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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from
The Commodore

Hugh Pollock

As I always do when setting out to write 'The Quarter Deck', I first look back through my last few efforts. This time I see I reported on my lockdown exercise repairing dinghy oars. The sequel to that effort came on returning to the mooring after the Auckland Anniversary Weekend cruise to Mahurangi.

A strong easterly wind and rising tide is the worst combination for single handed mooring but, on this occasion, I had Simon B as crew so picking up the mooring was a doddle.

However, when it came time to let go Kristen and row for shore, we immediately found ourselves 10m downwind (and tide). My over-engineered repair to the oars proved its worth and I took pleasure in not having to worry about them collapsing. My best efforts could not get us to the Club dinghy ramp though, so we gave up and headed for Windsor Beach. Ill luck never seems to run out and pulling the dinghy back to the clubhouse saw both axles (plastic) on the wheels collapse. The following week, with not very hospitable weather, saw repairs made to the wheels (new ss axles), Kristen's genoa car that had broken apart repaired, and a new starter battery installed.

Auckland Anniversary Weekend activities were Covid-restricted once again but none-the-less enjoyable for being a chance to get out on the water and enjoy what we like doing. The Friday night race went fine for Simon and I until we approached Tiri passage where stronger winds and bigger seas saw us lose contact rapidly with our nearest competitors. We enjoyed a pleasant sail in the Mahurangi regatta, the first time I have entered, and Sunday's Round the Islands race provided another test of racing skills. The barbeque ashore, in its usual relaxed and



friendly way, completed the weekend club events.

Having finished the Anniversary Regatta race back to Auckland only once in some five or so attempts, I have given up entering, but this time a wild ride back under reduced sail would have made an entry worthwhile.

With Waitangi Weekend following a week later, strong winds forecast with concerns about direction and repairs mentioned above, I decided not to take part — a seemingly common decision since it appears only three boats ventured out. And following that the Woody Bay race had very light winds forecast. Memories of last year's drifting in hot conditions had me deciding to skip the event and the race results show a sad DNF for all entrants. Variable conditions are, of course, expected in any sailing season, we just have to take what comes.

More sailing events to come

We have a busy set of events for the remainder of the season including round the buoys races and shorthanded events and, of course, the Easter Cruise to Kawau and picnic at Mahurangi.

Our caterers have changed

At the end of last year, the club caterers from Platters, Matt and his team, decided they could no longer continue providing Friday night meals. While this is disappointing, we are appreciative of their efforts over the last three or four years and thank them and wish them well for the future.

In their place, Chateaubriant have started with their French-styled food well known to many of our members. Turnouts have been strong to start with and we encourage our members to join us at the club for dinner on Friday nights.

Covid update

Underlying all activities of the club of course is the Covid-19 crisis. We have, since the beginning, taken great care to protect ourselves and our club reputation and are grateful to Kirsty who has used her knowledge to help guide us in our activities.

We are currently open under the red-light rules for our regular sessions, Thursday bar, Friday Meal and Saturday and Sunday bar services. Show your vaccine pass, scan the QR code, and use your mask when not seated.



DYC navigating towards 3-Star Clean Club status

By Paula Shelton

Late last year, Yachting New Zealand launched a pilot programme to encourage yacht clubs to run their activities on and off the water in the most environmentally sustainable way. Called the 'Clean Club Programme', the initiative provides a framework of actions required for clubs to endorse at one, two, or three-star sustainability status. It's designed along the same lines as the US programme, Sailors for the Sea.



Most DYC members have long been aware of the need to look after the health of the ocean environment — particularly following the outstanding example of past member and patron, Sir Peter Blake. Over the years, the club has been careful to investigate pollution risks from boat maintenance and cleaning, and encourage care for our natural environment while boating. Recently, a small group of members researched and connected with voluntary organisations with conservation projects in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. You'll find the results of their work to date on the DYC website: www.dyc.org.nz/sustainability.

Drawing the YNZ and DYC initiatives together, the General Committee decided at February's meeting to formally recognise a Sustainability Sub-Committee and appointed Paula Shelton as sustainability rep to the General Committee. The sub-committee, currently comprising Geoff Evans, Callum Ross, Grant Daniel, and Paula, will take on the task of further improving DYC's sustainability performance so that DYC earns 3-Star Clean Club status in 2022 and beyond.

