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## HOME OF THE DUDER CUP



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

### A REPORT FROM REAR COMMODORE HUGH POLLOCK

Winter is closing in and I've taken advantage of the first wet day in a while to write this month's Quarter Deck article. We have all but finished the winter haul out of Club boats with the yard, almost full, providing an attractive sight and eliciting comments from Club members and public alike at how interesting the Club is at this time of year – tourist cameras click constantly! Haulage has stayed on schedule up until the last weekend, where predicted high winds look like delaying the last two boats.



The working bee marks the first event in the haulage season and while the recent one was a while ago and has been commented on in the Quarter Deck article already, I would like to revisit the efforts made. Firstly for me, it was highly productive and one of the better efforts in recent years – well done Ken and all Club members involved. Included in the job list was quite a bit of painting – a section of the east wall around the workshop, the weatherboards along the North facing wall, and, magnificently, the walls in the foyer. The thing about painting during the working bee is that it's impossible to complete in one day and requires a sustained effort on part of a dedicated group. So, here are my thanks to members who went the extra mile. Richard Darke, who needs no introduction having willingly prepped and painted many parts of the Club over the years. Chris McDougall, a new member and a persistent volunteer, who, along with Craig Mark, prepped and painted a large part of the front wall. Mike Yalland and Ken Smith, who painted the foyer. Mike has recently joined as an associate member, so we appreciate his efforts very much. To all of you, many thanks for a great and sustained effort.

Since the major re-development was finished, re-orientating the Club to the harbour, there has been a steady flow of



small works that have continued to enhance the look and feel of the Club. These have mostly been done by Club members in their spare time and include rejuvenating tired paint work and re-siting some functions, such as the sound system. These all go to making the Club a more pleasant and welcoming place. There are some repetitive tasks that need to be done more often than just in working bees. An example is window cleaning - salt spray never sleeps. Anyone who would like to join me in window washing, say once a month, could contact me and we'll give it a go.

The Club held its first Open Forum Meeting on Thursday 18th of May. This is a new component of the Club rules and at least two must be held each year. The committee's trepidation about the success of the meeting proved to be unfounded, with a very pleasing turnout of Club members. Not only that, but the ideas and suggestions flowed freely. The records of the meeting taken by two scribes have been collated and were presented to the general committee at its last meeting. The resulting action table allocates each idea to a subcommittee or individual(s) as appropriate for action. Progress on these items will be reported appropriately.

A major part of the strategic plan for the Club is an examination of Club membership, with the purpose of deciding where to put our efforts in recruitment and retention of Club members. It sometimes seems that membership is dwindling, but at others that it is fine. Our aim is to find out what members value in the Club, what they would like done differently, and what we can do to ensure the Club stays relevant for existing members and potential recruits.

As a first step, we have been gathering stories of individual members which tell us how and why they came to have joined the Club, what they like about the Club, and if they would recommend the Club to friends. In the last month, we have had quite a number of responses which are very encouraging and informative. We will analyse these and, using the resulting information, will determine areas of the Club operations we can improve or expand. We are really keen to hear more stories. There are forms available at the bar that can be used for submissions, as well as information in Club emails. If you make a submission, then would like to add to or change it, please just submit these changes. As we analyse submissions we may want more information and hope this will be forthcoming. In the end, we will survey you, our members, for your wishes on the issues we have identified.

Looks like the sun is about to emerge so I'll leave it at that for now and head off to the Club and get stuck into some of the maintenance I've lined up for Kristen this winter.

I'm back to finish this off, I've let the deadline get a bit close. While at the Club there were noticeable sounds of activity, scrapping, chisels splitting timber, talking, and all welcome sounds of maintenance in progress. It is pleasing to see health and safety being taken seriously with ground sheets catching anti-foul as it is removed, for example. If you are working on the outside of your boat and need reliable scaffolding, please consider that owned and available at the Club. Ask any of the haulage team for access. The site is looking tidy with rubbish being picked up and binned. If you need to dispose of excess paint, it should be taken to a Resene store. Paint that has dried out can be put in the rubbish. Old engine oil can be disposed of at marinas – Bayswater for example at C or F pier gates.

The new caterers, Matt and Ata of Platter, have now put a few Friday night meals under our belts. By all accounts the meals are tasty and generous and there have been very good turnouts. My first experience will be this Friday so I'm looking forward to a great meal. See you there!

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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>				
Antony & Diana	Reliance	25ft Reactor		
<b>Ordinary Membership</b>				
<b>Associate Membership</b>				
Dennis & Maureen Lineen				

## CALLING OUT FOR A HIGHCHAIR FOR THE CLUB:

### Highchair Needed

The Club's highchair is looking a bit grotty, if you have a highchair in good condition which you would be happy to donate to the Club please email the Commodore: [commodore@dyc.org.nz](mailto:commodore@dyc.org.nz)



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NOTICE

BOARD

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

**T**he 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 15th day of August 2017.

Nominations for the position of Patron, President, Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore must be submitted on the designated nomination form. This form is published separately in this newsletter and is available on request from the Secretary (email: [secretary@dyc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@dyc.org.nz)).

