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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from Vice Commodore

Blair Cliffe

Well, hello everyone. Is it just me or has it been a funny summer for weather? As a surfer and sailor, I was amazed and frustrated just how long those Easterlies hung in over the summer. No good for surfing up my favourite East Coast and lumpy and bumpy for making the trek North and

South. It even caused the postponement of our premier event The Duder Cup and for those who missed the notice it will now be run on the 23rd April. Let's hope that the weather is kinder to us then. Do consider popping down to the club to see the finish, with a mixed fleet of classic and modern boats it will be a great spectacle.

Covid and all that...

Of course, Covid gets a mention even though I am sure, like me, you all wish it would go away and leave us alone. With the relaxing of Government rules and regulations the club will follow suit. There will be no need to show your vaccine pass after 4 April, thank goodness, though masks and sitting at a table to be served will stay the same.

Friday dinners are proving very popular

It has been very pleasing to see the numbers attending Friday night dinners with Chateaubriant, our new caterer. Although not obviously up to pre-Covid numbers we have seen decent numbers enjoying great food and company. Sixty or so covers was, I think, the call last Friday, which is not bad at all. I encourage those who have not tried the food yet to do so and welcome back to those who have.

Anyone for a spot of dinghy sailing?

In my last newsletter I mentioned that I had been working on my dinghy and encouraged anyone else with a similar sized vessel to get in touch so we could organise an event. That resulted in zero responses! So, either no-one has a small boat, which I know is not true as two Past and Present Flags own rowing/sailing boats, Bill Rimmer I think still has his boats and there must be others. Truth be known, I need a prod to get mine on the water! So come on small boat sailors, rowers, punters, canoes let's have a gathering.

Bunking off for a spot of autumn sailing

As some of you will know I am in the Navy and am working onboard HMNZS MANAWANUI at the moment.

We are due to be away for most of the next two months training up divers, ROV pilots and crane operators. All of this to be able to fulfil one of our primary roles of light salvage. I walked out of my office today and as I

cycled down to the ship, I thought what a glorious day and then saw lots of boats heading down the harbour, including Mike Webster setting sail in Northerner.

I thought, 'well what have I got on this week?' It will be the last chance to enjoy the end of summer and hot days. I quickly realised that I had lined up all the training that it was my remit to do and that it was proceeding smoothly — so I doffed my cap to the Captain and requested permission to take some leave. An answer in the affirmative had me smiling broadly.

So, I will take my leave of you to pack my bag as Emma and I are off sailing for the next few days. Light winds and sunshine is the forecast.

Can't wait.

Blair

Sailing Notices

DYC Racing Results

Race	3 Handed Gulf Rally	C H'Cap	Start		Times		Places	
	Friday, 18 March 2022		9:00:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Hcp.
13	Division A Orange Flag							
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.830	Y	15:34:36	6:34:36	5:27:31	1	1
3246	Kudos	0.780	Y	16:05:19	7:05:19	5:31:45	3	2
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860	Y	15:43:29	6:43:29	5:47:00	2	4
6628	Calypso V	0.780	Y	16:19:35	7:19:35	5:42:53	4	3
1793	Helix	0.745	Y	16:52:40	7:52:40	5:52:08	5	5
			Starts	5	Finishes	5		
Race	3 Handed Gulf Rally	C H'Cap	Start		Times		Places	
	Saturday, 19 March 2022		9:00:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Hcp.
13	Division A Orange Flag							
1793	Helix	0.745	Y	14:11:27	5:11:27	3:52:02	4	1
6628	Calypso V	0.780	Y	13:59:25	4:59:25	3:53:33	3	2
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.830	Y	13:47:25	4:47:25	3:58:33	2	3
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860	Y	13:39:38	4:39:38	4:00:29	1	4
3246	Kudos	0.780	Y	14:17:14	5:17:14	4:07:27	5	5
			Starts	5	Finishes	5		
Race	3 Handed Gulf Rally	C H'Cap	Start				Total	Final
	Final Placings - Overall Result			Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Points	Place
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1793	Helix	0.745	Y	5	1	0	6	3
3246	Kudos	0.780	Y	2	5	0	7	4
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860	Y	4	4	0	8	5
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	Friday, 18 March 2022		9:00:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Hcp.
13	Division B Flag Green							
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	17:23:14	8:23:14	6:09:53	1	1
1622	Pau Hana	0.720	Y	18:04:52	9:04:52	6:32:18	2	2
9384	Sereno	0.730	Y	18:34:48	9:34:48	6:59:36	3	3
3690	Timua	0.730	Y	18:46:40	9:46:40	7:08:16	4	4
			Start	4	Finishes	4		
Race	3 Handed Gulf Rally	C H'Cap	Start		Times		Places	
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1622	Pau Hana	0.720	Y	14:33:05	5:33:05	3:59:49	2	1
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	14:29:05	5:29:05	4:01:53	1	2
9384	Sereno	0.730	Y	14:34:14	5:34:14	4:03:59	3	3
3690	Timua	0.730	Y	14:51:19	5:51:19	4:16:28	4	4
			Start	4	Finishes	4		
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			Start	4	Finishes	4		
NB: Final results when points are equal are based on count back to positions in latest race in the series.								



