

#### February 2021

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#### FROM THE QUARTERDECK



A Report from The Commodore Hugh Pollock

After a vastly different 2020-year 2021 is underway with a reassuring if somewhat uncertain outlook. Many of us are feeling deprived of the opportunity to explore overseas activities and indeed activities in New Zealand are somewhat dampened, The Americas Cup to mention but one example dear to our hearts. Many of our members have been and are determined to take advantage and explore more of New Zealand both on the water and by

other means. And, while this is happening, we have got a weather eye on things that matter, the economy and vaccinations for example.

It is worth remembering that, despite the disruptions of 2020, Devonport Yacht Club has made some good progress, progress that at the time seemed unlikely. Our plans to upgrade the kitchen could easily have gone awry but the upgrade is now complete. Generous donations by many members put enough security into our finances to enable us to replace two haulage trolleys a safety issue that has needed solving for some time. I have mentioned in the past the skills that our members make available to the club that make a huge difference and many thanks go to Nigel Wilson for his untiring efforts on all thing's haulage.

And the Americas Cup. Thanks to some hard work by Mark Clough the overhead projector and screen will be replaced by a state-of-the-art television which will not only improve watching the cup but vastly improve our regular Seatalks and other presentations. We are hoping to have it installed for the Prada Cup finals, but that is dependent on supply issues.

Those of us who have been at the club for the early Prada Cup races have been



thrilled to be watching progress on the telly and switching attention to the harbour as competitors roar into sight and we are eagerly anticipating further action.



The first half of our 2020/2021 sailing season went according to plan but already this year there have been disruptions caused by the cup. Our opening Night Race to Mahurangi had to be rescheduled with earlier or out of harbour starts. I sat this one out this year and have not yet heard how it went.

We are now hearing reports of another great cruising season over summer and seeing the evidence in sun browned happy club members telling their tales at club gatherings. The indomitable Jan Beydal cruising singled handed in Marlborough Sounds and Treasurer Grant Daniel having spent indeterminate hours brining Zeppo up to cat 2 also headed to the Sounds, filling one of those bucket-list items (in less modern terms 'scratching an itch'). And many more members visiting favourite haunts on our Auckland/Northland coast. If you have had a great adventure feel free to write up it for inclusion in our newsletter. Please send your material to newsletter@dyc.org.nz

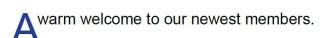
One of my tasks as Commodore is keeping a weather eye on our various

positions on the committee and making sure they are filled successfully. If you, or a friend maybe, feel you have useful skills you could use to our collective benefit please feel free to whisper them to any committee member. In a perfect world filling these positions would be easy of course but not nearly so in practice.

In conclusion then, enjoy the rest of the summer.



## **DIRECTORY UPDATE**





New Member	Member Type				
Philip & Mary-Jane Lendich	Family				
Robyn Fond	Associate Individual				
Rajan & Jemma Patel	Family Associate (rejoining)				
Giovanni Dozzi & Nicky Sturrock	Family Associate				
Bram & Emma Kukler	Family				
Simon Watts MP	??				
Mark & Pia Hayman	Associate Family				
Heather Williams	Associate Individual				

#### On the water

# **DYC Cruise the Northland** coast



Soon after Christmas Northerner, Temua, Sereno, Hautere and Renown enjoyed some good SW breezes heading north for New Year. We all met up and saw the new year in at Waitepipi Bay, Whangaroa with eats and drinks on the beach then a sing-along aboard Northerner.







Temua continued her travels round North Cape and down to Marlborough Sounds





Later in the Bay of Islands Northerner and Renown raced in the Tall Ships Regatta and did well, and thoroughly enjoyed the hangi and the prize giving along with about a thousand others!



Northerner got line honours



and Renown was both third over the line and on handicap, and because Renown was the first wooden boat on handicap she won the prestigious Joe Cotton trophy.