Completed nomination forms for these positions must be received by the Secretary at least one calendar month 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.

Any motion a member wishes to bring to the AGM must be made in writing to the Secretary no later than six days before the date of the AGM.

An AGM agenda is published separately in this newsletter.

The agenda, together with a copy of the 2016 AGM minutes will also be available at the AGM.

Apologies to the Secretary:

Peter Skogstad  
[secretary@dyc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@dyc.org.nz) or 445 3888

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## AGENDA OF THE 94rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB INC

**TUESDAY 15th DAY OF AUGUST 2017 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 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes
6. Commodore's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Matters Arising from the Treasurer's Report
9. Adoption of the 2016/2017 Accounts
10. Setting of Subscriptions for 2017/2018 year and the 2018 / 2019 year (noting new membership types)
11. Appointment of Scrutineers (will be deferred until use of scrutineers necessary)
12. Election of the Patron
13. Election of the President
14. Election of Flag Officers:
  - ☐ Commodore
  - ☐ Vice Commodore
  - ☐ Rear Commodore
15. Election of the Executive Officers:
  - ☐ Treasurer
  - ☐ Sailing Manager
  - ☐ Haulage Manager
  - ☐ Clubhouse Manager
  - ☐ Site Manager
  - ☐ Bar Manager
  - ☐ Communications Manager
  - ☐ Social Manager
16. Election of up to 4 Additional Officers
17. Appointment of Auditor and Honorary Solicitor
18. Election of Safety Officer
19. General Business
20. Closure

Apologies to the Secretary: Peter Skogstad, [secretary@dyc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@dyc.org.nz) of 445 3888

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## THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB (INC). NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned nominate.....for the  
office of:

PATRON  
PRESIDENT  
COMMODORE  
VICE COMMODORE  
REAR COMMODORE

*(Strike out the offices not nominated for)*

Of the Devonport Yacht Club Incorporated for the 2017-2018 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 one calendar month prior to the Annual General Meeting.***

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# OPEN FORUM THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who came and shared – it was an awesome first open forum with lots of good ideas about all sorts of aspects of the Club, giving your management committee plenty to think about.

We will make a list of all the ideas and start to implement as many as we can over the coming months – some will be easy and some will need some more thought and help.

## Membership Project – Call Out for Help!!

We are keen to keep up the momentum of our membership storytelling sparked at the open forum meeting. We'll supplement this with surveys and the like, over time.

As a first step, please take part by sending through the **story of your own membership** - how you see the Club, what it has done for you and how you see the future of the Club. Feel free to use these headings or your own:

- **Who am I?** (your name and a little background)
- **Why did I join the Devonport Yacht Club?**
- **How did I go about joining?**
- **What benefits do I get from being a member?**
- **Would I recommend the club to others?**

Please send through by post to the Club or email to [commodore@dyc.org.nz](mailto:commodore@dyc.org.nz)  
Thank you!







# DYC – Seataalks



Some of you may have seen the wooden tall ship Tenacious in Auckland recently. She was built in Southampton in 2000 and is run by Jubilee Sailing Trust.

July Seataalks features Brian Holmen who will tell us about the work of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. They aim to take both able bodied and disabled to sea. They promotes equality, sharing and show that by working together we can all achieve great things.

## **SEATALKS Devonport Yacht Club**

**7.30pm Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**All welcome. The club bar will be open.**

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# DYC – Seataalks



Tom and Vicky Jackson are internationally recognised for their years cruising and racing exploits aboard Sunstone, their beautifully varnished S&S 40 foot keeler. They lived aboard for over 30 years, sailed over 200,000 miles and won many races.

By popular demand they are back in Auckland and will giving an illustrated talk titled, 'Tips for Cruisers'. This will be

a good opportunity hear some good advice, and pick their brains.

**SEATALKS Devonport Yacht Club**

**7.30pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017**

**All welcome. The club bar will be open.**

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2nd June 2017

Your Friday Night Bistro Menu is available from this Link

## CATERING

We are excited to be welcoming Matt and Ata from Platter Cafe in Devonport as the Club's new caterers! Friday Club nights and functions will all continue as usual. Please join with us to welcome Matt and Ata to the Club and pop down this Friday night to welcome them in.



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## Devonport Yacht Club

### APPAREL and MERCHANDISE



**Polar Fleece**  
½ zip, Unisex  
\$70.00



**Polo Shirt**  
Men's and Ladies styles  
Navy, grey, white  
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# STOP PRESS CONGRATULATIONS TO EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND



The Executive and Members of the Devonport Yacht Club would like to congratulate the team and crew of Emirates Team New Zealand on their wonderful success in winning the recent America's Cup Contest in Bermuda, June 2017.