In a nutshell, the Sustainability Sub-Committee will:

- Support the Club to continue Sir Peter Blake's legacy of advocating to protect the ocean environment
- Promote sustainable ways of running the Club's on and off-water activities
- Lead efforts to achieve YNZ 3-Star Clean Club accreditation, including activities such as
 - o Annual beach-clean or planting event
 - o Sea Talks with environmental/conservation focus
 - o Sustainability page on DYC.org.nz
- Raise awareness of Hauraki Gulf conservation projects so that members can easily get involved if they wish
- Keep the General Committee informed of environmental regulations and hazards affecting boating activities in the Gulf

Would you like to be involved? Are you involved already in a conservation or restoration project in the Gulf? We'd love to hear from you: sustainability@dyc.org.nz.



Sailing Notices

DYC Racing Results

Race	Waitangi Day Passage Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
Saturday, 5 February 2022								
8	One Division Orange Flag		10:00:00					
5001	Renown	0.815	Y	12:50:47	2:50:47	2:19:11	1	1
3790	U Choose	0.690	Y	13:47:33	3:47:33	2:37:01	2	2
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	14:52:33	4:52:33	3:35:01	3	3

Race	Round the Islands (Ponui) Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
Sunday, 6 February 2022								
9	A Division Orange Flag		10:00:00					
5001	Renown	0.815	Y	11:26:20	1:26:20	1:10:22	1	1
3790	Calypso V	0.780	Y	11:42:50	1:42:50	1:20:13	2	2

Race	Round the Islands (Ponui) Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
Sunday, 6 February 2022								
9	B Division Green Flag		10:00:00					
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	11:10:03	1:10:03	0:51:29	1	1

Race	Ladies Helm Race Saturday 19th February 2022	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
Saturday 19th February 2022								
10	One Division		10:00:00					
5001	Renown	0.815	Y	13:25:50	3:25:50	2:47:45	1	1
2170	Hautere	0.715	Y	14:03:47	4:03:47	2:54:18	5	2
5482	Lambretta	0.735	Y	13:59:10	3:59:10	2:55:47	3	3
3246	Kudos	0.78	Y	13:59:17	3:59:17	3:06:38	4	4
43	Northerner	0.88	Y	13:32:09	3:32:09	3:06:42	2	5
5448	Bella Vita	0.839	Y	14:11:28	4:11:28	3:30:59	6	6
4261	Stella	0.69	Y	15:38:00	5:38:00	3:53:13	7	7



Race	Woody Bay Race		C	Start	Finish	Times	Places	Hcp.	
	Saturday, 26 February 2022		H'Cap	11:00:00		Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	
11	Division B Green Flag								
5482	Lambretta	0.735	Y					DNF	DNF
3790	U Choose	0.690	Y					DNF	DNF
3794	Masquerade	0.760	Y					DNF	DNF
1622	Pau Hana	0.720	Y					DNF	DNF
3690	Timua	0.730	Y					DNF	DNF
725	Spray	0.650	Y					DNF	DNF
			Start	6	Finishes	0			

Race	Woody Bay Race		C	Start	Finish	Times	Places	Hcp.	
	Saturday, 26 February 2022		H'Cap	11:00:00		Elapsed	Corrd.	Line	
11	Division A Orange Flag								
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.830	Y					DNF	DNF
43	Northerner	0.880	Y					DNF	DNF
5001	Renown	0.835	Y					DNF	DNF
3246	Kudos	0.780	Y					DNF	DNF
			Starts	4	Finishes	0			



DYC Racing Summary

By Hugh Maguire, Sailing Manager

We have had a challenging yet interesting season to date!

We started the season with a number of races cancelled due to Covid. We finally got out on the water for our first race which was the Sir Pater Blake Memorial weekend race which also included our Christmas on the beach celebrations with over fifty attendees, all fully vaxed. This was followed by the inaugural running of the Mark Foy race back to Devonport with line honours going to Tumua. With all boats finishing within 15 minutes of each other, it proved to be a very enjoyable outing that will definitely be repeated next year.



