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HOME OF THE DUDER CUP



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A REPORT FROM CLUB PRESIDENT PETER STRATHDEE



A word on Health and Safety

I have been engaged in the construction industry for most of my working life. Over that time there has been an ever increasing focus on health and safety in the work place. In the years gone by, it was the common conception that the employer had the duty of care; to keep everybody safe. Now under the Health and Safety Act, employers and employees have an equal responsibility for their and their fellow workers safety.

As winter haulage will be commencing shortly, we will see the yard, once again, filled with boats hauled and stored for winter maintenance. While we have a dedicated and well-trained team carrying out this operation, we all need to be vigilant and mindful of what is going on in the yard. If you see anything in or around the Club house, that could pose a danger or could cause injury, please bring it to the attention of a committee member.

For the boat owners among you, winter is a good time to carry out checks on all your safety gear. Are your flares still OK or out of date? Do your torches batteries need replacing? Do your fire extinguishers need servicing? Is the EPRB still in test? Have your life jackets and safety harnesses been serviced and checked lately? It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure all safety gear is currently up to date and up to the required standard.



While we are on rules and regulations;

As you are aware members are most welcome to bring guests into the Club at any time. However, under the licencing laws, when members bring guests into the Club, they must be signed in by that member. The member is then responsible for the guests. The police do carry out random checks on clubs etc. and to avoid embarrassment, please ensure all your guests are signed in correctly.

Last Saturday I was under the boat, which was on the hard at Gulf Harbour, carrying out the usual two yearly re-antifouling, when friends from the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club came along to see what I was up to and to offer me some encouragement. During the conversation, I enquired how they were and what had they had been up too. Their reply was, oh we are just in the final stage of preparations and provisioning of the boat and we are setting off, weather permitting, to the islands in early May. This made me very envious, to say the least, and started me thinking of the great sailing trips I was lucky enough to enjoy in years gone by. They include the following;

1979 – Auckland Fiji Yacht race in a Pacific 38ft.

1981- The Whangarei to Noumea Yacht Race in a Mobjack 45ft

1984 - Bay of Island to Papeete, Tahiti Yacht Race in Mull 40ft, visiting Bora Bora, Moorea, Tahaa, Islands and the Taumatu atoll, in French Polynesia. We then sailed to Niue Island, Rarotonga, Vava'u in the northern Tonga Group, down to Nukualofa, across to Fiji, and then home to NZ. Three months away.

1987- Ten months cruising on a Salthouse 48ft up to Vanuatu, then up through the Solomon Islands, from there across to Cairns, and down the east coast inside the barrier reef, stopping at places like Townsville, Bundaberg, McKay, Gladstone, Hamilton Island, and so on down to Brisbane.

What experiences and tales I could tell, perhaps one day in a future newsletter.

All these places are wonderful, and I have some really great memories, but it is hard to beat what we have here right on our door step, here in the Hauraki Gulf and along the Northland coastline. Make the most of it - the wonderful beaches and country we have. See you at the Club

Peter Strathdee
President



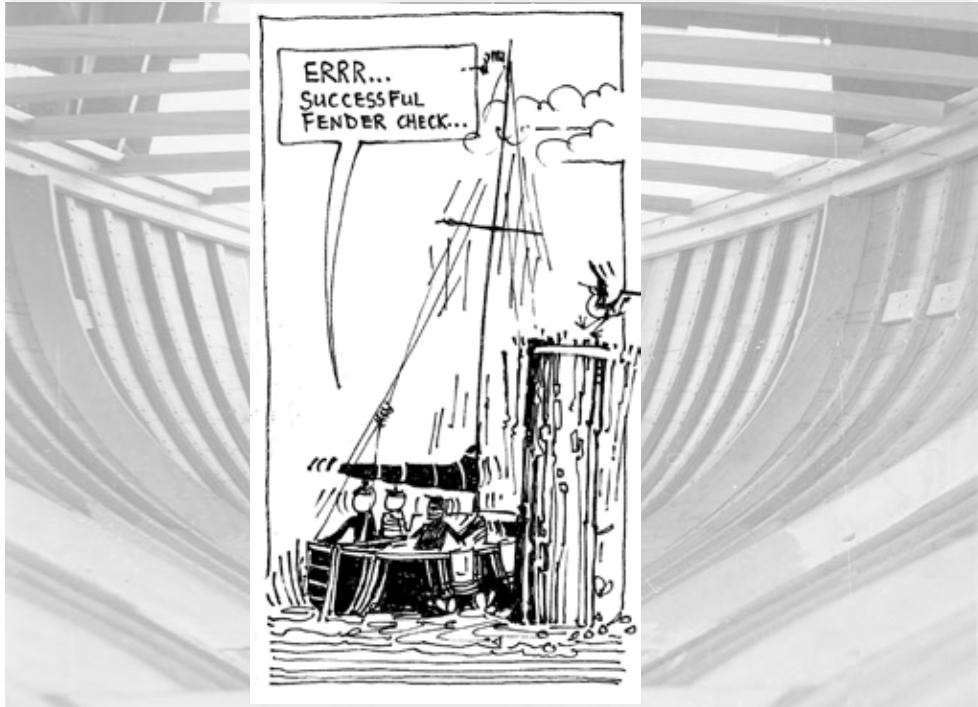
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DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