Sailing Coming Up



**DIVISION 1
DUDER CUP**
Open – with extras
Start 1030hrs

**DIVISION 2
GEORGE WINSTONE JNR**
Classic A & Modern Classics
Start 1035hrs

**DIVISION 3
WOOD SHIELD**
Mullet boats
Start 1040hrs

**DIVISION 4
COL WILD TROPHY &
WOOLLACOTT CUP**
Classic B & Wollacott Design
Start 1045hrs

**DIVISION 5
GAINOR JACKSON**
Open – no extras
Start 1045hrs



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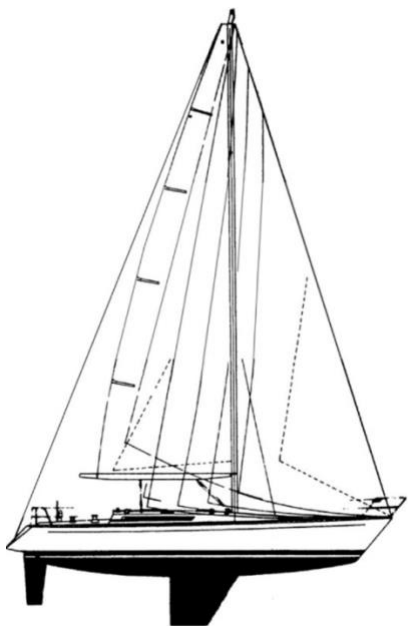
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For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz

Sailing adventures

Seawolf — Father and Son: Part 1



By Geoff Evans

Our son Gareth Evans has been living overseas for over 10 years, working as a geologist in the iron ore industry in Western Australia (WA), and is in the process of sailing his yacht back to NZ.

He's become a fine yachtsman, brought up on our family yachts cruising/racing out of Devonport and the Northland coast.

He bought his boat Seawolf, a 1980s Beneteau First 42, 4 years ago in Pittwater, NSW.

He got her shipshape and then took leave to sail anticlockwise over the top to Australia to WA with his cousin Peter Deverell. They had an exciting voyage; inside the Great Barrier Reef, round Cape York, across Gulf of Carpentaria, exploring the Kimberley's, Montebello's, Abrolhos Islands to Perth, a trip of over four

months. Seawolf has since been based at Fremantle (Fremantle Sailing Club).

Gareth had decided to sail home to Devonport. He and Steve, a fellow kiwi as crew, stranded in WA set off from WA in early February, aiming to dodge the MIQ restrictions by sailing to NZ. Jane and I followed their progress with much interest, battling persistent headwinds round Cape Leeuwin, along the south WA coast then choosing their weather to cross the Great Australian Bight to Port Lincoln, South Australia (SA). Then a sudden change of circumstance; Steve's Kiwi wife had health concerns and he had to return to his family (inc 4 kids) in Whangarei. Gareth was thinking of heading on solo, but with some persuasion from Jane, dad Geoff flew into Port Lincoln 12 March to join ship. What follows are some brief impressions and pics to bring us up to date. We'll hope (!) to write Part 2 for next month's newsletter.

