



# Devonport Yacht Club News



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## HOME OF THE DUDER CUP



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

### A Report from Vice Commodore Geoff Evans



Some have complained about the chilly, windy conditions in December and January, but by all accounts those who sailed up to the Bay of Islands and beyond have had good conditions. Our usual cruise north was put on hold, as our daughter Emily had chosen to get married on Waiheke just after Christmas, so we had lots of family and overseas visitors to entertain. As a consequence, our sailing on Renown over the holiday season has been a series of shorter cruises in and around the Hauraki Gulf.

Having read Kerry Howe's delightful book, "To the Islands" (you may remember that Kerry Howe was one of our Seatalks speakers last year), encouraged us to explore some anchorages not so familiar to us, including Ladies Bay on Rotoroa Island, Deep Cove on Wanganui Island off Coromandel, Ngohitanu Bay on the way up to Colville, Scandrett's Bay north of Mahurangi and Bostaquet Bay on Kawau. A snug anchorage, a walk ashore, good food and wine and good company. A fine way to enjoy the holidays in our blue back yard.

The weather is forecast to improve so here's hoping you're able to participate and enjoy some of the DYC events over the Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi long weekends and the second half of the racing season.

### NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

The management committee has recently welcomed David Mauger as clubhouse captain and Grant Daniel as treasurer. Matt Kemp, our immediate past commodore had the treasurer's position temporarily, but he's now got other



priorities, as he and Amanda get married in March (best wishes!). Ken Smith has offered to take up the reins of Works Manager, when he returns from his current sojourn. He is on his way back from an attempt at a circumnavigation of the North Island. He was held in Hawkes Bay by the stormy weather.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

The club is in good heart, and our membership numbers are in line with previous years. One of our strategic plans for the club is to survey the membership in order to establish how we can better meet existing members' needs, and how we could improve our services to the community.

Some of the strengths we have include; our location, an attractive clubhouse with the very best views of the harbour and Gulf, a convivial atmosphere with good value food and beverage, a friendly membership with a range of activities relating to our common interest in boating, and with good value haulage facilities. However, we also recognise the challenges facing the club such as -the high costs of boat ownership, that we all seem to be so much busier these days with more and more calls on our leisure time, and that our membership is aging. This year the committee will be developing some initiatives that we hope will encourage and enhance an active and sustainable membership. We'd be interested in your thoughts and we hope you'll contribute to the dialogue. Look out for a survey in the near future.

### **SEATALKS**

And here's news of our Seatalks: I had planned to host a Pechakucha evening in late February. This is an open mic event where up to 8 participants present 20 slides (their favourite photos of sailing adventures, etc.) for 20 seconds. So each speaker has 20 slides but each slide is only shown for 20 seconds each! This should make for a pacy, interesting evening. Here are a couple of links you might like to follow to find out more <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PechaKucha>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32WEzM3LFhw>. However, I've left the planning too late for February, so watch out for this later in the year. What I've booked up for Seatalks so far is the following:

To celebrate Seaweek on the 2nd March, we have a film and presentation from the well-known yacht designer Ron Holland, who has designed many famous New Zealand yachts including Lion NZ and more recently many international super yachts;

On 23rd March we have Raewyn Peart, Policy analyst for the Environmental Defence Society and author of "The Story of the Hauraki Gulf." She'll also be able to tell us about Sea Change(Tai Timu Tai Pari) and the environment initiatives in the Hauraki Gulf;

On the 13th April – we have Georgina Griffiths from Metservice to give us a presentation on the weather and forecasting. This should be a great opportunity to find out what's in store for our Easter Rally.

We'll be aiming to have many more interesting speakers, events and / or visits.

Best Wishes and Fair Winds,

Geoff

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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>				
<b>Ordinary Membership</b>				
John Ellingham	Adikt	Jeanneau 39	9051	
Ben Partington & Tabitha Coleman				
<b>Associate Membership</b>				
Rajan & Jemma Patel				
Kent & Helen Tregonning				
Rod & Janet Butchers				
Jude Brand				
Veda & Stephen Shortland				

## BEFORE DYC

Duder's wharf and shed in the foreground with the ferry company's slip behind, now the Club's haulout area. Tom Le Huquet's slip for some years is in between, with his sign "Boats for hire".



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## **THERE IS AN UPGRADED “CREW WANTED AVAILABLE” PAGE ON THE WEB SITE,**

**U**nder the “Sailing Menu”. <http://www.dyc.org.nz/sailing-programme/crew-wanted-available> Point of contact to add, delete or upgrade entries is through the Sailing Master.



