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HOME OF THE DUDER CUP



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A REPORT FROM VICE COMMODORE GEOFF EVANS



Spring has sprung, and with daylight saving we can look forward to more time and better weather to be getting on with fitting out for the summer and getting out on the water. This winter's 'big wet' will have been frustrating for those with boats hauled out for winter maintenance. And, with downhaul bookings looming, some will be pretty motivated to finish off before the haulage team get back into action.

Using the last few days as a focus:

- Our new caterers, Matt and Ata from Platter Café, are proving to be a real success. Most Fridays, Jane and I head down for a convivial end of week meal at the Club and we're impressed with the food. I usually go for the fish and chips, but last Friday's offering included lamb shanks, so it was a big night. It was good to see Laura Maguire back from a year away in Melbourne. She ran a Friday night raffle for the first time in ages. This was to raise funds for the newly convened social sailing team's Fitting Out Social coming up Saturday October 7th. This is a 'bring a plate' social occasion, open to all boating and non-boating people, 6.30pm, so please come along.
- On Saturday we strolled up the road to Vauxhall Primary to cast our vote and in the evening a group of colleagues and partners met to watch the results and dissect the politics. However, as forewarned, we will just have to wait for the interested parties to select the next government.
- Sunday was the Devonport Classic, good training for the Auckland half marathon at the end of October. I ran the 15k and got first in my division. Mind you, it's easier to



place well with the few competitors in my category. And that afternoon was our Trinity Church Choir singing "Godspell", a real blast from the past. Ken Smith, DYC works manager, a fellow bass, was also in good voice.

- It's school holidays, so I'm hoping to make progress on boat maintenance including installing new lights, some interior varnishing, and a bit of work on the rig with Steve Ashley.
- The next Seataalk will feature Peter Montgomery on the America's Cup win and some plans for the next one in Auckland.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll see a page requesting your input on the features you would like to see on the MetService website and app. Please partake in the survey. As you'll know, there is a wide range of apps. As smart phones get even smarter and the range of weather information on websites expands, it would be useful if MetService can incorporate more of these desirable functions in one handy place. Perhaps they could also upgrade their information on the tides, as I'm on the lookout for another app. My phone informs me that Shraptime, the app I currently use, is no longer supported by iOS. Does anyone have any suggestions?

The new management committee met for the first time since the AGM. Commodore Tash Strong has a good team and is looking forward to another year steering the Club towards meeting its strategic goals and providing members with great facilities. The membership sub-committee is asking for us to complete our stories and will be planning to survey the membership for their suggestions for future directions for the Club. With regards to this, we have another open forum meeting coming up on 9th November, so please pencil the date in your diaries and come along with your ideas.

The social committee is back in action, consisting of Gayle Morris, Michael Yalland, and myself. A number of socials are being planned, including a quiz night (trivial pursuits with a nautical theme!) on 18th November, a wine tasting evening, and some music in the new year. We'll keep you posted, and do please let us know what you'd like to see.

Andy Mason and the sailing committee have put together another great programme for the coming sailing season. Do come along to the Skippers Briefing on Thursday 12th October, from 7pm. This is our opportunity to hear the details, air any queries on starting procedures, and the courses, etc. And this is when we can put our entries in and get our copy of the DYC yearbook. Jane and I hope to increase our participation in this programme. The cruising races are a real highlight for us and, if we could pull a Friday sickie, we could even consider joining the 3-Handed Gulf Rally!

A friend of mine alerted me to this website: <https://www.offcenterharbor.com/>. If you haven't come across it yet, I highly recommend it. The Off Centre Harbour website is full of amazingly useful and well produced videos of yachts and yachting, boat building, fitting out, and boating wisdom. The videos on sail trim were enough to persuade me to subscribe!

According to weather guru and former MetService weather ambassador, Bob McDavitt in his latest weather blog, we're neither in an El Nino or La Nina climate pattern at present. So, it's unclear what sort of summer we'll have. But wherever you'll be, here's wishing you fair winds and good sailing!

