



# Devonport Yacht Club News

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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

### A Report from Commodore Matt Kemp



The last few months have seen some great boating weather (if we ignore the damp New Year period) and some excellent Club races and events.

We have just returned from the Easter Cruise at Mahurangi. This year the Sailing Committee organised the Good Friday race to finish at Kawau, with dinner afterwards hosted by the Kawau Island Yacht Club.

The Kawau Island Yacht Club looks to be succeeding under its new structure, and the DYC was pleased to be able to support the Club by holding its post-race function there

The following day we had a race from Kawau to Mahurangi (the destination for the Club's Easter Sunday Picnic). Unfortunately, as with the race the day before, the lack of wind made things pretty frustrating. As start boat for the race, there was little risk of needing to recall the B division for being too early on the start, in fact no one in B division managed to cross the start at all.

Despite the lack of wind, the sunny weather made for an enjoyable long weekend away, which culminated in the Easter Sunday Champagne Picnic on the beach at Sullivans Bay, Mahurangi. After an enjoyable BBQ breakfast and a couple of glasses of wine, the usual children's and adult beach games kept us all entertained for a few hours

A huge thanks to the Sailing Committee and other Club members involved in organising a great weekend on the water. For those of you who couldn't be there, you missed out on another memorable DYC weekend away. Hopefully we'll see you at the next one.

Earlier in the month, the Club's Three Handed Gulf Rally saw a sizeable fleet of eleven boats taking part. This three day race is one of



the Club's best annual racing events and continues to attract growing numbers of participants. A special thanks to the finish and start boats at both Te Kouma (Royce & Adrienne Cox on Melody) and at Kawau (Allan Wetherall and Sue McBride on SueSea), and of course John Duder, for again hosting the BBQ at his bach in Bon Accord Harbour on the Saturday night.

On 17th March, Tom and Vicky Jackson gave a fascinating talk focusing on some of their cruises around the Pacific. The couple were on their way back from New York, where they had just been awarded the Blue Water Medal by the Cruising Club of America. They've lived aboard their beautifully varnished Sparkman and Stephens 39 yacht since 1981, and have sailed the world since retiring from their careers in education in the UK in the late 1990s. They've been based in NZ, but have only recently settled in Nelson. They showed us slides of a cruise up to Japan in 2011 through the Inland Sea then up through the Aleutians to Alaska, then on through the Inside Passage to Vancouver. They repeated much of this trip again in 2014 putting in some very long interesting passages. They also showed us their slides of a previous voyage down through the Chilean Canales down to Cape Horn, and of some of their racing exploits including the latest two-handed round New Zealand race.

In April, Tony McNeight will be talking to us about travel sketching. From a quick gaze through the internet I gather that documenting a trip through art can capture the essence of a place, is often a social activity, is very creative, and is growing in popularity. We looking forward to learning some practical hands on skills. Come along to the Club on 21st April to find out more.

A big thanks to Geoff Evan's, the Club's Rear Commodore, for organising these highly successful and well attended monthly events at the Club.

On less exciting, but still important matters, many of you will be aware of the forthcoming changes to Health & Safety Laws. These changes do have some impact on the Club. Over the next couple of months some of you will be required to assist with ensuring we remain on top of our obligations. In particular, those of you involved in haulage will notice a few changes. These will be communicated as appropriate, and are not onerous, but will require your attention and cooperation.

While it is still a few months away, thought is now turning to the Club's AGM in July. There are a number of roles within the Club, all of which are vital to the overall successful operation of the Club for the benefit of all members. For those of you who would like to become more involved in the Club, please feel free to speak to me or one of my fellow flag officers.

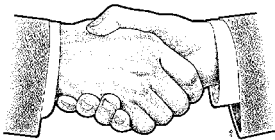
Sadly, the summer weather is beginning to slip away – daylight saving ended the first weekend in April. Hopefully we will have a few good boating weekends left before the season comes to an end.

Matt

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# DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

DYC NEW MEMBERSHIP				
Member	Boat Name	Design	Sail#	Call sign
<b>Family Membership</b>				
Tim & Sarah Chapman	Roxy	7.7mTracker	2905	
<b>Ordinary Membership</b>				
<b>Associate Membership</b>				
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## SEEKING DEVONPORT MOORING



To rent or buy - suit Pied Piper. Preferably near DYC Clubhouse or Torpedo Bay, but all options considered. Contact Karen Webster [karen.webster@xtra.co.nz](mailto:karen.webster@xtra.co.nz) or 027 4452267.

## PIEDY LELANT

I am planning to bring my Piedy Lelant back to Devonport from Opua after Easter, weather permitting. I have bagged one of the available lockers and am now looking for a suitable mooring, preferable on the Torpedo Bay side but interested in any tether available. Please can you put the word around, or place an advertisement online or in the newsletter.

Appreciate any help available.

Thanks so much

Karen

Dr Karen Webster  
027 4452267



## DYC DINGHY LOCKERS

Only one dinghy locker left for allocation .. #49

Dimensions vary slightly but most are a bit over 3 metres in length and with about 1.3 metres width at the doors. Worth a look if you need the storage.