Classic yachts racing on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. Photo: Geoff Evans

After the Christmas break we headed up to Mahurangi for the Auckland Anniversary weekend. This is always a truly wonderful weekend with the spectacle of the classic yacht racing on the Saturday and the classic launch parade which is appreciated by all. The race around the islands on the Sunday was followed by a BBQ at Scott's Landing. Again, a very well attended event with much fun had by all.

As with that time of the year another long weekend followed and the fleet were off the Ponui for Waitangi Weekend. Unfortunately, due to unfavourable weather forecasts for the Monday our annual trip to the Man O' War winery was cancelled. A few brave and hardy souls did race down on the Friday and around the islands on the Sunday which shows it takes more than bad weather and Covid to stop our fleet from their racing.



A couple of weeks later saw the turn of the ladies. Again, due to unfavourable conditions, the race was deferred for a week with the Ladies Helm race taking place to Owhanake followed by a BBQ on the beach. This was enjoyed by a small but sociable crowd who welcomed a newcomer to the fleet, a Davidson 28 "Stella", ably skippered by Gloriana and Gustavo who hail from Italy and Argentina.



Mike Webster hoists the beach burgee



Jane Evans wins the Ladies Helm Race

And then we were off again, this time to Woody Bay. The race started off illiomama buoy with the aim of finishing at Woody Bay by 16.30hrs. For the first time in my memory, and I'm happy to be corrected, but we had no boats in either division manage to get across the finish. Not even our most determined skippers (Graham, Mike, or Karen) managed to get across by the time limit. With no prizes to be handed out to finishers, an impromptu beach quiz was held to distribute the prizes which was enjoyed by all at the post-race BBQ.

So now, we are up to date, another busy month lies ahead. This week, 5th March we are off to Rocky Bay but tragically no BBQ on the beach due to concerns about Omicron. We then have the first of the shorthanded series with the 3-handed race from Devonport to Te Kouma on the 18th March, Te Kouma to Kawau on the 19th and home again to Devonport on the 20th. This is an awesome weekend not to be missed.

And then to the club's blue-ribbon event, the Duder Cup on the 26th March. If you can't take part come down and view the start, with the Classic yachts participating it is a wonderful event to view.

As you have probably gathered by now Devonport Yacht Club enjoy more social racing than the serious Americas' Cup style racing you may see. Do feel free to join us at any race or even to meet us on a beach for a post-race BBQ. We'd love to see you there and you would be more than welcome to join us.



Rocky Bay Race – note these changes

BBQ and Prize giving on the beach - cancelled

Due to the high omicron counts which appear to be doubling each day it has been deemed prudent to cancel our BBQ's and beach prize giving until further notice. This will be reviewed on a race by race basis. Racing will continue as scheduled with no amendments to the calendar but there will be no official social events until further notice.

Amendment to the Sailing Instructions: Rocky Bay Race 5th March 2022

An incorrect start time and Start location has been published in the yearbook. The correct start time is Div A 10:00am off the clubhouse. Div B will start at 10.05 off the clubhouse.

The General Sailing Instructions & Notice of race remain unchanged



Hugh Maguire
Sailing Manager
Devonport Yacht Club



Races coming up



ROCKY BAY RACE

Cruising Race 12

SATURDAY 5th March 2022

A DIVISION

Jock Waddell Memorial Cup
Start Time: 10:00am

TIME LIMIT: 16.30 hrs

B DIVISION

Corbans Wine Cup
Start time: 10:05am

TIME LIMIT: 16.30 hrs

Prize Giving and BBQ on the beach at 17:00 hrs

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





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3-HANDED 18th - 20th MARCH GULF RALLY



DIVISION 1: TREVITHIC CUP
**DIVISION 2: NORTH SHORE
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DUDER CUP SATURDAY 26th MARCH REGATTA

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



Please take note of a **CHANGE TO**
the sailing instructions regarding
THE START AND FINISHING LINES



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Helping you keep safe and still enjoy your Club!

Who spotted these two handsome examples of DYC-branded mask-wear at the Club recently? Hopefully everyone who came to the Club for the inaugural Chateaubriant Friday Night Dinner!



If you haven't got your DYC mask yet, there are still a few available from behind the bar. Just ask the bar team. Our masks are in two styles and cost \$15 each. They are two layers thick with a pocket that fits a 2.5PM filter (supplied).