Geoff Evans
26th September 2017

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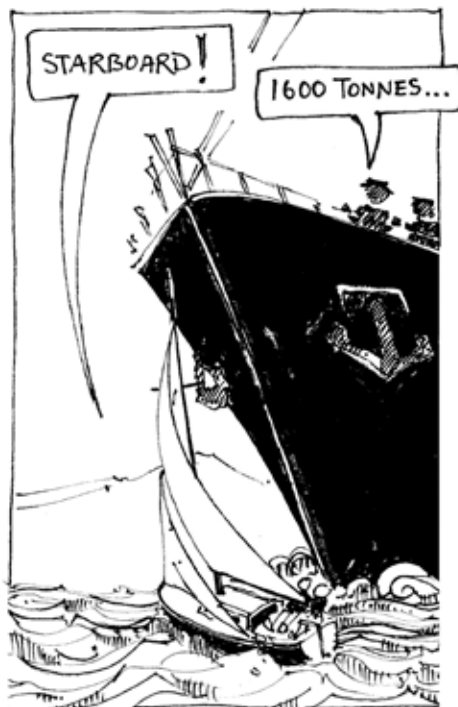
DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

DYC NEW MEMBERSHIP

Member	Boat Name	Design	Sail#	Call Sign
Family Membership				
George Stachnik & Jenny Parsons	Tiki II	36ft Vindex Launch		ZMT7344
Junior Membership				
Antonia Kayrouz		24ft Keeler Harmonic	2044	
Ordinary Membership				
Brett & Julie Wilkinson				



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BOOK DONATION

Don Mason, publisher of our Newsletters and Yearbook (Ace-Hi Typing Services) has donated a considerable number of marine related books including the following titles:


TITLE	AUTHOR
Mullet Boats	Noel Mitchell
Splendour Under Sail	Ron Holland
The Logans	Robin Elliot and Harold Kidd
Emmy	Robin Elliot
Cruising Under Sail	Eric Hiscock
A Yachtsman's Memories of Long Ago	Ronald Carter

For new members and those unfamiliar with the system; books may be borrowed for a limited period from the Club Library on an honesty basis.

The library is located at the far end of the Members' lounge.

Books on those shelves are refreshed approximately every three months.

Colin Tubbs
Honorary Club Historian



MOORING FOR SALE

- \$1890
- #SF002 Stanley Bay
- Currently occupied by keeler with 1.65m draft
- Length 10m Mooring hardware, 4 x RWW= 1000kg
- Next inspection due July 2019

Contact: Matthew
021411979

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SOCIAL CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS TO
PUT WIND IN YOUR SAILS.

RAFFLES: 1st Friday
of every month.

**NAUTICAL
QUIZZ NIGHT:** SAT NOV 18
7.30p.m.

- Quizmaster Geoff Evans.
Get a table of 6 or we'll
find you a team

CONTACT GAYLE: gayle.e.morris@gmail.com
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FOR SALE

230A TERMINATOR INFLATABLE DINGHY

The Good:

Dinghy is approximately 8 years old and is in generally good condition. No leaks from any of the 5 compartments. Comes with pump, oars and bag ie it's all there.

The Bad:

The glue has started to let go most noticeably on the transom to pontoon joint. Terminator boats want \$600 to repair. Someone with the time and inclination could carry out the repairs themselves and have a cheap tough little inflatable.

We used the boat on our Townson 25' (it just fitted on the foc'sle). We have a new tender with our new boat.

Will exchange with a DYC member for a decent bottle of wine.

Blair. blaircliffe@xtra.co.nz 027 2954 426



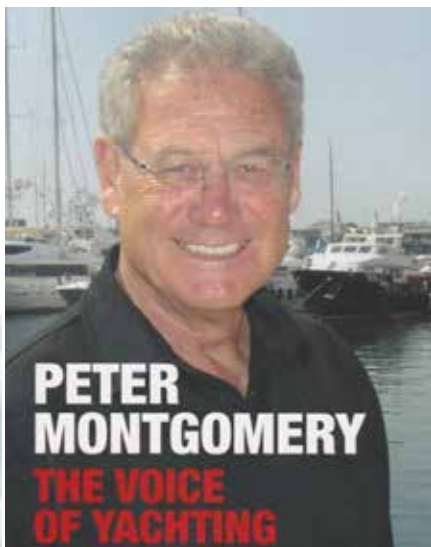
GOOD NEWS!