Cost \$80 per year .. but if you buy now we will only charge you \$40 for the balance of this billing period.

Dinghy lockers are not available for rent to associate members.

Email [treasurer@dyc.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@dyc.org.nz) or phone 489 7850





## **AN APOLOGY TO ALL THE SKIPPERS AND CREWS IN THE 3 HANDED GULF RALLY**

I would like to offer an apology to all the competitors in the above race, for the confusion and work caused by an inadvertent sound signal during the starting sequence, and the subsequent restart.

Bill Cole



## **DYC WINTER 2016 HAULAGE.**

Applications for 2016 winter haulage will close 30th April. If you want to be included you must have your application form completed and deposit paid by the closing date.

As no doubt everyone is aware, there is new "Health & Safety In The Workplace" legislation which DYC must comply with. Hopefully this will not affect haulage too much other than to formalize and document the safety precautions and controls already in place for many years. However, the owner of every boat to be hauled will be required to complete a short, on-line Health & Safety induction before haulage. This will be an acknowledgement that the owner has read and understands the safety information and agrees to comply.



## **WORKING BEE 14 May 2016**

As is traditional at DYC it is expected everyone who intends to haul a boat this year will attend this working bee.



The Blah Blah Catering Co 16 Ellerslie Park Road, Ellerslie, Auckland  
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## YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron



Applications are now open for the 2016/2017 RNZYS Youth Training Programme. New Zealand's leading keelboat training programme which has been training young sailors since 1987. Young sailors both male and female between 15 – 23 years of age are invited to register now!

Training is held in the Squadron's fleet of ten Elliott 7m purpose built keelboats which utilize both spinnakers and gennakers. Crews of four will be selected for helm, main, trimmer and bow positions for the season which begins with Orientation Day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Trainee's will gain experience in all areas of keelboat racing including match racing building up to an in-house regatta each month. With representative crews being selected to compete at National and International competitions such as the Governor's Cup (USA), Musto Youth International and Harken Cup in Australia.

In the past 29 years the Youth Training Programme has graduated over 460 young sailors with many of them going onto leading positions in the world of competitive sailing. Our graduates continue to achieve outstanding results in the Volvo Ocean Race, America's Cup and World Match Racing Tour.

Registration now online at [www.rnzys.org.nz](http://www.rnzys.org.nz) (under Youth Programme)

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## FOR SALE

### Townson 25

Designed by Des Townson. Made of double diagonal Kauri glassed over externally. Sleeps 4 (V berth forward, plus two 1/4 berths). With roller furler jib, fully battened main and spinnaker. Bukh 10hp inboard diesel engine, VHF Radio, Chart plotter and Navman Fishfinder. 2 burner gas cooker and heads (no holding tank). Anti fouled December 2015. Owned since 2009 selling to buy blue water boat. Kept at Bayswater Marina. \$25,000 ONO. Contact Blair (email: [blaircliffe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blaircliffe@xtra.co.nz)/ tel: 027 295 4426) or Emma (email: [emmaaw@me.com](mailto:emmaaw@me.com)/ tel: 021 172 8454).





# Travel Sketching Classes



Travel sketching is that quick impression sketched in minutes where we teach how to 'see' your subject. **Tony McNeight** tutors you through an 8 week program of foundation skills to take you from first steps to becoming a confident and passionate sketcher.

**FREE TASTER CLASS:  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

*Just come along and enjoy*

**PLACE: DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB**

**TIME: 7.30pm - 9pm**

**To register your interest contact Tony 021 925 031**

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## TONY MCNEIGHT

Growing up as youngster in Devonport – sliding down Mt Vic on cardboard boxes, digging foxholes and shellfights on Cheltenham beach, free rides there and back on the Toroa, big barefoot adventures up North Head - these were my golden summers.

I travelled overseas to follow my passion, creative advertising, in UK for 4 years.

Back in New Zealand, I had a family and set up a design company, while tutoring design at AUT. Some years later I moved to W.A. and painted and exhibited large canvases of Australian tree bark.

I came back home following another passion - to acknowledge those who gave their lives for our country. I created the Giant Poppy Art Project in the Auckland Domain in 2015 where 59,000 specially minted red metal discs were placed by the public with written messages. This resulted in a giant Poppy the size of a football field and raised \$60,000 for the RSA.

Now living back in Devonport, I have set up Travel Sketching where I teach people who believe (or had been told at some stage in their life) they could not draw that this is not so. Through a series of fun courses, I guide my students through classes to find their creative side so that wherever they are sitting in a café – drifting lazily on a yacht, or travelling somewhere exotic, they can bring out their small sketch book and enjoy capturing 'the moment'.



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## FLAG ETIQUETTE



Janet and I spent January and February away in Offshore, cruising the gulf and I took notice of the number of boats that did not fly a club burgee or a flag of any kind. We spent a weekend in Woody Gully during January with close to eighty other boats and not one was flying a flag. Why is this? Our Club obviously considers it important as it has a two page article on flags in the Year Book.

For my part I have always been proud to fly my Clubs burgee. I am a member of the Squadron as well as Devonport and fly both flags from the starboard cross tree and my Squadron ensign from a staff on the stern.