Flag Hoist Team

With Richard and Libby Loseby setting off to the Islands of the South Pacific in May, we're looking for another local person to help on our flag hoist, one week on, six weeks off!

Please contact Geoff on 021 777251.



Diary Dates



DYC – Seataalks



The New Zealand scow; a flashback to a bygone era – Robert Hawkins

There is a revival of interest in the coastal trade, especially those early workhorses of the coast, the New Zealand scow. Robert Hawkins has been intimately involved in this revival; his father (pictured above) sailed on the 'Rangi', his curating a life time of archives about the scows, his service in the merchant fleet and as Trust Board member and volunteer of the Maritime Museum.

Devonport Yacht Club - SEATALKS

7.30pm Thursday 24 March 2022

All welcome. The club bar will be open

DYC Seataalks: We had a brilliant presentation from Shaun Lee last month on the (grim) state of the Hauraki Gulf, obstacles to change, and the passive and active restoration projects. His presentation and notes are available on the website just below the poster of his talk. Recommended!



In the News

Daniel Leech and Lanny Walker taking T-Rex Round the North Island



Former DYC Club Member, Daniel Leech, has teamed up with Lanny Walker on T Rex, and are currently working on their build up for the 2023 Round the North Island Race. The qualifying requirements see them doing the SSANZ Northern Triangle, as well as the Balokovic Cup (2 Handed). Refer to the SSANZ website link -<https://www.ssanz.co.nz/northern-triangle-profiles/#tab-id-23>

ABOUT Lanny

I can't remember a time where I was not on the water. As a qualified sailmaker (now turned plumber) I have had the opportunity to sail most flavours of boats in coastal NZ and blue water. The bulk of my SSANZ racing was done on multihulls followed by the Pied Piper. My normal role on a boat is bowman and I have done bow on the M Class classic 18 footers for over 15 years and am still going 😊

ABOUT Daniel

Since being round boats since 9 months old i have always had an interest for boats and being on the water. I caught the sailing bug while sailing Optimists at primary school. This then led into my introduction into keelboat racing at the age of 10. Once I left school, I bought my first boat — a Piedy (Pinotage) which led into my introduction into 2-handed racing which i still enjoy today onboard my Elliott 7.9 and from there the rest is history.

Over the years have competed in various harbour, coastal, offshore & short-handed regattas and National Championships in Auckland and around the country. Some successes include the Coastal Classic, SSANZ Triple series onboard T-Rex and Duders Cup onboard my 7.9 Radio Active and the Wellington 24 Hour Race onboard a local boat where we broke the race record 2 years back-to-back. One of my most memorable sailing experiences would have to be the 2013 Three Kings Offshore Race which I will be tackling again next year after the SSANZ Northern Triangle. Looking forward to the challenge in the build-up to RNI 2023.

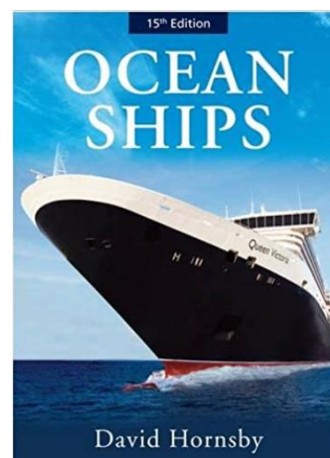


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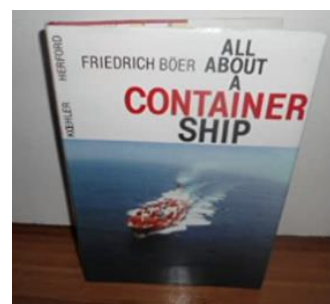
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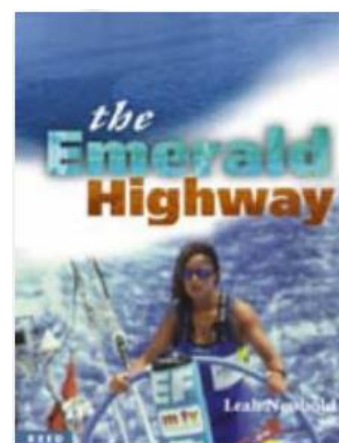
ALL ABOUT A CONTAINER SHIP FREDRICH BOER

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.