Not only has DYC contributed to the installation of a defibrillator at Oneroa Beach on Waiheke Island, but we are getting one of our own. The Club defibrillator will be mounted in a marine-proof box on the front wall of the Club. This location will make it available, not only for Club use, but for the community as well. There will be a training evening for the Club and community members in the near future.





DYC – Seataalks



Peter Montgomery

‘The voice of yachting’ Peter Montgomery will be our speaker for October Seataalks. He will tell us about the successes of the 2017 campaign and hopefully plans for the defence in Auckland. More details to follow (but book in the date).

SEATALKS Devonport Yacht Club

7.30pm Thursday 26th October 2017

All welcome. The Club bar will be open.

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DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB OPEN FORUM

Thursday, 9 November 2017

***From 7.30pm – bar will be open and a
light supper served***

An open forum for Members

To talk about any aspect of the Club over a drink
with the Managing Committee and other Club
members

Please come along and share your views
on how well the Club serves your needs
and any other bright ideas, questions,
concerns or feedback you have
– both good and bad!

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AROUND THE YARD

This is a cautionary tale about two yachts, over eighty years apart, each with a connection to Devonport Yacht Club and Challenger Island off the South coast of Kawau.

Firstly, we have the forty foot Colin Archer designed and built 'Teddy'. She was built in 1893 in Larvik, Norway, as a pilot boat. Around 1930, she was de-commissioned because power boats became a necessity. She was then taken on a world cruise by Erling Tambs, who arrived in Auckland with his wife Julie, toddler son Tony, and the family dog, 'Spare Provisions', in January 1931. While here, he was challenged to an ocean race to Sydney against Oimara and Rangi. Leaving his wife and Tony ashore, he took a crew of keen yachties to win the first race for the Trans-Tasman Cup. While he was away, his wife had added a new member to the family, who was named Tui, a good New Zealand name.

The Devonport Yacht Club offered to haul up Teddy free of charge and the family rented a little house at Cheltenham for four months. With the honorarium from an article in the 1931 National Geographic magazine, he gave the boat a full refit.

Then followed a trip to Tonga and the Tauranga Race, as well as gulf cruising.

Thirteen months after arriving in Auckland, they took their departure from Auckland toward Brisbane in an easterly. As they had many gifts and last minute stores to stow, they ran into Mansion House Bay on Kawau. They went alongside the pier, as the anchor was lashed in the forepeak and the chain stowed in the stern. Then followed three days of northeast gales and on ninth of March, they sailed in a light southeasterly on Teddy's last voyage. The course was southerly and they were well to windward of the southern point of Challenger Island, but the tide was setting them strongly toward that point. Teddy missed stays in the light breeze and desperate use of the sweep oar caused it to break. The spinnaker pole was no substitute and the remainder of the swell from the previous gale lifted the Teddy onto the rocks and she started to break up. Erling managed to get Tony and the baby onto the rock and Julie, who was washed overboard, made her way ashore as well. A fishing launch picked them up with their dog 'Spare Provisions' and took them back to Kawau.

Footnote:

The photograph of Teddy from DYC archives shows she was on a borrowed cradle on hardwood ways and would have been hauled above high water as was the practice at the time. Other photos are from National Geographic December 1931 (G Pettersen personal collection).

Erling Tambs' book 'Cruise of the Teddy' is available on order from your local library.

The second boat is Maia, a 28 foot Ghost design by Bert Woollacott, built in 1956. Maia is owned by Fletch, Daniel, and their father Jeff Cook in partnership and is hauled out in the seaward row closer to the Scout Den. She is mostly used for fishing with their mates, with occasional cruises to Great Barrier and Waiheke. Her mooring is in Jamieson's Bay in the Mahurangi, so most of the fishing expeditions are in the Kawau Bay area. They have had the boat for 3 years and the current work involves burning off the paintwork on the topsides, removal of stanchions, as well as pulpit repairs, and a new bowsprit. Jeff, who is a boatbuilder, arrived at the boat with the new mahogany sprit varnished and ready to install.