Russell Boating Club			COURSE	& WIND: enter co	Classic		
_	Or: Z = Zeke Patterson (gaπers) I = Joe  Cotton (timber boat) J = Junk					Final Results	2021
	Ship	T/Z	T.C.F.	Elapsed Time	Line	Corrected Time	Place
40	Slipstream	0.000	0.600	2:51:26	4	1:42:52	1
41	Shanty	Z	0.419	4:12:08	28	1:45:34	2
9	Renown	Т	0.732	2:51:20	3	2:05:23	3
3	Aramoana	Т	0.734	2:51:53	6	2:06:14	4
29	Caprice	Т	0.775	2:46:19	2	2:08:52	5
22	Nexus	0.000	0.702	3:07:15	11	2:11:27	6
31	Fairsky	0.000	0.730	3:01:10	9	2:12:18	7
1	Vim	T	0.786	2:51:36	5	2:14:51	8
21	Wetherley	0.000	0.780	2:53:13	8	2:15:07	9
2	Corona	Z	0.790	2:52:28	7	2:16:15	10
28	Northerner	Т	0.890	2:38:47	1	2:21:19	11
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Renown had plenty of good times with family and friends up north and headed back to Devonport via Great Barrier and Mahurangi

## Club Racing 2021

The spectacular summer weather has continued, and we've enjoyed some well organised and fun racing. Here are some results from DYC races so far

	Mahurangi Night	С						
Race	Race	H'Cap	Start		Times		Pla	ces
	Friday 29th January 2021		11:30:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Нср.
	Division							
#	В							
	Green Flag							
9526	Time	0.700	Y	14:46:40	3:16:40	2:17:40	2	1
5609	Matai	0.715	Υ	14:49:15	3:19:15	2:22:28	3	2
4325	Angel	0.750	Υ	14:42:00	3:12:00	2:24:00	1	3
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.810	Υ	15:03:06	3:33:06	2:52:37	4	4
624	Loose Unit	0.665	Υ				DNF	DNF
5235	Charleston	0.655	Υ				DNF	DNF
			Starts	6	Finishes	4		

Race	Mahurangi Night Race Friday 29th January	C H'Cap	Start		Times		Pla	ces
	2021		16:10:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Нср.
#	Division A							
	Orange Flag							
43	Northerner	0.850	Υ	18:12:37	2:02:37	1:44:13	1	1
5001	Renown	0.790	Υ	18:22:14	2:12:14	1:44:28	2	2
3246	Kudos	0.755	Υ	18:29:40	2:19:40	1:45:27	5	3
6628	Calypso V	0.760	Y	18:31:36	2:21:36	1:47:37	6	4
NZL442	Explorer	0.820	Υ	18:24:22	2:14:22	1:50:11	3	5
9776	Floki	0.815	Υ	18:26:22	2:16:22	1:51:08	4	6
6050	Perfection	0.710	Υ	18:47:43	2:37:43	1:51:59	7	7
			Starts	7	Finishes	7		

Race	Round the Islands - Mahurangi	C H'Cap	Start		Times			ices
	31/01/2021		10:05:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Нср.
#	Division B Green Flag							
624	Loose Unit	0.665	Υ	13:45:15	3:40:15	2:26:28	1	1
5609	Matai	0.735	Υ	14:38:00	4:33:00	3:20:39	2	2
F12	Sheryl	0.625	Υ	16:26:00	6:21:00	3:58:08	3	3
362	Ebb Tide	0.600	Υ	16:46:00	6:41:00	4:00:36	4	4
334	Ladybird	0.638	Υ	16:59:00	6:54:00	4:24:08	5	5
9384	Sereno	0.750	Υ				DNF	DNF
			Starts	6	Finishes	5		

Race	Round the Islands - Mahurangi	C H'Cap	Start		Times		Places	
	31/01/2021		10:00:00	Finish	Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	Нср.
#	Division A Orange Flag							
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.810	Υ	13:22:23	3:22:23	2:43:56	1	1
NZL 442	Explorer	0.850	Y	13:26:50	3:26:50	2:55:48	3	2
5001	Renown	0.835	Y	13:39:58	3:39:58	3:03:40	4	3
43	Northerner	0.890	Υ	13:26:47	3:26:47	3:04:02	2	4
3246	Kudos	0.770	Υ	14:29:22	4:29:22	3:27:25	5	5
6628	Calypso V	0.770	Y	14:54:29	4:54:29	3:46:45	6	6
9708	Athena	0.815	Y	15:52:20	5:52:20	4:47:09	7	7
9776	Floki	0.815	Υ				DNF	DNF
			Starts	8	Finishes	7		

The Mahurangi Regatta on Saturday with all the classics was also spectacular, though I don't yet have the results. But the Auckland Anniversary Regatta passage race back to town was tense, with light and shifting breezes (zephyrs) so Renown was the only finisher with 48 seconds to spare before the time limit expired!