DYC NEW MEMBERSHIP				
Member	Boat Name	Design	Sail #	Call Sign
Associate Individual Membership				
Alastair Caldwell				
Stuart Miller				
Petko Petrov				
Kate Ellingham				
Associate Family				
Dennis & Vera Hilton				



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GUEST SIGN IN

Please remember to sign your guests in when you invite them along to the Club - and to stay with them at the Club until they leave - so we can continue to meet our obligations under our liquor license."

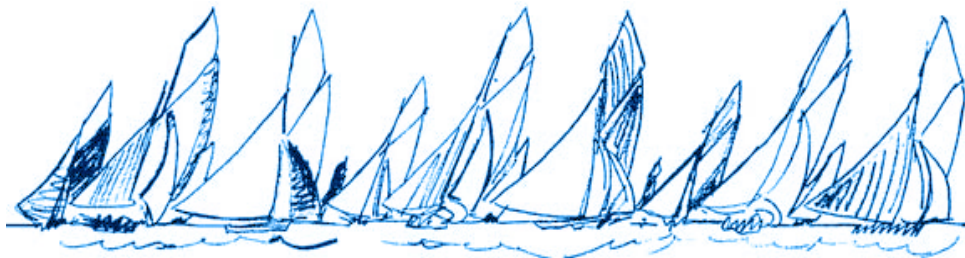


WORKING BEE JOBS – MAY 5TH

In addition to all the usual jobs such as clean out slips, wash windows inside and out, mow lawns, weed edges, grease winches, lube locks and window catches, etc, etc; there are a number of one-off jobs.

Inside: Bar stools need attention (1 person)
Organise kid's toys and bookcase
Clean out cupboard behind trophy cabinet
Kitchen porch: Fix lock on locker, remove birds nest (1 handyperson)

Outside Winch houses reroof. Richard Darke lead, needs 2 helpers
Dingy ramp: water blast (1 person)
Dingy ramp: repair timber rail edging (2 people)
Wheelchair ramp: replace edge rail (1 person)
Dingy Lockers: repair timber as required, (Ivan, if available, and another)
Dingy Lockers: repaint as many as possible in time available (3 or more painters)





DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB - PRIZE GIVING 2018 - 26TH MAY

As the 2017/2018 sailing season slips over the horizon, our thoughts turn to the annual prize giving event and how best to celebrate the skills, endurance and successes achieved by those that supported and took part in the sailing events.

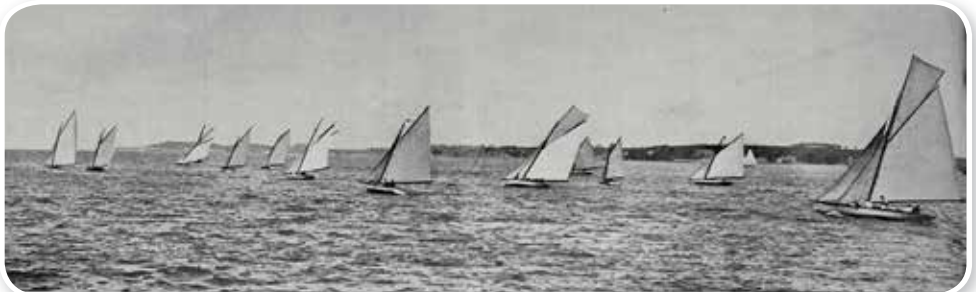
Over the past few years, the Sailing Committee has become increasingly aware and concerned by the limited focus and attention, during the prize giving evening, on the yachts, sailors and the rich history of Devonport Yacht Club and the trophies that are presented.