The altercation with Challenger Island started with the arrival at the fishing spot at 4am on a very dark night. Fletch shut off the engine and going forward to drop the anchor, he realised he was too close to the island. He ran back to the engine, which failed to start. Fletch sheared off the rock, anchored, and tailed back toward Challenger Island, which was then about 5 metres from the stern. Fishing was good and spearfishing for trevally and blue maumau was successful. At slack tide, Fletch dived on the anchor in 12 metres and moved it a little way to seaward. Later, Fletch tried to haul in the anchor quickly to sail away, but the tide had turned and the boat paid off on the wrong tack, resulting in a bow-on collision with the rock that broke the bowsprit. He leapt into the water between the rock and the boat. In water up to his chest, he managed to push the bow off and move hand-over-hand aft along the rail as the sail filled and the boat cleared the rock. In reply to a phone call, his father advised him to sail only downwind and secure a spare halyard to the stemhead to save the mast. The return trip to the Mahurangi was now in freshening winds and the bowsprit failed but the boat was saved.



Maia with the broken bowsprit



*Maia's new bowsprit
ready to go on*

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Geoff With Maia



Teddy hauled out at DYC



Tony, the son of the owner on board Teddy



Teddy hauled out for a clean



Erling Tambs taking a sight

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Teddy sailing on Auckland Harbour at the start of the Trans Tasman race



Tambs' family in their pram dingy

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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?

Couple of Shakes - the sailor's way of measuring a short period of time alludes to the speed with which a sail would begin to shake if the helmsman allowed the ship to head too closely to the wind.

Cracking On - to 'crack on' meant that a ship would set more sail in order to increase its speed. The word relates to the loud retorts which are heard as the straining sails and sheets are eased.

Out of the Blue - something totally unexpected. Is short for 'out of a clear blue sky'. A naval example is HMS Eurydice. She was a few miles out of Portsmouth on a calm sunny day with clear blue skies when a squall struck and she was sunk with the loss of 368 men. Thirty minutes after the sinking the weather had returned to near-perfect conditions.

On the Wagon - those who were to be executed in the 17th century were taken on a wagon to where they would be hung. As they passed pubs on the way the hosts would offer the condemned man a beer. The driver would always say "not for him, he's on the wagon." It now means a person who has abstained from drinking.

Small Arms - this term seems to have come into use in the 17th century. In 1683 the office Keeper of our Small Arms was instituted in England.

CR Leech ED*
Past Commodore



Pictures:

Left: The Devonport Ferry Ticket Office being lifted by the Floating Crane before being transported to the Current DYC Clubhouse Site. Circa 1927.

Right: The Devonport Ferry Ticket Office. Circa 1909

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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.

Last Month's Photos.

Photo 1: The Members' from the DYC, and the Lion New Zealand Supporters are all onboard.

Photo 2: Another shot of the Members' from the DYC,.

Photo 3: A great shot of the late Sir Peter Blake at the helm

Photo 4: The mighty "Paea" leads the RNZN Chico 40's, with "Men at Work", with Dave Sweetman at the helm.

Chris Leech ED*

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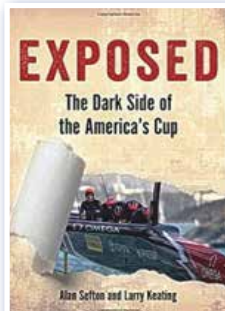
Book Review

EXPOSED. THE DARK SIDE OF THE AMERICA'S CUP

By Larry Keating & Alan Sefton. Paperback, 234mm x 153mm, 304 pages, 0.31kg. Colour Photographs. Published 2017

The America's Cup has always been a hotbed of unbridled ambition, personal agendas, intrigue, spying and, more recently, hard-fought court cases - and that's before the boats even get out on the water to race...

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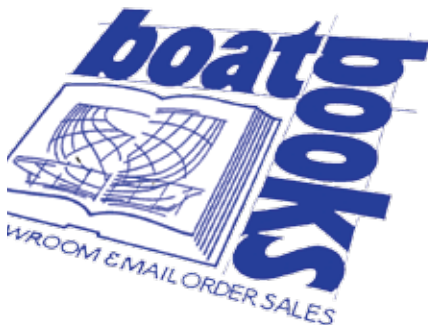


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