#### Div 1 LINE results Start: 09:05

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Class	Skipper	Fin Tim	Elapsd	Score
1	RENOWN	5001	DivM1	G Evans	16:59:12	07:54:12	1.0

#### Div 2 LINE results Start: 09:10

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Class	Skipper	Fin Tim	Elapsd	Score
DNC	FLOJO	6950	DivM2	G Keith Hall			4.0
DNF	KUDOS	3246	DivM2	M Sigglekow			3.0
DNF	CALYPSO V	6628	DivM2	B Gabites			3.0

### Americas Cup racing and the course marshals



The 36<sup>th</sup> Americas Cup Spectacular could not and would not take place without the RNZYS Course Marshalls.

Back in years 2000 and 2003 NZ defences of "The Auld Mug" the Maritime Police had 12 boats and 100 police staff assigned to the event for an estimated 3000 spectator fleet vessels. This 36<sup>th</sup> defence, spectator vessel numbers are expected to be well in excess of 5000. This is based on info including NZ Marine Industry Assn stats on recent staggering New and Pre-owned Boat Sales data, many in the larger vessel category!!!

This 36<sup>th</sup> defence the Maritime Police have half the number of police RIBS and only 20 staff total assigned!! So without Course Marshalls, in todays enhanced P.C., WorkSafe, and ACC/AT Major Event rules the safety requirements cannot be met from Police and Harbourmaster alone. That is where the Course Marshalls come in.

From some 560 applicants, approx 150 were accepted for the on-water volunteer programme. B.T.W. the land-based volunteer programme for the event has 400 accepted.

Of that on-water 150, the number who passed was approx 125, half had elevated qualifications such as Coastal Yacht master, Coastguard Master or Senior Master, LLO/ILM/SRL, or in some cases Master Mariner so very experienced folk.

From Devonport Yacht Club, Daniel Leech and Allan Wetherall went through the Course Marshall programme (and both passed.)



With support from the NZ Lotteries Grants Board, \$10M funding for 24 Course Marshall boats was secured. All Rayglass Protectors, most Rayglass Targa 3100's, plus a couple of 10 mtr and a couple of 12 Mtr vessels. After the event, Assets cannot be retained by A.C.E. (Americas Cup Events) so the agreement is for them to be divested to NZ Coastguard to be distributed amongst the 80 CG Units around NZ's coastline. The 17 Course Marshall Targa 3100's are powered by a pair of Mercury 225HP 4 Stroke Outboards.... much more HP necessary for AMCUP work but appropriate for future CG duties. The 10 Mtr boats are inboard/sterndrive, and the 12 Mtrs Rayglass are twin 350 HP 4 stroke Mercs.



Racecourse Marker Buoys are affectionately now named SPUTNIKS by



the Course Marshalls. They have an escape hatch in them providing access to the extensive electronics, or for Distressed Cosmonauts to escape!! They also have a self-contained remote controlled anchoring system for both deployment and retrieval. The Sputniks weight just under a ton. They have 3 inbuilt stability keels. They have all the Wizz-Bang SuperThunderClapper MK III electronics aboard. They will be towed

to their daily location by the Course Marshalls and put in place by the two specialist Mark Layer personnel who will be on board. These SPUTNIKS are heavy with electronics and have a maximum displacement speed of 4.5 Knots so from the "Back Paddock, Course E, Tamaki Strait) it will take around 3 hours to get there plus 3 Hours to come back home.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### Get in quick!

# Sail and Cup watch aboard Steinlager 2

A one off, all day charter is being organised through the New Zealand Sailing Trust for a few Auckland boaties.