As we are all aware one of our past members, the Late Sir Peter Blake led Team New Zealand to win and defended this great trophy and we are sure that Grant Dalton (CEO) and his Team will do their best to defend any challenge in the future.

Well Done Kiwi Yachties.



**David  
Martin**

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# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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### Hauraki Gulf VHF Frequencies

Service	Channel	Coverage	Transmission Source
Distress Maritime Radio	16	Complete	Sky Tower
Coastguard	64	Inner Gulf	Moehau
Coastguard	60	Outer Gulf	DYC
Devonport Sports Radio	77	Line of Sight	Sky Tower
Forecast & Nowcasting	19	Inner Gulf	Cape Rodney
	20	Outer Gulf	
Boat-to-Boat	6 & 8	Line of Sight	
Boat-to-Boat Repeaters	03	Western Gulf	Kawau – Grey Heights
	62	Tamaki Strait/Gulf	Waiheke - Maunganui
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DYC Pre Race Start:	77	Devonport Sports Radio	
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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?

**Splice the Mainbrace** - is an order given aboard naval vessels to issue the crew with a drink. Originally, it was an order for one of the most difficult emergency repair jobs aboard a sailing ship; it later became a euphemism for authorized celebratory drinking afterward, and then the name of an order to grant the crew an extra ration of rum or grog. Brace are the lines which control the angle of the yards. On the first rate men-o-war, the mainbrace was the largest and heaviest of all the running rigging; the mainbrace on HMS VICTORY for instance was 5 inches (13 cm) in diameter. Gunners commonly aimed for the ship's rigging during naval battles, with the mainbrace being the prime target. If the mainbrace was shot away, it was usually necessary to repair it during the engagement; the ship was un-maneuvrable without it and would have to stay on the same tack. Even repairing it after the battle was a difficult job; the mainbrace ran through blocks, so it could not be repaired with a short splice or a knot. Splicing in a large run of hemp was strenuous work, and generally the ship's best Able Seaman was chosen to carry out the task under the supervision of the Bosun (Boatswain). On completion of the task, it was customary for the men to be rewarded with an extra ration of rum. The Bosun would take a sip from the ration of each of the men he had selected for task. Eventually the order "Splice the mainbrace" came to mean that the crew would receive an extra ration of rum, and was issued on special occasions: after victory in battle, the change of a monarch, a royal birth, a royal wedding or an inspection of the fleet.

**Dutch Courage** - this term came into use during the 17th century during the Anglo-Dutch Wars. It was believed that the ship's company of Dutch warships were so cowardly that they needed a glass of schnapps before they would sail out and fight the Royal Navy, which given the level of the Dutch attacks on English ports was simply not true.

## 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 aftermath of the storm, and the wreckage of Monarch.

Photo 1: A great shot of four Club members enjoying the ambience of the ubiquitous "Issy Bay Ball".

Photo 2: A nice photo of Royce and Adrienne Cox at the "Issy Bay Ball".

Photo 3: Three of the members putting the food all together for the BBQ.

Photo 4: A great shot of the "Tongmaster" Russ Sommerville at the "Issy Bay Ball".

Chris Leech ED\*

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## Book Review

# OUR SECRET WEAPON.

**By Gun Caundle. Softback. 228 Pages. Black & White Images.**

Our Secret Weapon looks at the history of the P Class using a mix of anecdotal stories and technical detail. It shows the resourcefulness of the young sailors and the fun they had with this demanding little boat. Changes were made to the P class over the years in order for it to survive as a competitive class. Yet it never lost its recognisable features or its quirky characteristics. This tiny yacht has added to the richness of New Zealand's family life over the years and helped forge the characters of many young New Zealanders. Many became famous National and International sailors.



The stories collected are from all types of sailors. "All hell broke Loose" is how Chris Bouzaid recalls an incident while sailing his P class from Great Barrier to Coromandel. Ray Davies tells how he rescued Dean Barker in his P Class and Jo Aleh describes the difficulties she and her family had to overcome in order for her to sail a P Class.

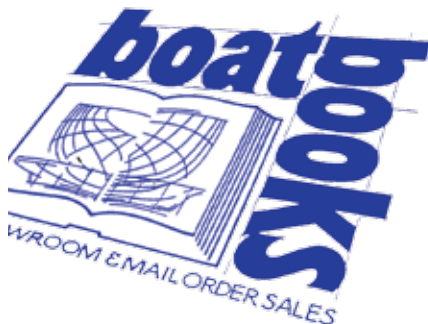
Each story reflects the special place the little yacht has in the hearts of the sailors, which makes this an engaging and entertaining read for anybody, whether they be sailors or not.

\$45.00 Retail

Kind regards,

Marianne

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