



# Devonport Yacht Club News

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## HOME OF THE DUDER CUP



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK A Report from Club President Peter Strathdee



### The First Rock Bay Ball

To those members who were unable to attend the Rock Bay Ball on the 18th March, you really missed a treat. What a great venue, great music, fantastic food, a great atmosphere, fantastic dress up formal from the waist up, and a good time was had by all. A very, very big thanks must go out to Mark and Jude Clough. They managed to put it all together from start to finish. This was no mean feat: having to arranging the hall, the entertainment, the food etc., the transportation of all the gear down to the hall (including cooking utensils), hall decorations, arranging BBQ's. What an effort! A big thanks must also go to all others members who helped to set up the hall, cooking and cleaning etc. Let's hope we can enjoy functions like this on many more occasions in the future.

### Clubhouse Operations and Functions

On a more serious note, the Club is run predominately by your committee and a few members who put in their time and effort to make the Devonport Yacht Club, your yacht Club, a place where you can come and bring your friends and families and enjoy, maybe a meal or a drink, in one of the best locations around.

The Club has been fortunate, up until recently, to have the services of a band of very willing people to help on the Social Committee. Some of those people, have served for many years and have reluctantly decided it is time to step down. We are therefore looking for people, who can give a little of their time, perhaps two or three hours a month, to



assist in this area. It can be very rewarding and a lot of fun. The Flag Officers would love to hear from anybody who can assist in this area.

While the Club is a yacht Club, a good percentage of our members are associate members. While they are not entitled to vote at an AGM, they enjoy and have all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member and can serve on the general committee. It has been said that associate members do not have representation or input into Club activities. Any member, including associate members, are entitled to attend a general committee meeting and raise any matters with the committee.

I would like to see more participation by the associate members, within the Club. Any new ideas for activities of interest, whether it be darts, cards, or board games, quiz nights, or any activity of interest to members. Any members who would like to come forward and assist in the organisation of some Club activities would be most welcome. Remember you get out of a Club, what you put into it.

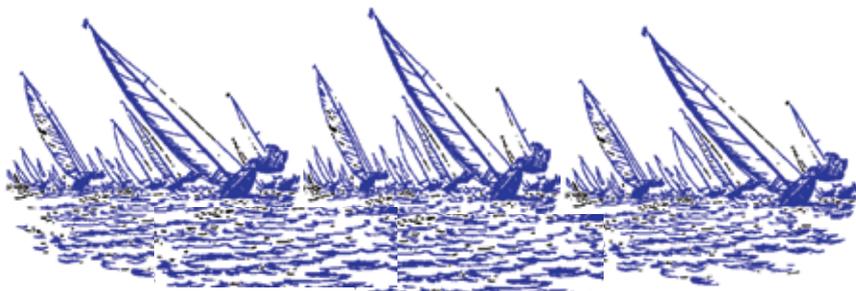
Maybe it's time to step forward.

Peter Strathdee  
President



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# BEERS, BLOKES AND THE SUN

## MELANOMA FUNDRAISING EVENT

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## HAULAGE

Just a reminder that haulage applications should be lodged before the end of April and deposits paid, if boat owners want to be considered for haulage this winter. The form is available from the web site: <http://www.dyc.org.nz/haulage>

Be aware that the date of the May Working Bee will be advised in due course, it's usually about the middle of the month. Along with that notification you should be reminded that those intending to haul must attend the working bee and the haulage briefing.



# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

## WHERE TO GO FOR WHAT



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### Hauraki Gulf VHF Frequencies

Service	Channel	Coverage	Transmission Source
Distress Maritime Radio	16	Complete	
Coastguard	64	Inner Gulf	Sky Tower
Coastguard	60	Outer Gulf	Moehau
Devonport Sports Radio	77	Line of Sight	DYC
Forecast & Nowcasting	19	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

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# TOP TEN REASONS TO GO BOATING

By BIA on 17 Oct

Chill out and discover boating week Boating Industry Association dedicating time to activities we enjoy, learning something new, or taking up a new hobby can be daunting, but it is also proven to greatly reduce stress and positively affect work-life balance.

Howard Glenn, National CEO of the Boating Industry Association said “When I speak to people about the joys of recreational boating, I can think of dozens of reasons why a lifestyle on the water is tremendous. I urge people to look at Discover Boating Week as an opportunity to learn how this lifestyle can benefit you, family and friends.”