Date- Saturday 20th February, Go for a sail aboard Steinlager 2 and then watch the Prada finals race 9 and 10. (if racing is canned you still get a day out on Big Red)

Interested? Open to all DYC members, and family. The cost would be \$200 per person. and numbers are limited. BYO lunch and refreshments.

Please let Charles Scoones know promptly to get on the list, preferably by txt or email.

Charles Scoones is a CYA member, Coastguard Tutor, and Skipper for the New Zealand Sailing Trust

txt- 0272735775 or charlesscoones@gmail.com



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TE KAWAU BAY, PONUI ISLAND

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Start 1000hrs **WAIHEKE CHANNEL** 

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Prize giving and BBQ on the beach at 1700hrs Sunday 7 Feb.



## DRINK

FLAGSHIP RANGE Gravestone Sauvignon/	gls. \$14	b+1. \$55	KULTA SERIES  Kulta meaning Gold or Loved One is our				AMER
Semillon 2018			Ultra-Premium Reserve range of wine. Kulta Tulia 2017		511. \$95	Gravestone Sauv./Sem. 2018	\$24
Grapefruit, lime and spring grass. Orisp and Fresh			Méthode Traditionnelle Blanc de Blancs -		375	Exiled Pinot Gris 2019	\$24
exiled Pinot Gris 2019 Rectarine, clover honey and	\$14	\$55	100% Chardonnay. A complex sparkling v with tropical-edged stone fruit and rich t and hazelnut notes.			Pinque Rosé 2020	\$28
paached pear. Sweet and Spicy			Kulta Tytti Bordeaux 2014	5	\$190	Valhalla Chardonnay 2019	\$49
Pinque Rosé 2020	\$14	\$55	Sourced from our iconic Bordeaux vineya			Dreadnought Syrah 2017	\$65
Raspberry and watermelon.		900	limited release. Lifted cherry, red plum, d chocolate and a light graphite and brine			Ironclad Bordeaux 2017	\$52
Cool and Summery			criocolare and a light graphite and brine note.			Holystone 2019 375ml btl.	\$30
/alhalla Chardonnay 2019	\$17 \$79		OTHER BEVERAGES			Kulta Tulia Méthode Traditionelle	\$75
imoke, cashew and ripe stone fruit. Sold and Iconic	t	btl.			Kulta Tytti Bordeaux 2014	\$150	
Dreadnought Syrah 2017	\$19	\$85	mana di baran di Tanana mana a		\$10		
/iolets, smoke, pepper and	SMLL(K)	303	Fugazi light beer 330ml -2.5	5%	\$7	WINEMAKING	
blueberries.			Apple Juice, Orange Juice		\$6	Each small parcel of vines is 100% Estat	
Classic and Powerful		2	Karma soft drinks		\$6	carefully hand harvested and then visiti	ed separat
ronclad Bordeaux 2017 Black forest gateau, cigars and	\$17	\$79	Cola, Diet Cola, Lemonade, Ginger Ale			In our winery on the property.  Our winemakers express the	20
vild thyme.				tre	\$12	uniqueness of Man O' War	
arthy and Rich			1.00	00 ml	\$6	by blending world class wine from more than	
			Filter coffee mug		\$ 4	75 different vineyards	₽Wn
DESSERT WINE			Tea		\$4	located on Walheke	~
Holystone 2019 575ml bi Apricot, spice and honey.	11.	\$60	English Breakfast, Green, Peppermint, Be	rry		and Ponui Island. Tasting Room 🗣	>

## EAT



Please inform us before ordering, if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.