**T**he Manhattan Yacht Club is turning 30 and are planning a little celebration. In August 17 – 20, 2017, they will host the 11th International Yacht Challenge to be raced in New York Harbor. The goal is to have a fleet from around the world. The race will be on identical J/24 sailboats provided by the Manhattan Yacht Club and will include all sails, sheets, and other racing equipment. Teams may only use the equipment provided. Teams will switch boats after each race.

In 2007, celebrating the club’s 20th anniversary, they acquired the America’s Cup 12 Meter “America II” (US 46). To mark their 30th Anniversary, they have helped to restore her sister-ship, US 42. In 2017, both “America” 12 Meters will match race in the harbor. Our club has also been invited to participate in this race, The International 12 Meter Challenge.

If you are interested in participating in either race, please, notify our Sailing Master, Andy Mason.





# MANHATTAN YACHT CLUB CLUB CHALLENGE



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## DYC BOATS IN CLASSICS RACE

**O**n the 3rd December 2016, the Classic Yacht Association held their annual yacht race to Patio Bay (eastern end of Waiheke) with the prize giving and BBQ afterwards at the house of Margaret and Bert Woollacott. Launches are also invited to this event, so in the morning we set off in Seafarer.

It was a Mark Foy start for the yachts. There were two DYC boats participating, each in a different division: Masquerade (Graham Pettersen and Val Howell) and Prize (Chas Thompson). The conditions were very light ,so it was a long and hard day for the sailors, but perseverance paid off and both Masquerade and Prize came first in their division, on line and handicap!

The Woollacott's garden was well set up, with several BBQ's going, to cater for a large number of people, and a great evening was had by all.

Congratulations to Chas and to Graham and Val, well done!



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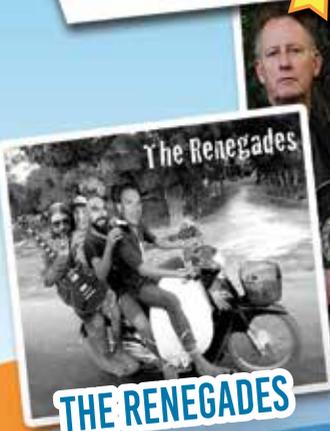
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# MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

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CHRIS SANDERS



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Seaweek – Kaupapa Moana 2017 will take place from Saturday 25 February to Sunday 5 March 2017.

*“Toiora te Moana – Toiora te Tangata – Healthy Seas, Healthy People”.*



Devonport Yacht Club is encouraging members to help celebrate Seaweek 2017 and support the Spirit of Adventure Trust. Come aboard the Spirit of New Zealand for a morning sail (0900 – 1230hrs) on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017. The cost of the trip is \$60 but you will need to book up without any delay. Please book online at <https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/book?voyage=731da>

On your booking please indicate that you're from DYC so we know who is coming. This will be a different sailing experience from the Duder Cup open regatta, which is on the previous day!

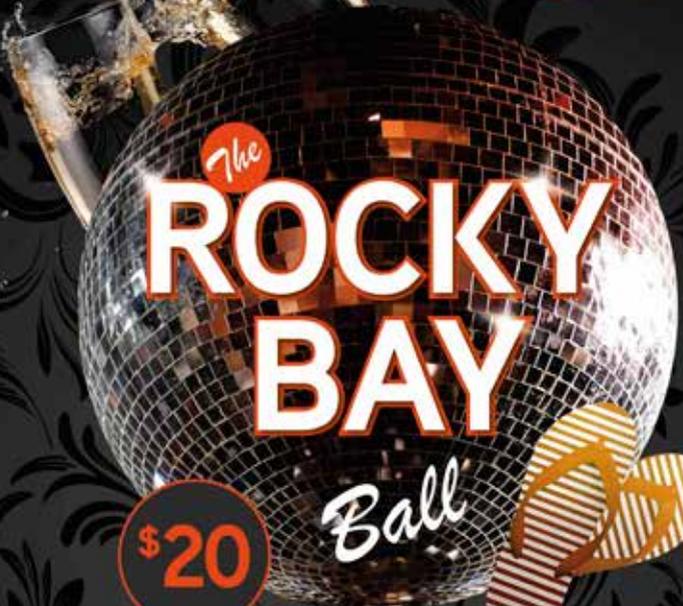


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*Ball*

**DATE** SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017  
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BBQ dinner & entertainment provided.  
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# THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SAILING AND TRAVELLING

by Valerie and Laurent Devin on 12 Jan

**D**isclaimer: This essay is only a satire of some aspects of our lives and needs to be read that way. Life is serious, but there is no need to take ourselves too seriously. And then a few days ago it was a windy day; we couldn't get out of the boat, so we needed to keep ourselves busy or we would have started doing silly things for our age... Call that cabin fever if you will.