Here’s a list of just a few of the ways boating can benefit you and help you win back your work/life balance:

1. **Boating is great exercise.** Exercise releases endorphins and is one of best ways to help manage stress. Whether you’re manning the sails, swimming, fishing, scuba diving, or exploring new beach fronts – there’s something for every age and every fitness level.
2. **Boating is a great way to bond with family and friends.** Unplug the personal devices and start connecting with those who are most important to you, by enjoying a few hours, a day or a weekend on the water together.
3. **Boating is affordable.** What most people don’t know is that you can hire a boat for less than what it costs to take a family of four to the movies for the afternoon!
4. **Boating is relaxing.** There’s something incredibly freeing about cruising on the open water – breathing in the fresh air, feeling the wind in your hair and the ocean beneath.
5. **Boating is convenient.** Australia has many waterways to explore – from bays to rivers to lakes. Call your local council or do a quick Google search on water access points in your area.
6. **Boating gets you back in touch with nature.** Jump into a sailboat and use nature’s power to travel. What better way to reconnect than spending time outside in the natural environment!
7. **Boating is a rewarding activity.** Whether you’re practicing the perfect cast, learning how to tack, or are exploring the amazing marine life with a snorkel and fins, boating provides a platform for a variety of activities and interests.
8. **Boating is a great alternative.** Perhaps you’ve never been offshore fishing or you want to try your hand at water skiing – there is something for everyone.
9. **Boating is easy to learn.** There are boating, sports and water safety courses everywhere. No matter what you’re interested in, there’s a wide array of information available to interested boaters.
10. **Best of all, boating is FUN** – all you need to do is remember to stick to the simple safety guidelines and enjoy yourself!

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# ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS

by Jeff Cote on 14 Mar

Ferrite Jeff Cote

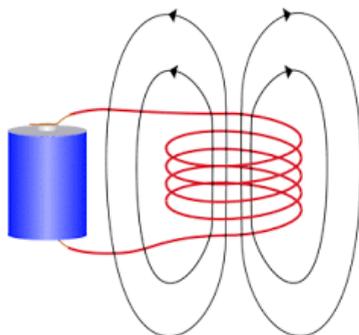
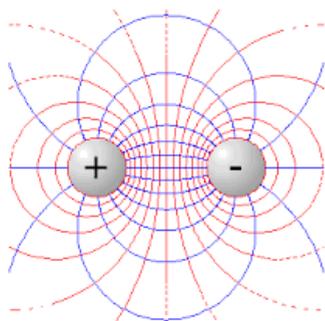
**E**lectromagnetic Forces (EMF) are one of the four fundamental forces in nature, and although they exist naturally, they can also be created. Any wire carrying any amount of electrical current will generate a magnetic field, and any charged conductor will create an electrical field; these two phenomena were once viewed as separate forces, but are now understood to be parts of the larger force described as electromagnetic force. The strength of the magnetic field is proportional to the current passing through the conductor, and the strength of the electrical field is proportional to the voltage potential.

Some devices will have coils of wire, and many will have a permanent magnet or an intentional or situational electromagnet built into their design. In either instance a strong electromagnetic field will be generated. This magnetic field will affect other electrical devices within the sphere of influence of the EMF, and depending on the strength and frequency of the EMF the consequences can be adverse to the point of interference.

Most sensitive electronic devices will provide the appropriate guidelines for installation of the device to be free from the effects of EMF interference from other equipment, but these guidelines maybe difficult to maintain in the confined spaces that are found on many mid-sized boats. In some cases a degree of separation maybe required to avoid interference, and in other cases it may require the installation of a ferrite block to absorb EMF on a line to mitigate adverse effects.

In all cases the degree of interference will only become apparent after the devices are placed and become operational. So, whenever possible, pay strict attention to installation guidelines concerning electrical equipment, maintaining wide separation between components, especially those pieces of equipment that are known to be affected by EMF.

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# MY EXPERIENCE OF THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

In 2006 I managed a blind sailing team to a World Blind Sailing Championship hosted by the New York Yacht Club at Newport, Rhode Island, The venue of all the America's Cup contests until they lost to the Australian Challenge in 1983.

Newport RI is a fascinating place. While there, we visited a US Naval dockyard that builds aircraft carriers. We also visited country mansions of people like the Kennedy's, Vanderbilt's, Eisenhower's. Most of these country(?) mansions are being preserved by a local trust and their upkeep funded by daily local tours of the area.



*Looking along the coast, where all the mansions are situated, and on out to the former America's Cup Course*

In Bristol, Rhode Island, we visited the Herreshoff Museum, <https://www.herreshoff.org/> still run by a Herreshoff descendant who incidentally sailed in some of the later America's Cup crews with Dennis Connor. Nathanael Green Herreshoff was a naval architect, mechanical engineer, and yacht design innovator. He produced undefeated America's Cup defenders between 1893-1920.