I am now in my eighties and have been brow beaten for the past fifty years by a succession of Squadron Commodores that I must observe colours at 0800 hrs and pull them down at sunset and I am getting past it. I usually don't get out of my bunk until after eight a.m. and it's a pain in the ass having to go on deck at sundown after an extended happy hour to pull them down. So what's the answer? Is there a compromise?



Yes the Burstpipes way. Neil Burson was a plumber and had the nickname of Burstpipes and he would hoist his burgee before he left the mooring off the yacht club and pull it down when he returned, be that a day, a week or a month later and while he was away his yacht club burgee would be flying 24/7.

I do not feel happy going to bed knowing that my Club flags are still flying, so I make sure that I pull them down. My compromise is this, after I am up, washed and had breakfast I will go on deck and observe colours, usually about 1000 hrs. Then after happy hour and before I go below for dinner, I pull them down. After all I am on holiday. If it is raining or blowing or both we have a NFD or a no flag day.

Whilst down anchored in North Harbour at Ponui, we farewelled two friends who were aboard for drinks and dinner and I took the opportunity to lower colours and I had hardly gone below when my cell phone rang. It was the Mother Superior (Sue Johnson) from Mary Terese asking me why I had pulled my flags down before sunset. I explained why, not good enough she said and insisted that I rehoist them until Sundown, which was in eight minutes time!!! Yes Sue, straight away Sue I replied then hung up and ignored her. But the next morning I was right on the button and at 0800 hrs I was poised on deck by the mast with the flags tied on and ready to hoist.

As the sweep second hand came up to the hour, Kevin walked up the deck of Mary Terese and hoisted his past Commodore's Burgee. Poor Kevin, I think that Sue threatens him with lack of conjugal rights if he doesn't pull the flag up and down at the correct time every day.

Between Mary Terese and Offshore was Ladybird and there was Mike Strong in the cockpit hoisting his flags, so she obviously had him spooked and she had me well and truly spooked, so I raised my colours at the same time.

Fortunately they both left the bay later in the day so I could relax. But it did raise some interesting questions-like both Kevin and Sue are past commodores, so should they be allowed to fly two flags and whose flag should fly above the other? Should the Club have both male and female past commodore's flags with a blue seahorse for guys and a pink one for the girls? Hmmmm I must ask Past Commodore Martin Foster about that as he is the Club's flag expert. With Ladybird the flag thing is even more complicated because while Mike is also a past commodore, Tash his wife is the current vice commodore so should they fly her flag above his and after this years AGM she will be the Commodore!!! Hmmmm again, should the the master and commander be beholden to her? Tash is also a lawyer and could quite easily have Mike "In the dock"- no not that sort of dock you fool- I mean the dock at Bayswater Marina where Ladybird berths. Another Question for Martin.

Personally I think that it is time we changed this flag business. I blame the Squadron Hierarchy for brow beating us every season for umpteen years and owners just don't bother to fly a flag. I will ask Chris Leech when the flag business began, which was probably hundreds of years ago. I also believe that we should encourage our members to fly the Club's burgee and if that means adopting the Burstpipes way then so be it.

So what do our members think? If you have an opinion then please drop a line to the editor of the DYC news and let us all know. Meanwhile if Mary Terese is in the Bay make sure that you observe colours at the correct times or you will cop it.

Frank Warnock  
Life member.

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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 gone back into the archives and found four wonderful old photographs, of which I know little about. So if anyone can identify the place and the people, please let me know.

Photo 1: The DYC Beach BBQ – Ponui Island 2005.

Photo 2: The DYC Beach BBQ – Ponui Island 2005.

Photo 3: The DYC Beach BBQ – Ponui Island 2005.

Photo 4: The DYC Beach BBQ – Ponui Island 2005.

Chris Leech ED\*

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# EASTER PICNIC & GULF RALLY











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## Book Review

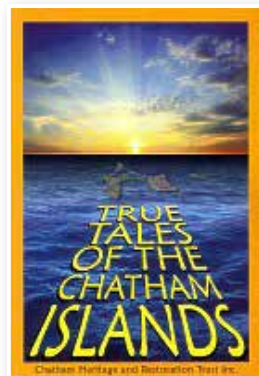
# TRUE TALES OF THE CHATHAM ISLANDS

Compiled by Don Armitage for the Chatham heritage and Restoration Trust Inc. (CHART). Paperback.

0.92kg, 240 pages, 210mm x 297mm, black & white illustrations and photographs, Published 2015.

A companion volume to True Tales of Great Barrier Island and More True Tales of Great Barrier Island. This is a wonderful collection of short illustrated stories from the many persons resident or associated with the Chatham Islands. A very relevant and accurate record of a small community of people going about their daily lives. This book features anecdotes, personal history and island culture, with many (probably) previously unseen and unpublished photographs.

The format of the 'True Tales' series is keeping alive the social history of a community. As long as similar short story compilations are produced every few years for the rest of time, the accumulation of stories will only increase in number. Great Barrier Island is currently preparing their third volume of stories, although how much 'truth' is involved is debatable! At the end of the day it all comes down to personal perspective!.



Retail price \$50.00

Kind regards,

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