Great flights: I stayed the night with my brother Howard in Sydney then off to Adelaide and Port Lincoln (PLO). I had a moment of panic thinking there wouldn't be enough time to board the flight to PLO, until I realised the SA time zone is half an hour later than Sydney. I had arranged for a small hire car at the airport. Great to join ship and lend a hand with the preparations, with numerous repair jobs including sorting (!) the steering, the Perkins' exhaust manifold,

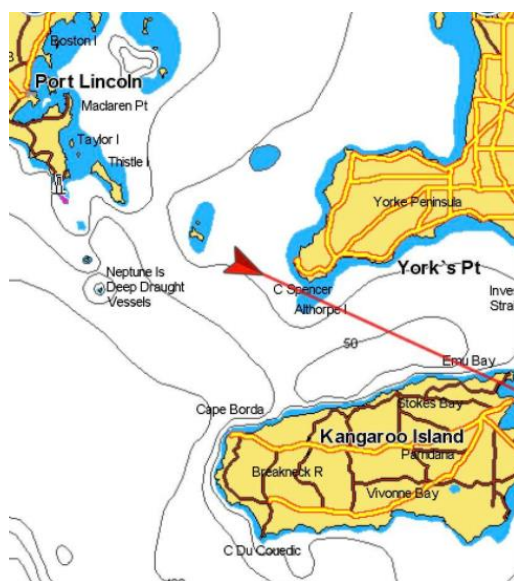


sail repair, provisioning, etc. However, we had time for exploring the area and even fitting in a twilight 'race' on a Falmouth Workboat (a traditional gaff cutter) and making some special friends.

Thursday 17 March, there were awkward moments for us attempting to set off, all with plenty of spectator interest and 'encouragement'. Backing out of the marina we found the steering gear was 180 degrees out, which was so alarming/confusing. We had to stop, and thank goodness managed to rope the ship into another berth. Luckily Graham the ship wright then managed to get aboard to sort the chains and cables out. OMG. We then set off southeast into a 15-25 southerly, took ages overnight avoiding the dangers near Althorpe Island off Cape Spenser, then beating all the next day down Investigator Strait (including an Australian Border Force inquiry) arriving at American Beach Kangaroo Island 1700 having covered 150NM in 29 hours. We were pleased.

The next day we motored up American River on the flood, and with some difficulty got to our allocated mooring. We enjoyed a couple of days there, meals and walks ashore and SUP and fast dinghy rides on the river. on 21 March we scooted down river on the ebb and re-anchored off the beach, to prep ship and cook a few meals to freeze down for the coming trip. We set off at 1800 hrs for Tasmania, beating out of the Backstairs Passage, past Cape Willoughby and out into the Southern Ocean. Gareth had been scheming with departure planning using PredictWind Ocean and managed to find us a reasonably bearable breeze, close hauled on starboard tack over the next few days down past Robe, Portland, then just south of King Island and into the Bass Strait and onto Tasmania. The 4 hours on, 4 hours off was exhausting, but the dolphins, following circling albatrosses and shearwaters kept our spirits high.

After 585NM in 4 days on Friday 25 March in pitch darkness we got to Devonport, Tasmania. We motored against a strong ebb up past huge ferries up to Mersey Yacht Club and berthed there with good facilities, i.e. hot showers and friendly shopping nearby. It's such an industrial bustling place, quite a contrast to our NZ Devonport! The next day we caught the next ebb down to the coast and then motor-sailed along to the Tamar River. We caught the flood tide up to Tamar Yacht Club at Beauty Bay Marina. Apart from the tides, this is a lovely facility for cruising yachties, with thoroughly competent, friendly folk and with a pub, restaurant, and laundry all within walking distance.



Tomorrow, we aim to head across the Bass Strait, firstly to Deal Island then onto Eden and then to clear customs for NZ out of Sydney. My bro Howard has indicated interest in sailing the Tasman with us. He has a Hanse 40, currently berthed in Menorca (we have relatives there), but with Covid, Howard hasn't had much sailing for the last couple of years!

This father and son sailing is fun. We've been really impressed with the help so far from such friendly and amazingly competent people, namely Cookie in Port Lincoln, Carol on VMR at American River, Terry in MYC and Luke at Tamar Yacht Club. Thanks guys!

Geoff Evans 29/3/22



Social Update

Save the Dates!

We have some great events coming up, so put the dates in your diary and we'll have more details soon.