The story of one of the mansions was that the lady of the mansion was to hold a ball. This not being good enough, she asked the Navy if they would anchor their aircraft carriers off her back yard, which of course faced on to the sea entrance. They refused her request so she hired some barges and had wooden replicas built thereon and moored them for the event.



*Inside the Herreshoff Museum, Bristol, Rhode Island*



*Nantucket the Radio Ship*

In Newport Harbor, we saw moored a small vessel called Nantucket. This was (restored) the radio ship moored off Newfoundland during the Titanic disaster and was used for navigation and as a radio relay station during that maritime disaster.

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While at Newport there was an annual Boat Show. We were lucky to see many famous craft; Columbia, Ranger, Ticonderoga, Nantucket amongst others.

Being a blind sailing team, we were accorded hospitality that exceeded all our expectations.

To the New York Yacht Club actual.

The building, Harbor Court, was one of those mansions that I have described earlier, Multi-storied with a gate house and a stable, even with the old horse carriages still stored therein. On land of about 40 or 50 acres. A waterfront property with wharf and waterside race committee house. It was purchased from the estate of a former Club Chairman in 1987.

The New Zealand Blind Sailing Team was placed first in two of the three divisions and finished second in the third division and won the overall Championship. A most satisfactory result.



*Harbour Court New York Yacht Club  
Newport Rhode Island*



*NYYC Race Committee House  
at Harbour Court*



*The New Zealand Blind Sailing Team,  
World Champions 2006*



*World Championship Competitors,  
England, Norway, Italy, California, Florida,  
Japan, Canada, Northern Ireland, Newport,  
New Zealand*

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And then to New York.

Knowing that the NZ team were travelling via New York, and some were returning home via La Guardia Airport, while others were staying on going to Las Vegas, San Francisco, Boulder Dam, Grand Canyon, and other sights, the NYCC booked us into The Pennsylvania Hotel in New York. This hotel was the centre for Glenn Miller and his Orchestra during their development pre-war. Just across the road was Madison Square Garden and next door was Macy's Store. We were treated to a bus tour of Manhattan which included the Stock Exchange, Central Park, Broadway, a ferry trip to the Statue of Liberty, and a visit to Ground Zero, the 9-11 Site and The United Nations Building. We even saw Trump Tower.

We had an introductory letter to the New York Yacht Club but were unable to stay because of the number of members in our party.



*NYCC Clubhouse, 44th Street in New York City*



*NYCC Clubhouse, Front Entrance*



*New York Yacht Club, Trophy Room*



*New York Yacht Club, Dining Room*

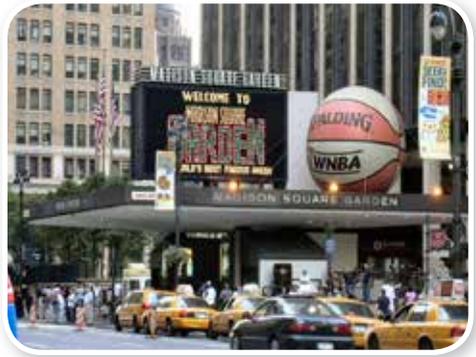
We went our separate ways from this point, having enjoyed an experience of a lifetime and very thankful to the New York Yacht Club and its administrators for the experience of a life time, as well as enjoying New Zealand Blind Sailors becoming World Champions.

Don Mason

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*Statue Of Liberty*



*Madison Square Garden*



*Hotel Pennsylvania*



*Macy's*



*New York Stock Exchange*



*United Nations Building*



# WEATHER FORECASTING ROCK

While searching for something on the web I accidentally came across this site on Wikipedia:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weather\\_rock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weather_rock)

I immediately thought of my yachting background and, in view of recent weather upheavals I thought that this weather forecasting system would help all yachties in their pursuit of pleasant sailing.

Good Forecasting made easy?



WEATHER



ROCK

## Condition

## Forecast

If the rock is wet,	it's raining.
If the rock is swinging,	the wind is blowing.
If the rock casts a shadow,	the sun is shining.
If the rock does not cast a shadow,	the sky is cloudy.
If the rock is not visible,	it is foggy.
If the rock is white,	it is snowing.
If the rock is coated with ice,	there is a frost.
If the ice on the rock is thick,	it's a heavy frost.
If the rock is bouncing,	there is an earthquake.
If the rock is under water,	there is a flood.
If the rock is warm,	it is sunny.
If the rock is missing,	there was a tornado.
If the rock is wet and swinging violently,	there is a hurricane.