As we advance in our exploration of the South Pacific aboard Letitgo, we can clearly see two ways of life in the cruising world coming to light. Something in the range of the famous adage, "do you live to eat or eat to live?" In this light, cruising offers the same dichotomy: two visions; two rhythms of travel, which impact your experience and the way you see the world.

This raises the question: Are you a sailor or a traveller?

## **If You Are a Sailor**

Sailors come in few flavors and subtleties:

### **The Born to be a Sailor Type**

There are the sailors who are born in a coastal region and have been dreaming of sailing away from the coast ever since they first set foot on their great grandparent's sailboat, as part of their parents' DNA. They have designed or built multiple crafts and can reverse engineer any piece of equipment blind folded, at the top of the mast, with the wind blowing 20 knots, while singing on the rigging, if made of wood or steel. Plastic is a new material for them and shouldn't be on a boat, full stop. An engine is still a nice-to-have thing, and any means of verbal communication (read a radio) is a nuisance to their tranquility; they are the "born to be sailor".

### **The How-to Sailor Type**

Next, nuanced sailors get to sea after reading one too many sailing novels, in the woods. They have now sold their farm and have never lived close to the ocean! They bought their sailing boat from the previously mentioned sailor. The result is deceiving, as a well-equipped and able to roam around the Antarctic boat comes to anchor next to you. But you quickly realize that the situation is far from being under control, as they are still reading "the how to" book they found on board, left as a pity gift for their use.

### **The Beer-can Regatta King Type**

Then you find the beer-can regatta king, the one who after one too many celebrations, made a bet with his pals: "Why don't we go around the world, just for the heck of it, so we can say we've done it". Their boat is loaded with more testosterone than a bar on Friday night; their spinnaker is bigger than their ego, and the only real point of interest is "how many miles in the last 4 hour-watch, boys"? Once you meet them at the dock, you might be asked: "Can we clear in and out at the same time in this port?" or "Where are we again?"

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## **The Hibernating Type**

These sailors could be hibernating on their boat weeks at a time; only coming out when the food is running low, or they heard a rumor of a good deal on some rum. You may find them on every online forum, as they generate more volume on the “how to do it” than anybody else. But ask them what they ate in /.../ (insert anywhere in the world), and a “one-pot wonder” will be their answer. The list of future harbors is pinned on their companionway door, with all their datelines and you will also find they are still wearing watches and talking business at any occasion.

## **The Eat Miles Type**

Earlier on, a friend confessed to us that he went from France to Brazil within three weeks, then stayed there only two weeks before turning around to go back home, crossing the Atlantic single-handed. In his words, “I love to eat miles!” For him, this was the best trip ever, and he is a true sailor, sailing 40,000 nm in 3 years. For the longest time, we were not able to fathom the benefit of joining a rally race (except for countries where cruising is new and the advantage outweighs the administration and safety factor), but when someone showed us their standing in the race with teary eyes, we then understood.

We can now see how thrilling a race around the World must be, with its ups and downs, and this may just be what sailors look forward to. Braving the elements and proving they can do it, by digging into the depth of their courage, is a way for some to accomplish their dream. With the Vendée Globe challenge starting soon and beaming live pictures at all hours, a new generation is in-the-making; but don't worry, as they will never see that blue color of the water, as they are only enjoying online virtual racing...

## **The Real Sailor Type**

These are the real sailors and undeniably they know their stuff. Some have white scruffy beards, smell a little funny, and talk in a manner incomprehensible to most humans, if not to all. They wear only sailing-related gear from head to toe, looking like a “West Marine” catalogue model, they speak at the same volume of a megaphone installed at the first spreader. Besides, they all keep wondering why anyone “let those plastic boats with Yuppies out of the harbour” while they enjoy to show-off their (in)competence; leaving us to wonder when it will be time to rescue them along the way, which will slow them down in the process!

## **If You Are a Traveller**

These are a strange breed and they have now been acknowledged by the World Tourism organization as a new category of tourism; they call them “the travellers”. They don't sail all the way here only to visit the white sandy beaches, nor do they visit a country in only six days! Indeed they take their time to learn the language, get to know the culture and try to understand a new way of life. Sailing is mostly a means of transportation for their vagabonding, and they discovered this way of life while reading two well-written blogs, making it sound like a piece of cake!