To put the focus and attention back onto the celebration of the sailing at DYC, the Sailing Committee are introducing a new format for Prize Giving in 2018. The aim is to deliver a more inclusive event that allows time to recognize the achievements of the sailors during the season and recognizes the legacy of sailing at Devonport.

The Prize Giving will be an early evening event, with light refreshments being provided, in place of the formal sit down meal. All of the trophies will be on display with a fact sheet detailing the history of each trophy. The format of the presentation of the trophies will also be on a more individual basis and include, where possible, the race sponsors. Various other enhancements are also being planned, which will become evident at the event.

The Prize Giving event is open to all Club members and not just the sailors or trophy winners. The event will be publicized in the usual way and tickets will be on sale shortly. The Sailing Committee are excited to introduce the new format and hope as many members as possible will join us at the celebration.

Date: 26th May 2018
Time: 1700hrs to 1900hrs
Refreshments: A glass of champagne on arrival followed by finger food.
Dress Code: Smart casual
Tickets: \$15 per head



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WORLD SAILING'S DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

An annual workshop for Member National Authorities to share and discuss training and development initiatives, will head to Auckland, New Zealand in 2018.

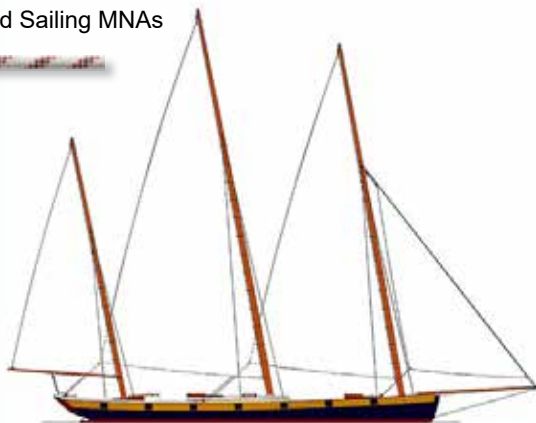
From 2-4 May 2018, The Spencer on Byron Hotel will host the first Development Symposium held in the Oceanic region. Previous hosts include Ireland, Argentina, South Africa, Singapore and the USA.

Held in collaboration with Yachting New Zealand and Oceanic Sailing, the Development Symposium directly compliments the work of World Sailing's Development and Regions Committee.

Since the Symposium's inception in 2012, each report helps World Sailing to gather valuable information on how its work can continue to develop, giving those delegates present from new or emerging nations a much-needed chance to have their voices heard. The Symposium will be made up of interactive workshops, keynote speeches, and networking opportunities to enable delegates to gain a deeper understanding of worldwide development to help shape their national programs.

Topics on the 2018 World Sailing Development Symposium agenda include:

- Participation sailing vs performance sailing
 - Access to participation sailing and performance sailing
 - MNA analysis and strategic planning
 - Marketing and promotion
 - Volunteer engagement
 - Learn to sail and education programmes
 - Organisational funding
 - High-performance coaching
 - Race management
 - Para World Sailing activities
- The Symposium is open to all World Sailing MNAs



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DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB

OPEN FORUM

Thursday, 14 June 2018

From 7.30pm – bar will be open - bring a plate

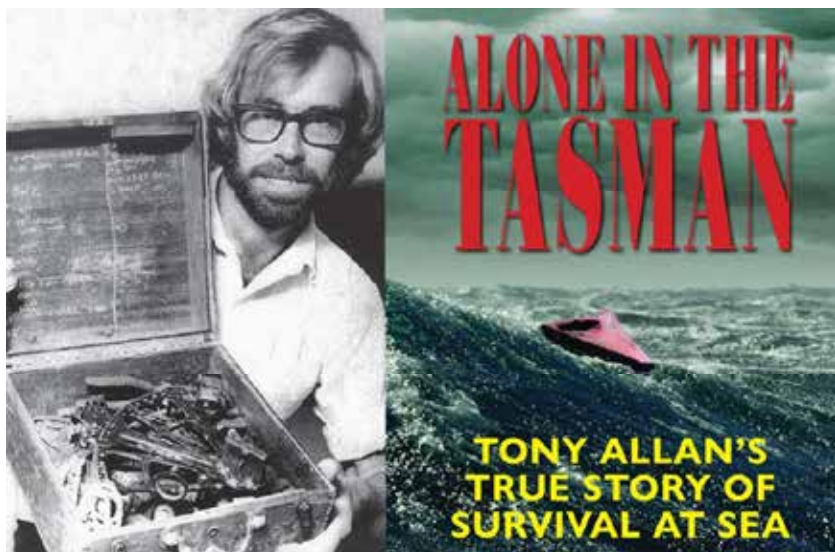
An open forum for Members
to talk about any aspect of the Club over a drink
with the Managing Committee and other Club members

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!





DYC – Seataalks



Alone in the Tasman

May's Seataalks features a true story of survival at sea. After capsizing his boat, Tony Allan spent 20 days adrift in his liferaft with no radio contact, the longest known survival on the Tasman Sea.

This is a great opportunity to hear Tony Allan talk about his experiences and his new book.

SEATALKS Devonport Yacht Club

7.30pm Thursday 10th May 2018

All welcome. The club bar will be open.

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START AND FINISH OF SINGLE HANDED RACE

APRIL 14, A RAINY, WINDY DAY

- 301 ----- GALE FORCE and ZEPPPO get away at start .
- 303 ----- Marge Ward holds up RECALL signal for GALE FORCE.
- 304 ----- GALE FORCE returns to recross.
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- 313 ----- Second and third boats, WILD OATS and ZEPP approaching the line.

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131-YEAR-OLD MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE FOUND ON AUSTRALIAN BEACH

The oldest yet found, the relic was thrown into the Indian Ocean by German sailors conducting an experiment

By Brigit Katz [smithsonian.com](https://www.smithsonian.com) March 7, 2018 3.7K20654.1K

In 1886, sailors on a German ship tossed a bottle into the Indian Ocean as a way of measuring the currents. Inside was a note politely requesting that the finder record details of where and when the bottle was discovered. But nobody came across the bottle until January of this year, when, as Naaman Zhou reports for the Guardian, a woman stumbled upon the relic on a beach in Western Australia.

Tonya Illman was exploring the dunes near Wedge Island, located around 110 miles north of Perth, when she saw an interesting-looking bottle lying in the sand. She picked it up, thinking it would make a nice display piece for her home. Illman handed the bottle to her son's girlfriend, Bree Del Borrello, who spotted a tightly rolled note inside.

The letter was too damp to open, so Illman later popped it in her oven to dry it out. When she and her family unfurled the note, they could see it was printed on both sides in German. The family also noticed handwritten lettering, much of it badly faded.

"I could easily make out the day and month—June 12th—but the year was harder to decipher," Kym Illman, Tonya's husband, explains on a website he created to detail the discovery. Kym could also see the word "aula," leading him to suspect that the bottle may have been thrown from a ship christened Paula.

The Illmans contacted Ross Anderson, a curator at the Western Australia Maritime Museum, who confirmed that he had found an entry for a 19th-century ship named Paula in the Lloyd's Register, which has records of merchant ships all the way back to 1764. The museum also reached out to experts in Germany, who were able to track down Paula's meteorological logbooks. In an entry dated June 12, 1886, a "Captain O. Diekmann" noted that a bottle had been thrown overboard. He listed the co-ordinates of the ship's location at the time (around 590 miles off the coast of Australia), which corresponded to co-ordinates specified in the note. The handwriting in the logbook also matched the neat script on the message.

The note's authenticity has been confirmed by the German Naval Observatory, according to Zhou.

