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the reports and recollections of others adding just a few comments of my own

April marked the end of another successful sailing season - COVID notwithstanding. 16 race events completed with just one race – to Rocky Bay in early March - cancelled due to lockdown. There were an average of 12 boats entered throughout, maintaining, and perhaps improving, past entry numbers.

FROM THE QUARTERDECK



A Missive from
The President
Bill Jaques

As I explained in my first newsletter contribution last December, I am something of a superannuated sailor, both professionally and, more recently, recreationally. That doesn't diminish my interest in matters nautical, nor in the activities of the Yacht Club, nor in my pleasure of becoming your Club President. But I do find it a little bit difficult to write an informed and informative article every few months. This is hardly an appropriate place to record my (exciting!) adventures in a retirement village! So, I tend to record the month's club activities second hand relying on

Easter weekend is traditionally a big sailing weekend. Easter Friday was the passage race to Kawau with a course almost directly there. 5 boats started in each division. Blustery sou-westerly conditions prevailed enabling a fast race with most boats finishing within a few minutes of each other. The first boat in A division took only 3¾ hours to Kawau and the last boat in B took just over 4½. Crews enjoyed a relaxing afternoon in Bon Accord Harbour before a pleasant dinner ashore at the Kawau Boating club.

On the following day when the fleet raced from Kawau to Mahurangi with a couple of kinks around the islands. Lighter conditions presented a different challenge to the fleets but there was some good close racing particularly in the A Division. Congratulations to Lambretta who won Division B on both days in spite of an adverse adjustment to her Saturday handicap after Friday's successful race



And on the Sunday about 50 club members – some 20 of whom had joined the sailors by road - enjoyed the traditional Easter Sunday Champagne Breakfast & beach games at Sullivan’s Bay in the Mahurangi Regional Park. Breakfast is reported as being outstanding and the games hilarious. A good time was had by all. Grateful thanks to the numerous committee members and others who worked hard to make this a great success.

On Saturday 17th April was the annual Single Handed race, the 3rd race of the shorthanded series and the final race of the sailing season. A SW breeze freshened during the day to around 30 knots ensuring that the 20 strong fleet made fast progress around the course. All boats finished by mid-afternoon. In Division 1 “extras” (spinnakers) were permitted. Division 2, spinnakers are *not* permitted, caters for the more prudent. The event has been adopted as part of the Short-Handed Sailing Associations programme. They are a pretty gung-ho bunch and their boats are specifically set up for shorthanded operation. On the day all 12 SHSA entries all opted for the division 1. Just two DYC boats grasped the nettle and joined them, all credit to Zeppo who finished 2nd on corrected time against fierce competition. The remaining 6 DYC boats read the forecast and wisely opted for no extras Division 2.

Sea Talks on Thursday featured Rebecca Hayter one time editor of Boating New Zealand, recipient of several journalistic awards and author of 3 non-fiction books. She is daughter of 1950’s single handed ocean sailor Adrian Hayter. She is promoting her new book Wild Seas to Greenland, and also her father’s classic Sheila in the Wind. It seems it was well received. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I caught up with her interview with Jim Mora on RNZ National’s Sunday Morning program with Jim Mora (18 April). Well worth a listen.

Apropos of nothing. Not sure if Rebecca went there but her interview reminded me of a visit to Greenland a few years back (NOT in a yacht) and to the little town of **Qaqortoq**. The main town in Southern Greenland. Memorable largely because of its odd name (Innuite I think. ..

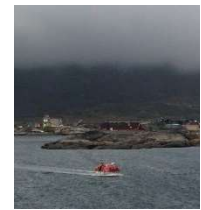
changed from the Danish name of Julianehåb). A couple of photos below to encourage a visit!.



Qaqortoq .. house with view



City Square



Later same day

And finally a small plea .. please support your club’s Friday night dinners .. the viability of our caterer’s operation at the club depends upon your support.

BJ



DIRECTORY UPDATE



A warm welcome to our newest members.

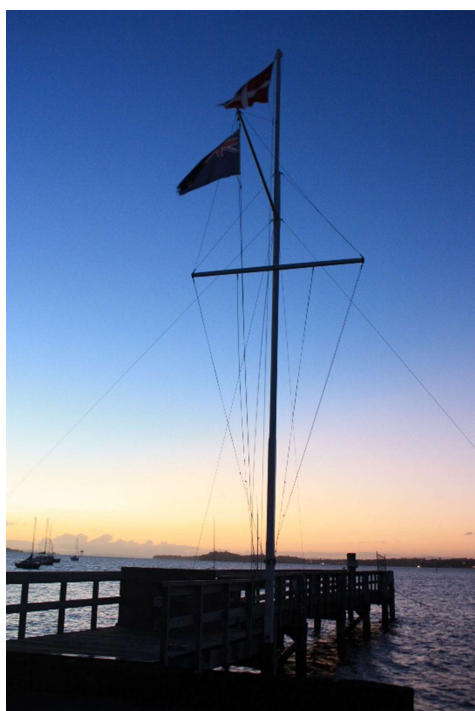
New members March – April 2021

First Name	Surname
Jan-Marten	Behn
Simon	Hooker
Paul	Darknell
Patrick	McCarthy
Matt	Von Tiel
Abbie	Brown
Michael	Single
Cheton	Sawyer

First Name	Surname
Warren	Paykel
Peter	Scott
Karleen	Reeve
Patrick	Merrick
Cathy	Ormerod
Andrew	Hillman
Garrick	Unverricht
Ken	Seward

ANZAC DAY 2021

For the first time since 2019 we were able to hold our local Anzac Day commemoration again in the village, well supported by Veterans, Navy, schools and our local community.