Would they have done it without the ease of GPS? Would they have learned how to use a table for the sextant? Maybe not. Do they appreciate the fine art of sailing and trimming the sails, or the purity of the movement? You probably have guessed it by now and the answer is: not at all! They really don't have a clue, except for what they saw on YouTube. Truthfully, it doesn't matter to them, as they could be doing this by plane, bus, skateboard or even a stroller. Truly, their goal is to see and discover new horizons and be out of their comfort zone. As a matter of fact they get disoriented when the wind doesn't match the prognostic and then look for any advice they can find on the Net, including from the above-mentioned sailor types, which will get them to their next destination, one way or another.

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You will find them using more fuel, as it never occurs to them that waiting three days for the wind to come back in the middle of nowhere is a possibility. But as soon as they arrive close to land, they have mastered the 40 magic words in any dialect and with this new tool, they soon will know half of the village, and will be invited to the next celebration with gusto. They have a blog with more recipes than Martha Stewart knew it even existed. And if you need to hear a point of view on the difference between the black and green cardamom pod, they will be happy to let you know! They own a Chapman's Piloting and Seamanship, though they still need to open it.

Hence along the way, when Sailors and Travellers mix by chance, it makes for funny conversations:

**Sailor:** I found the perfect graving piece to implement a rose lashing to hold my snaffle in place

**Traveller** (faking it to not look out of place): Of course that could work.

**Traveller:** How did you enjoy the snake tacos with those delightful local herbs and fresh coriander at the food stand in town?

**Sailor** (not wanting to engage in any long conversation): Of course that could work.

**Sailor:** Why didn't you get a futtock plate installed before departing?

**Traveller:** Because I don't know what this is and don't really want to know, actually!

**Traveller:** Are you aware that the uncle of the chief by his first marriage is having a party for us sailors tonight?

**Sailor:** No, I didn't realize the island was inhabited!

And then you have the ones who left in the 60's and 70's, who are a blend of both worlds, because in those days you couldn't leave the dock without knowing how to sail. These sailors are rare nowadays and the few still left in the wild are not easy to 'capture'. You may find some on land, and they open up slowly as they have learned a long time ago that life is always a compromise and cruising is no different.

One last one for the road:

**Traveller:** Do you carry a colt?

**Sailor:** Of course and I use it on any sailor who sets foot on her! (Looking at his boat like a young bride)

**Traveller:** Oh yeah! That could work. (Running back home, only to realize later that the definition of a Colt is: "A short length of rope with a knot at the end of it, used by officers in the Royal Navy to hit sailors, theoretically to induce them to work harder.")

This article has been provided courtesy of the Bluewater Cruising Association



# 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)

## Did You Know

**Medicine Ball** - ever wondered why those balls in the Fleet Gym are called medicine balls? The term comes from the end of the 19th century. The first medicine balls were large stuffed leather balls designed to be thrown from person to person as part of fitness training. The late 19th Century saw the development of a health and fitness culture of which medicine balls are one reminder. This period also saw the introduction of corn flakes by Mr Kellogg.

**Know the Ropes** - on a sailing ship it was important to know what the function and name of each rope aboard ship. Only from the precise position that ropes were secured on deck could they be identified. Hence 'knowing the ropes' became the distinction between an old hand and the beginner.

**Laid Up** - this has come to mean being sick and unable to work. It comes from the description of a ship that is taken out of commission and 'laid up' on her keel on large wooden blocks that provide a safe and level base.

**How the town of Nelson got its name** - We have the New Zealand Company to thank for the town of Nelson. They selected the harbour as a settlement, which began in 1842. The leader of the expedition, Arthur Wakefield, had served under Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy who had fought with Horatio Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar and the man Nelson was talking to when he uttered the immortal words, "Kiss me Hardy."

**When My Ship Comes In** - In the 16th century, it was a legal contract to state that one would pay any outstanding amounts when the ship one served on reached its home port. Once there, a sailor was obligated to settle with his debtors.

And by Special Request for David Sweetman

### **Between the devil and the deep blue sea:**

A dilemma; a choice between two equally difficult circumstances

The 'devil' was the name for the longest seam of the ship, which ran from stem to stern along the length of the beam that supported the gun deck. To seal this seam whilst at sea, a sailor was suspended over the side of the ship in a precarious position, literally between the 'devil' and the sea.

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.

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. All photos are from the Easter Cruise 2010, and are at Ponui Island

Photo 1: Relaxing at a welcome beach BBQ by members, and family and friends.

Photo 2: Sylvia Strong and Hannah West enjoying the beach activities.

Photo 3: The Tug of War was always a hotly contested activity.

Photo 4: The sack race was a good way of getting rid of that extra rasher of bacon.

Chris Leech ED\*

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