- **DYC PRIZE-GIVING** - Saturday 28th May, from 1700 to 1900 hours. This will follow a 'cups & canapés' format with tickets just \$15 - available at the DYC bar from next Friday 8th April.
- **LAYING UP SUPPER** - Saturday 2nd July. This will be a French-themed dinner & dance catered by our awesome new caterers, Chateaubriant - and promises to be a great night.

Salsa classes start again in May

Sashay along to Salsa class every Wednesday from May 4 at the clubhouse from 7pm.

DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB

SALSA CLASSES
by **Lofty**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
From **May 4 +**

7:00pm



Starter Concession - \$60 for 4 classes*
***carried forward from pre-Covid postponements**

To book contact **Emma** : emmaaw@me.com or 021 172 8454

Covid rules change after April 4 ...

Unfortunately, many of the events we usually enjoy at the clubhouse and out-and-about have been cancelled because of the difficulty of holding them at the old RED setting. The Flags have reviewed how the new settings from April 4 will affect us — and the good news is that vaccine passes will not be required any more.

However, even after April 4, when you come to the Club for Friday Dinner, a casual drink, Seatalk, or other event we ask you to:

- Wear a mask
- Keep away if you're not well
- Sit down — table service will be provided
- Be patient and kind

We're getting there folks!



Flag Hoist Team

We're looking for at least one more local person to help on our flag hoist, one week on, six weeks off!

Please contact Geoff on 021 777251.



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DYC – Seataalks



Chetan Sawyer - The story of Kingfisher: Repatriation of 4 Kiwis Tahiti to Auckland 2021

In late 2021 when MIQ was operating in full capacity as the Hunger Games, 4 kiwis banded together from 4 different continents to get home to their families.

Kingfisher was a Hanse 400 bought in Tahiti to act as the floating MIQ, and after 16 days on the high seas, the intrepid travellers made landfall in the Bay of Islands.

The result will probably remain in their memories as one of the best times of their lives.

Devonport Yacht Club - SEATALKS

7.30pm Thursday 21 April 2022

All welcome. The club bar will be open



DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB LIBRARY

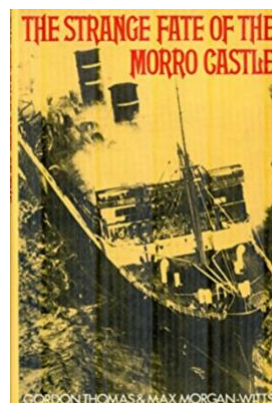
The books reviews below have been supplied by our club librarian, Colin Tubbs.

THE STRANGE FATE OF THE MORRO CASTLE

GORDON THOMAS AND MAX MORGAN-WITTS

The authors have written a spell-binding moment by moment account of one of the most spectacular disasters ever to stir the Atlantic Ocean.

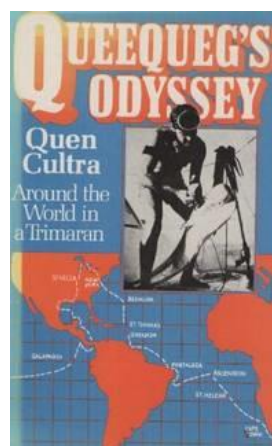
Interviews with eye witnesses, survivors, rescuers, and investigators emphasize the human drama of the ships story, a tale of obvious incompetence, tragedy, heroism and quite possibly murder.



QUEEQUEG'S ODESSY: AROUND THE WORLD IN A TRIMARAN

QVEN CULTRA

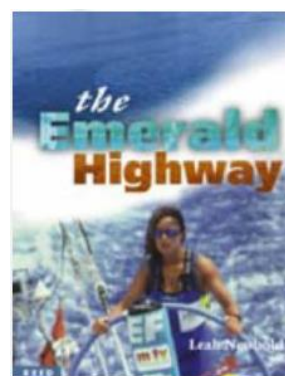
This book describes in detail a modern full container ship. It indicates the functions of the many parts of the ship and how the various technical sections combine to work together. It also describes the work of the crew that serves such a complicated whole. Informative pictures and drawings give a graphic idea of what happens on the ship.