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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)

## Did You Know?

**Deadline** - This term for a set date or time for something to be completed by comes from the American Civil War. The 'deadline' was an area marked off with rope or stakes next to the fence of prisoner-of-war camps. Any POW who crossed the line was immediately shot by the guards and killed, hence the 'deadline'.

**Bazooka** - this slang term for a recoilless rocket launcher has its origins in a popular cartoon in American during the Second World War. One of the characters carried a large weapon he called his 'bazooka'. The new weapon that was introduced during the war was given this nickname by soldiers and entered into popular use.

**Slob** - this term for an unkempt person with untidy habits comes from the Irish word for a muddy field.

**Above Board** - this term means honest and fair dealings and has its origins in the wooden boards used to make up the deck, so if something was above board, it could be seen by all.

**Bamboozle** - it is believed this has its origins in the 17th century as a term for the Spanish custom of raising false flags to deceive their enemies. This was the general understanding in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is also the name of a betting game where you had to guess which of three objects had a pea under it.

**Newsflash from Easter** - One Volunteer is worth 10 Pressed Men.

Graham Pettersen ensuring that this little incident will ensure he is Awarded the Cannonball Trophy for two consecutive years. We will just now have to wait until Prize Giving to see if being a Volunteer for this ubiquitous trophy really works.

**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.

- Photo 1: The four Devonport Yacht Club Pied Pipers rafted up during their 2005 trip up the Northland Coast to Whangaroa. Sniffer, Born Slippery, Harmony & Pinotage
- Photo 2: The crew of the Pied Pipers relaxing as only Pied Piper owners can.
- Photo 3: The four skippers pose on the top of the "Dukes Nose", with the Whangaroa Harbour entrance in the top left.
- Photo 4: Looking down from the "Dukes Nose" to their anchorage in Lanes Cove. Sharing the cove was Tony Whiting on "Tequila". Visible with the black mast.

Chris Leech ED\*

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## Book Review

# FINDING PAX

The Unexpected Journey of a Little Wooden Boat.

By Kaci Cronkhite. Softback, 160mm x 240mm,  
199 pages, Colour / Black & White Photographs.

Published 2016

On an island in Denmark where the oldest oak tree in Europe grows, a lone builder nicknamed “the perfectionist” crafted a boat with his hands. In 1936, the boat was finished and her journey began.

Seventy years later in Port Townsend, Washington—just minutes after a near catastrophe was averted in the marina outside her office window—Kaci Cronkhite opened an email. A Danish spidsgatter named Pax was for sale in Victoria, British Columbia. The journey that brought the two together became a quest that connected families in three countries with history that had been lost.

What Kaci didn't know—what no one knew—was where and how far Pax had journeyed, what she survived those seven decades and what those who loved her would always remember.

The author From 1994 to 2001, Kaci Cronkhite sailed more than 60,000 miles as hired crew on boats in oceans around the world, earned a Captain's license, conducted research, wrote articles, and taught all aspects of ocean passage-making. She stayed in Port Townsend and a few months later, was asked to take the helm of the Festival. For a decade, she served as director of the event in addition to executive roles with Wooden Boat Foundation & Northwest Maritime Center.

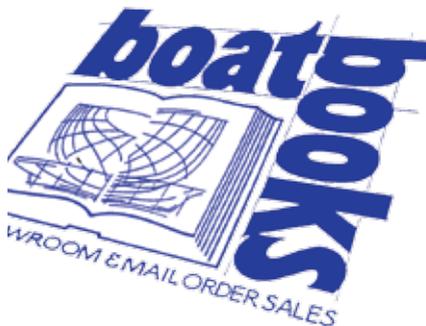
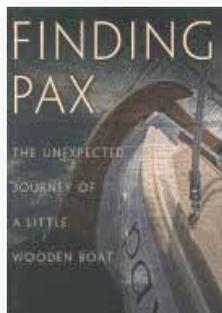
In 2007, Pax entered her life.

The Boat Technically, Pax is a “spidsgatter,” a design term chosen in Denmark to brand a new sailboat racing class in 1926. In English, the word translates from Danish as “two pointy ends” or “two butts.” (“double-ender.”) Spidsgatters were built to specifications in six sizes, commissioned by individual owners. Pax represents the second-largest size, at twenty-eight feet long and nearly ten feet wide. Fewer than two hundred were built. Of the estimated twenty to thirty spidsgatters sold in the 1960s, only a dozen remain.

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Kind regards,  
Marianne

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