#### **OWHANAKE BAY** Start 1000hrs



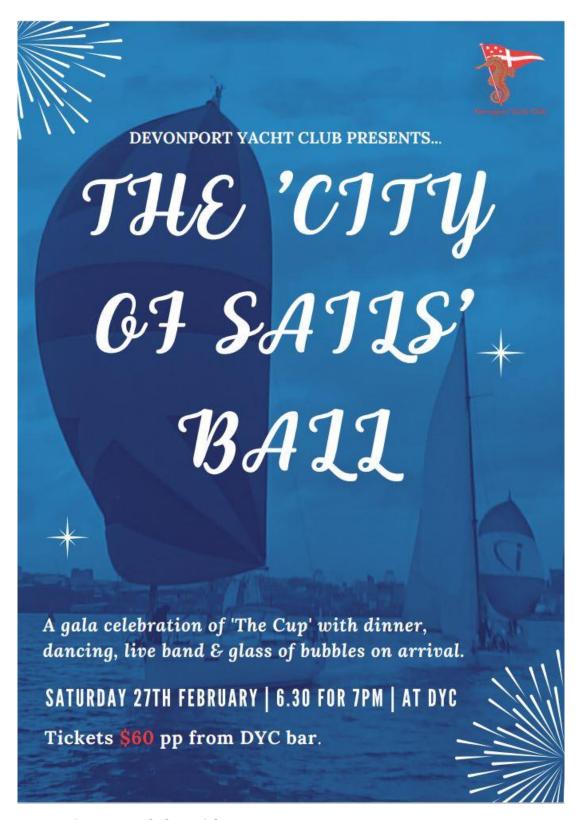


#### SPONSORED BY PILATES WITH EMMA

After race: Prize giving and BBQ on the beach at 1700hrs. Everybody welcome.

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

PILATES with Emma



Tickets for the DYC City of Sails Ball are available at the bar. When purchasing your tickets please advise the bar staff your main course preference (the lamb, salmon chicken, or vegetarian options ...see menus overleaf). NB Please order tickets before Sunday 21 February, so we can give the caterers plenty of warning about numbers.

# City Of Sails Ball 2021 STARTER

#### Mezze Platter to share

Filo cigars, falafel, olives, hummus, ajvar & warm Turkish Bread

## MAIN COURSE

#### Lamb Shank

Tender lamb shank slow cooked in a vegetable broth served with onion jam

Or

#### Salmon Fillet

Roasted with lemon pepper & hollandaise Sauce

#### Stuffed Chicken breast

Roasted chicken breast stuffed with spinach, parmesan, capsicum served with napolitana sauce

Or

## Greek Eggplant (Vegetarian)

Roasted half eggplant filled with seasonal vegetables and melted cheese

#### SIDES

Roasted Baby Potatoes

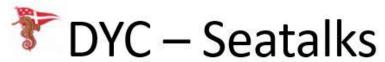
Tabouli salad

with cucumber, tomatoes, parsley red onion & olive oil

Green Salad

**DESSERT** 

Tiramisu





## Classic Yacht Association New Zealand

The CYA has celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Back in the early 1990s few would have imagined that it would be the organization it is today. Back then, the "old clunkers" were changing hands for very little. Wannabe custodians were viewed as if they had lost their marbles and their friends suggested they enjoy recreational sailing on some other vessel, any vessel other than a tired old yacht. Today the CYANZ consists of 320 members and 250 of their yachts.

Devonport Yacht Club's Chad Thompson, one of the founders, and Rachel Orr, the Association's Chairperson, will be talking about the founding of the Association.

7.30pm Thursday 18 March 2021 All welcome. The club bar will be open

## Feedback needed on proposed new Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021



With Chad Thompson's permission we've borrowed the following wording from his email to Classic Yachts Association membership:

The Auckland Harbour Speed Limit is up for review. Did you know?

Along with other harbour by-laws that are being considered later this year, BUT if you want to make a submission you have to make a submission by the 14th February. i.e NEXT FRIDAY You can do so by going to:

https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/n avigation-safety-

bylaw?utm\_source=newsletter&utm\_medium=e mail&utm\_campaign=sheerlines\_december\_2020 &utm\_term=2021-02-04 and registering and then make a submission.

The inner harbour speed limit is 12 knots and there is a proposal to raise it to 18 knots.

I have written to the Harbour Master over the years saying how the 12 knots limit is significantly detracting from the enjoyment of the harbour and more importantly making the harbour dangerous to pass down.

When I first started communicating with him he told me they wanted to lower the closing speed of vessels heading toward each other, i.e. having a maximum closing speed of 24 knots. The proposal is now for that speed limit to be raised 18 knots, i.e., a closing speed of 36 knots! CRAZY. Some big launch owners would tell you that at 18 knots their wake is lower than at 12 knots. Possibly true. But at 5 knots their wake is almost negligible. Isn't that better.

