've already said that), I hope you are all making plans for the summer. I have heard it is likely to be hot and dry which, while not great for our farmers and horticulturists, will be excellent for those who plan to go out on their boats, including the Strong family!

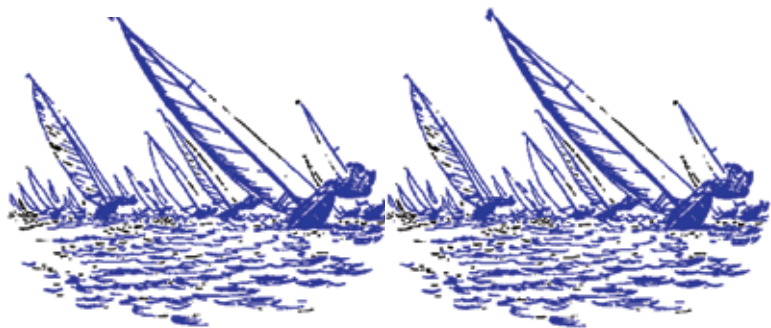
Fair winds,
Natasha

DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

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Member	Boat Name	Design	Sail#	Call sign
Associate Membership				
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David
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CLUB WEB SITE WWW.DYC.ORG.NZ

As reported last month our current website has reached a stage where it has become unmanageable. We have cast around to various suppliers and developers to see what they can offer. We received two interesting proposals, one of which was accepted and approved at the last Committee meeting. Work is now underway on designing the new architecture for the site. Once this is accepted, we will start adding content.

As stated in last month's newsletter, the old website is still usable by viewers. It is currently complete with the exception of September's newsletter.



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HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S GONE?

Estimated decomposition rates of common marine debris items



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From the 18 Sep 2015 issue of Sail World Cruising Southern Hemisphere and there is an interesting article about the pollution in that issue available at Sail-WorldCruising SH@marinenewsletter.com

2015/16 SKIPPERS BRIEFING

Thursday 15th October at 1900 hrs at the club



An evening to welcome existing or new sailing members to the club and to overview the sailing programme for the 2015/16 season

- Season entries can be made and paid on the night.
- Come and hear about our fun, friendly and family oriented cruising series that has something for everyone!
- Briefing and general discussion on divisions, courses and sailing instructions
- Rules update with particular reference to race starts off DYC.
- Mentoring options available for those that are new to racing and keen to learn more.

All welcome – the bar will be open!



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Sparkle & Shine

Saturday 17 Oct 2015
7.30-11.30pm

Tickets \$10

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Live band
"Work in Progress"

Light supper provided
Cash bar available

Pull out those glittery accessories or
wear something that glows



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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.

I have again included a set of Photographs from a single activity, and this will make identification easier. This set is from the 2MRNIR Prizegiving for the 1980 Race.

Photo 1: His Worship the Mayor George Gair and Commodore Alan Kemp at the commencement of the prize giving.

Photo 2: The Plotting board for the race. Markers were used to plot the positions of all the boats following each radio sked.

Photo 3: One of the two Bollard Trophies being presented. Can anyone identify this couple? The boat was either Nephrite or Raven II.

Photo 4: The Centennial Trophy 2MRNIR being presented to Warwick Gair.

Chris Leech ED*

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STORIES FROM THE PAST



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.)

Pass with flying colours:

Substantial achievement

A fleet victorious in battle would sail into its home port with flags, or colours, flying from all masts. (see also nail one's colours to the mast and show your true colours)

Pipe down:

Keep quiet; stop talking

A boatswain's piped signal at the end of the day for lights out and silence.

Piping hot:

Very hot

A boatswain would pipe a signal when meals were served.