"It was like solving a giant puzzle and now that it's been confirmed as legitimate, I can't wait to share our excitement with others," Kym Illman said on his website.

Paula was making its way across the Indian Ocean when the bottle was thrown into the waters. During this period, German sailors tossed thousands of bottles into the ocean as part of an experiment that sought to track the waters' currents. To date, 662 messages from the same experiment have been found, according to Zhou.

At 131 years old, the newly discovered relic may be the oldest message in a bottle ever found. The previous record holder was thrown into the ocean in approximately 1906 by a researcher for the UK Marine Biological Association. It was around 108 years old when it was found in 2015.

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As Gizmodo's Matt Novak notes, it is very rare to discover a centuries-old messages in bottles. If the bottle's seal wears away, the note inside will in all likelihood be destroyed. The Illmans say that the bottle they found did not have a cap, which may suggest that the historic treasure washed ashore before the cap came off. A recent cyclone north of the area where the bottle was found may have disturbed the sands covering the relic, leading to its discovery.

"This has been the most remarkable event in my life," Tonya Illman said in a quote on the family's website. "To think that this bottle has not been touched for nearly 132 years and is in perfect condition despite the elements beggars belief. I'm still shaking."

Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/131-year-old-message-bottle-found-australian-beach-180968381/#22colufJIYuvzsuJ.99>



VISITING COUPLE

Admiring My Clean Dingy – please keep it that way you two!

Frank Warnock



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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.

Did You Know?

Cadre - a skeleton military unit that keeps a structure of officers and ratings so it can be quickly expanded upon mobilisation or to replace casualties. The word comes from the French for frame, via the Italian word quadro or framework and the Latin quadrum or square.

Camp Follower - a term for a civilian who was either officially or unofficially attached to a military unit - camp followers could include wives and traders that supplied items to the men.

Dag - this term comes from a small single-handed firearm introduced in the 16th century for cavalry.

Chatting - we have the soldiers of the First World War to thank for this term. When possible, men would remove their clothing to get rid of the lice. Often men would do this in groups and would pass the time in conversation - this became known as chatting.

Cut of His Jib - in 1848 this was termed a 'naval vulgarism' and originally referred to the person's nose only. It comes from the jib sail and how ships would rig the sail would identify if they were friend or foe.



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NAVY MUSEUM**

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 2004 DYC XMAS cruise to Gt Barrier.

- Photo 1: A great shot the friendly ?? pig that did the rounds of the bay.
Photo 2: A great shot of all the DYC boats that travels to Gt Barrier this year.
Photo 3: A great shot of the raft up in the bay. We all tied our sterns together with inflatable in the space to provide the best location for the XMAS party.
Photo 4: Another great photo of the raft up from the deck of "Castaway".

Chris Leech ED*

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Book Review

SEAFURRERS

By Philippa Sandall

A Cat's-Eye View of Maritime History

We remember the bold seafarers of yore—from Magellan to Shackleton—for their extraordinary exploits: new lands discovered, storms weathered, and battles won. But somehow history has neglected the stalwart, hardworking species who made it all possible . . . yes, the noble cat!

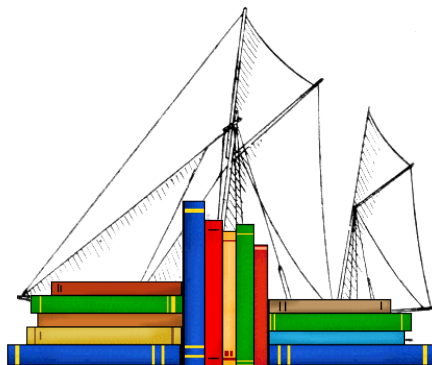
In *Seafurrers*, able sea cat Bart sets the record straight at last. “Fear of water” aside, cats were indispensable at sea—both as pest controllers and as beloved mascots.

This small hardback book recounts thirty-eight feline inspired tales including the adventures of Trim (who circumnavigated Australia), Tom (the sole feline survivor of the sinking of the USS Maine), celebrity cat Simon (a veteran of the Yangtze Incident), and other furry heroes. . .

Filled with Nautical trivia, rare photographs, and whimsical illustrations, this deft genealogy of human-feline friendships will stir your regard for the cat incomparable!

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