THE EMERALD HIGHWAY

LEAH NEWBOLD

The author had little money and no experience in boat construction, sailing or navigation. Yet he set off with friends staying long enough in each port to really sample the local cultures and sights. He was rammed by a freighter off Madagascar, survived a hurricane, was becalmed, ran out of fresh water in the doldrums, attacked by sharks in side the Great Barrier Reef and washed up on a deserted coast.



YACHT RACING RULES

ROBERT M BAVIER

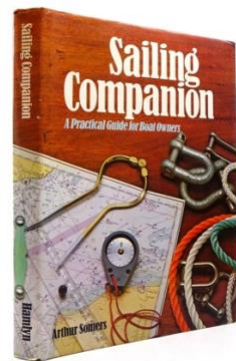
Completely Revised Edition based on the International Yacht Racing Union Rules (IYRU) 1961.



SAILING COMPANION: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR BOAT OWNERS

ARTHUR SOMERS

Self-explanatory!

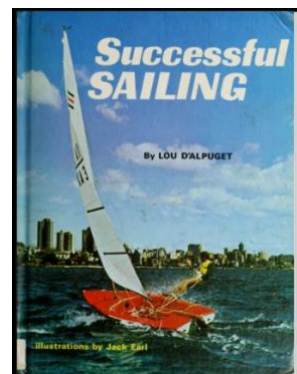


SUCCESSFUL SAILING

LOU D'ALP

Illustrations by Jack Earl

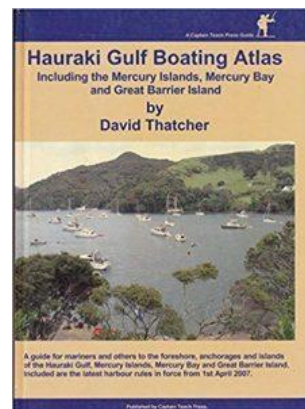
AUSTRALIA'S LEADING YACHTING WRITER and BROADCASTER



HAURAKI GULF BOATING ATLAS, INCLUDING MERCURY ISLANDS, MERCURY BAY AND GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

DAVID THATCHER

A Guide for Mariners and Others to the foreshore, anchorages, and islands of the Hauraki Gulf. Included are the latest harbour rules in force from 1 April 2007.



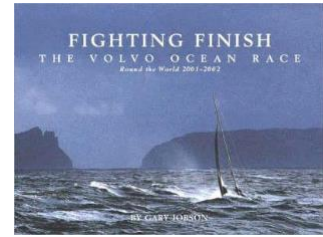
FIGHTING FINISH

GARY JOBSON

The Volvo Ocean Race Round the World 2001-2002. Includes many splendid photographs by Rick Tomlinson and other world class photographers.

Satellite communications bring unprecedented pictures and emails from all the boats to tell the story as it unfolded, as it has never been told before. This book is the official presentation of the race with dramatic photography and behind the scenes quotes from participants, you will feel like you were there!

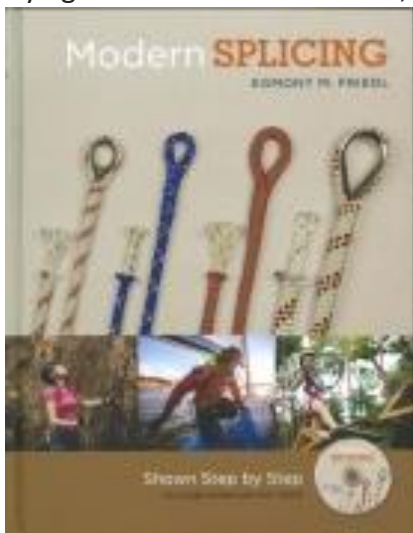
Enjoy!



Book Review from Boat Books

MODERN SPLICING

By Egmont M Friedl. HardBack,



192 pages, Colour Photos & DVD.

Published 2021.

\$95.00

A splice gives the strongest way of attaching or joining the end of a rope to any object or to another rope. (Every knot, on the other hand, weakens a rope.) In this much-anticipated handbook, world-renowned expert Egmont Friedl guides you through modern splicing techniques with his clear directions, one-of-a-kind colour diagrams, and 200+ colour photos.

The book is supplemented by four-plus hours of excellent video instruction. Throughout, every type of splice is shown by an expert climber and shipbuilder.

Learn what to know before starting to splice, then build a solid understanding and competence of modern cordage, its construction, and its fibre materials.



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