Plumb the depths:

Sink as low as possible

Sailors would use a plumb (lead) weight attached to a line to measure the water's depth, especially when close to shore or near rocks to avoid running aground. (see also sound off and swing the lead)

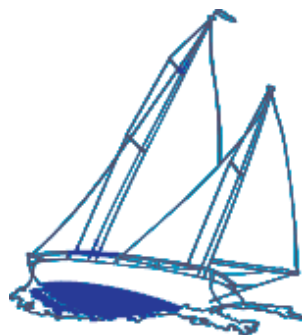
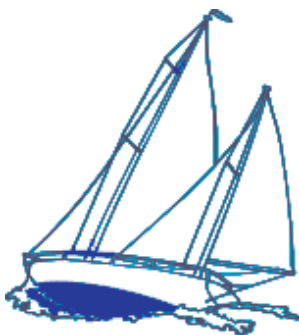
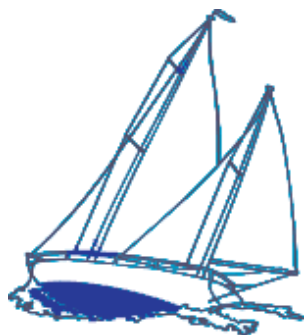
Pooped:

Tired; fatigued

In a heavy sea, water would wash over the poop deck, the stern section of the ship.

CR Leech ED*

Past Commodore



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VHF	Channels	Coverage	Transmission Source/ Location
Distress Maritime Radio	16	Complete	
Coastguard	16	Inner Gulf	Sky Tower
Coastguard	80	Inner Gulf	Sky Tower
Coastguard	82	Outer Gulf	Moehau
Devonport Sports Radio	77	Line of Sight	DYC
Forecast & Nowcasting	21	Inner Gulf	Sky Tower
	20	Outer Gulf	Cape Rodney
Boat-to-Boat	6, 8	Line of Sight	
Boat-to-Boat Repeaters	03	Western Gulf	Kawau – Grey Heights
	62	Tamaki Strait/Gulf/Waiheke/Maunganui	
	65	Outer Gulf	Moehau
DYC Pre Race Start:	77	Devonport Sports Radio	
DYC Post Race Start:	62	Boat to Boat	Finish Boat



Book Review

PETER MONTGOMERY, THE VOICE OF YACHTING

By Bill Francis. Paperback

For more than 40 years, Peter Montgomery has been a constant radio and television presence for New Zealanders. His 'America's Cup' is now "New Zealand's Cup" is entrenched in the country's lexicon and no-one has done more to establish sailing's place as a mainstream sport, locally and internationally.

In **Peter Montgomery. The Voice of Yachting**, author Bill Francis explores the pivotal events in Montgomery's long career and his relationships with sailing high-flyers such as Sir Peter Blake, Chris Dickson, Russell Coutts, Dean Barker, Michael Fay and Grant Dalton.

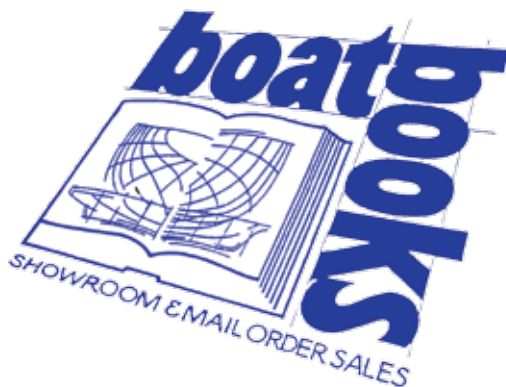
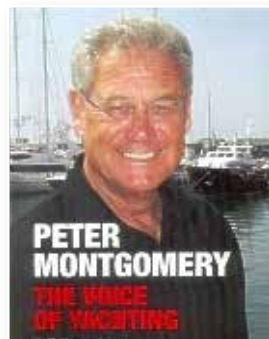
But there is more to the Montgomery story than just sailing, and this book covers his broadcasting of other sport, and his poignant family life.

This is a biography that will appeal to a wide range of New Zealanders.

NZ\$40.00

Kind regards,
Marianne Bosman

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