I believe the maximum speed on the harbour for powered vessels should be 5 knots. In other

words creating a "NO WAKE ZONE" from the Harbour Bridge to North Head.

The only exception being the ferries, Police, Pilot Vessels and Customs

I believe that almost nowhere overseas is there a 12-knot zone, let alone 18 knots and there should not be that sort of speed on Auckland Harbour. I urge you to make a submission as it is going to take a weight of numbers for the Harbour Master to see sense.

Don't delay, make a submission today.

Thank you.

Chad Thompson

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# **Chad Thompson's submission for a 5 Knot Speed Limit**

With many power-driven vessels travelling at 12 knots the harbour is an unpleasant place to be with large launches creating huge wakes that destroy the potential tranquillity of the harbour. At 18 knots these wakes may not be bigger than at 12 knots, but their ferocity traveling 50% faster will be even more damaging. Swimmers on the beaches will be in even more danger and occupants of sailing yacht put at greater danger.

A collision at 12 knots is deadly, at 18 knots it is even more likely to be deadly and definitely resulting in multiple deaths and the total loss of one or both vessels involved in the accident. Not to mention the closing speed of two of these high-speed vessels colliding head on.

in 2012 Auckland Anniversary Regatta there was a collision at 5 knots which resulted in the near death of one of the crew and sinking of the yacht Gypsy. At any greater speed death would have been unavoidable.

Ferries, Police, Pilot Vessels, and Customs should be allowed to travel at higher speeds to meet their operational requirements, however recreational power-driven vessels should be restricted to 5 knots, or as is often done overseas vessels transiting through a harbour must treat the area as a NO WAKE ZONE.

The Auckland Harbour is for Aucklanders to enjoy not for fast recreational launches to get in and out of as quickly as possible.

#### **Club Notices**

#### Yet again, from the Publicity Officer

We're looking for volunteers to help with the monthly newsletter, the weekly Latest News emails and the DYC website. This is currently run as a one-man band but working as part of a team would be much more fun and productive. If you are interested, have some skills you could share then please contact Geoff Evans on 021 777251 or email newsletter@dyc.org.nz.

#### Flag hoist team

We currently have a team of six members that are rostered on weekly to fly the flags at the Club flagstaff. As some of us head off on our sailing cruises over the summer it would be handy to add to the team. If you're interested please contact Geoff Evans on 021 777251.



(Photo – Geoff Evans)

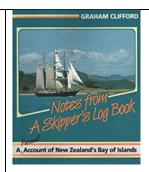


## **Book reviews from DYC Library**

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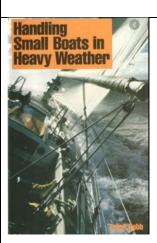
# NOTES FROM A SKIPPERS LOG BOOK GRAHAM CLIFFORD

The author has written this book in recognition of the scenic beauty of the Bay of Islands and the contribution that wild life plays in the waters of this aquatic playground. It is also dedicated to all visitors to the bay who have experienced the pleasure and interest of the cream trip cruise. To have been a skipper of the longest established excursion has always been a privilege he said.

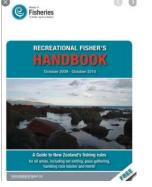


#### HANDLING SMALL BOATS IN HEAVY WEATHER FRANK ROBB

This book, written by an experienced mariner gives sound advice on procedure before, during and after experiencing the heaviest of weather.



# RECREATIONAL FISHERS HANDBOOK A GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND FISHING RULES MINISTRY OF FISHERIES



# EDUCATION OF A FALCON MIKE RILEY

"Have you ever wondered what life was all about?"

"Would you like to have more adventure in your life but just don't have the time?"

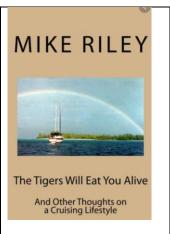
If you have ever felt like that then this is the book you have been looking for.



# THE TIGERS WILL EAT YOU ALIVE MIKE RILEY

The author debunks most warnings from fellow ocean cruising sailors, instead mindful of common-sense he embraces adventure.