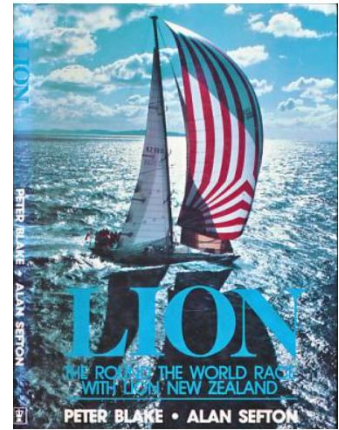
THE EMERALD HIGHWAY LEAH NEWBOLD

The trials and tribulations of ocean yacht sailing and the many moments of joy and despair as Leah battles the elements. The politics and dynamics of international sailing are vividly portrayed in this remarkable story. (The Emerald Highway will inspire all those who share Leah's passion for the ocean, or anyone who has ever wanted to achieve a dream).



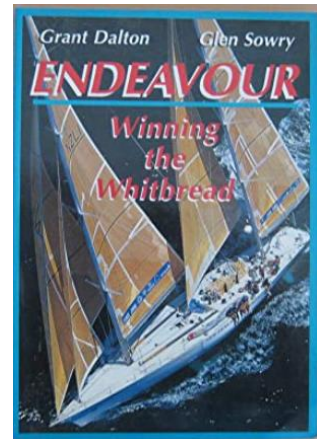
LION
PETER BLAKE AND ALAN SEFTON

This the story of the epic adventure, the 1985/86 Whitbread around the world race, from the early planning stages, the building of the yacht to the dramatic finish in Portsmouth. It is a superbly written account of the most exciting challenges of our time and the a tribute to the courage and dedication of ocean racing men.



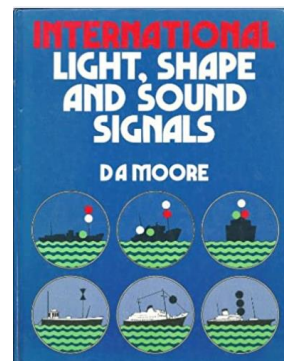
ENDEAVOUR WINNING THE WHITBREAD
GRANT DALTON AND GLEN SOWRY

This tells the story of a remarkable yacht and her crew taking on the ultimate challenge (the Whitbread). The authors take the reader onboard the maxi ketch as it races around the world. Experience the excitement the terror and the emotional highs and lows of the toughest race in the world. The story is one of incredible team spirit.



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Book Review from Boat Books



FROM THE LOFT FLOOR TO THE SEA

By Christian Topf. hardback, Published 2021

From the Loft Floor to the Sea is photographer and designer Christian Topf's exhaustive visual and verbal journal of the building of the 68ft Pilot Cutter *Pellew*, by Luke Powell and his team in Cornwall.

She is the largest traditional wooden sailing boat to be built in the UK for decades – and this is probably the largest and most gorgeous book ever to record the process.

Chris visited the yard at Truro almost every week throughout the build to bring us this mouthwatering production, in which you can almost smell the sawdust, the hot pitch, and the linseed oil.

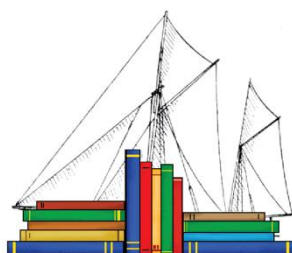
One of the most successful of the Cornish pilot cutters was *Vincent*, built in 1852 for the Vincent family of St. Mawes. At 61ft on the water-line, 68ft overall, and 90ft over her spars, *Vincent* was a substantial vessel displacing 74 tons. With a total sail area of 2,290 sqft, her mainsail alone was 1,500 sqft, requiring both skill and brawn to sail and manoeuvre. She worked for seventy years and finally retired in 1922.

But, while her passing went almost unnoticed, she was not entirely forgotten and, in 2015, when a group of enthusiasts sought a suitable large pilot cutter to build anew, *Vincent's* plans were unearthed...

In May 2017, 165 years after *Vincent* was launched, the keel was laid. Three years later, *Pellew* — named after Edward Pellew, a great Cornish frigate captain of the late 1700s — set sail from Falmouth, Cornwall.

A testament to the skill and enthusiasm of all who worked on her. This is the story, in words and pictures, of her build.

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