Now on his third round the world cruise, he continues to bring new, if slightly zany, views on the world of a cruising yachtsman. Be prepared for a delightfully wild time wandering the inside of Mike's head.



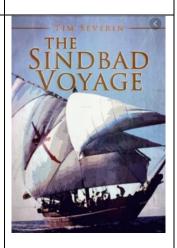
# THE BOATING BIBLE JIM MURRANT

This book contains all the essential information sailor's need in one easy to use volume. It includes comprehensive coverage of how to react in emergencies both nautical and medical, and how to make temporary repairs to essential parts of the boat. There is a complete checklist for tools and equipment needed onboard and a detailed dictionary of boating terms.



# THE SINBAD VOYAGE TIM SEVERIN

Although the voyages of Sinbad the sailor were full of myth and legend they were based on the exploits of the sea-faring merchants who plied the ancient spice route to the east. A replica of an Arab sailing boat was built. Trees from the forest of the Malabar coast of India were used, not a single nail in the construction and the planks were tied together with approximately 400 miles of coconut rope. With a crew of twenty they covered 6000 miles of ocean across the Arabian sea to Sri Lanka, the Indian ocean to Sumatra, the China sea to Canton.



# **Stories from the Cockpit**

Over the coming months I will include some humorous old nautical sayings, which will intrigue all and offer an explanation as to their origin.

**Etiquette** - Marine custom establishes a code of social behavior and nautical courtesy for every conceivable occasion. Thus, for example, a boat belonging to another boatman is always referred to as a "scow", a "tub", or a "pig-boat". When one skipper goes aboard another's boat, he does not hesitate to tell him frankly about any drawbacks or

disadvantages he finds in comparison to his own craft. Sailors welcome every opportunity to improve their vessels, and so he knows that his remarks will be greatly appreciated. When one sailboat passes another, it is customary for the captain of the passing boat to make a bladderlike sound with his lips and tongue, and for the captain of the passed boat to return the courtesy by offering a smart salute consisting of a quick upward movement of the right hand with the second digit extended.

Figurehead - Decorative dummy found on sailboats. See CAPTAIN.

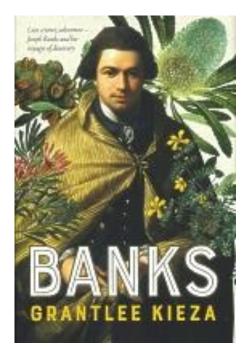
First Mate - crew member necessary for skippers to practice shouting instructions at.

**Flag** - Any of a number of signaling pennants or ensigns, designed to be flown upside down, in the wrong place, in the wrong order, or at an inappropriate time.

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Past Commodore





#### **Boat Books review**

**BANKS By** Grantlee Kieza.

Hardback, 0.81kg, 164mm x 242mm, 485 pages. Black & White and Full colour illustrations. Published 2020.

Sir Joseph Banks was a man of passion whose influence spanned the globe. A fearless adventurer, his fascination with beautiful women was only trumped by his obsession with the natural world and his lust for scientific knowledge.

Fabulously wealthy, Banks was the driving force behind monumental voyages and scientific discoveries in Australia, New Zealand, the South pacific, Europe, North

America, South America, Asia, Africa and the Arctic. In 1768, as a galivanting young playboy, he joined Captain James Cook's *Endeavour* expedition to the South Pacific. Financing his own team of scientists and artists, Banks battled high seas, hailstorms, treacherous coral reefs and hostile locals to expand the world's knowledge of life on distant shores. He returned with thousands of specimens of plants and animals, generating enormous interest in Europe, while the racy accounts of his amorous adventures in Tahiti made him one of the most famous and notorious men in England. As the longest-serving president of Britain's Royal Society, Banks was perhaps the most important man in the scientific world for more than half a century. It was Banks, one of the first Europeans to set foot on Australia's east coast, who advised Britain to establish a remote penal settlement and strategic base at Botany Bay, and he eventually became the foremost expert on everything Australian. Early governors in the colony answered to him as he set about unleashing Australia's vast potential in agriculture and minerals. For decades, major British voyages of exploration around the globe only sailed with his backing.

Banks is a rich and rollicking biography of one of the most colourful and intriguing characters in the history of exploration.