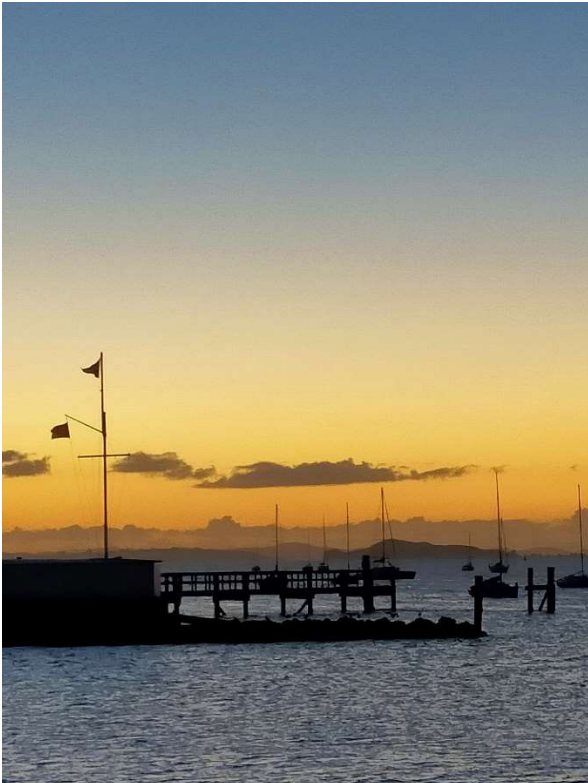




service and to remember and acknowledge how the various wars had impacted on our families throughout the generations.

This year a wreath was placed on the memorial by our Commodore Hugh Pollock -

Photos by Mike & June Hall



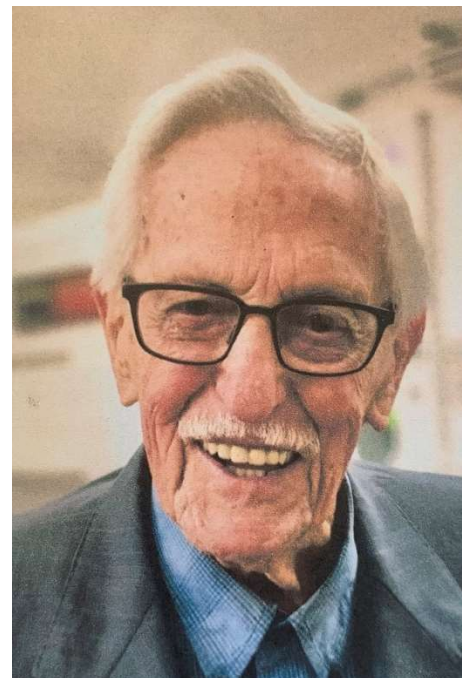
Down at the club house we were greeted with a beautiful sunrise and I couldn't help reflecting on how lucky we are to live in NZ and the sacrifices that past New Zealanders had made for our generation to live here.

The Devonport RSA held a very moving ceremony with some beautiful singing from Rebecca Nelson and the Belmont Primary School choir. Of special note was Ron Child RSA & DYC member 99 years of age who read out a poem to the crowd.

We were also well represented by club members. For me it has always been important for our family to attend the

The Interview

Ron Child, centenarian!



Ron Child will be celebrating his 100th Birthday 3 May 2021 at a party at DYC. I had the pleasure of interviewing Ron at his Devonport apartment.

Ron was born in Wellington and attended Te Aro School and later Rongotai College. He was 14 when the depression ended and being the eldest of four boys, felt some responsibility to leave and get work to help contribute to the family finances. His father had fought in WW1, including in the battle of Passchendaele, and with the military connections he



became a cadet and then joined the army at age 19. He trained in the artillery and was married to Nola just before he was due to join the 2nd Expeditionary Force. However, because of service injuries didn't get to serve overseas. He later transferred to the air force where he spent time as a dispatch rider between air force bases.

At the end of hostilities, he went into the building trade and later ran his own building firm. He built his own house where he and Nola had three daughters. He enjoyed life in the building trade until after a bad fall led to his doctor advising him to take on clerical work in order to recuperate. He became a clerk in the State Advances organisation, then a building supervisor. His talents were identified early on and he was given the opportunity to train as a valuer and became involved in the education side of the Rehabilitation and Trade Training organisation where he enjoyed a good career based Lower Hutt, then in Hamilton, and as a senior in charge of the carpentry training school Rotorua and eventually moving to Auckland in 1972.

Ron and Nola's enjoyed life in Remuera then to a house near the Rose Gardens in Parnell and then to their apartment in Devonport nine years ago, however he was sadly widowed just before they were due to move into their Devonport apartment.

Ron attributes his good health and longevity 's to his interests and activity in

a range of sports as well as running. When he was a youngster Ron's family had a bach at Scorching Bay at the entrance to Wellington Harbour and enjoyed boating and fishing but has never owned a yacht though he has enjoyed sailing on other people's boats, including his daughter and son in law's 44 foot yacht. They had some drama recently, but that's another story! His initial interest in DYC was the club's connection with Sir Peter Blake and has been a member of DYC ever since moving here, enjoying the social side of the club and coming to the DYC Seataks.



Here's Ron Child pictured last weekend with personally signed 100th Birthday cards from the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Mayor.

Happy birthday Ron!

(Words – Geoff Evans)



Club Notices:

Sailing Master



Andy Mason (pictured above in action) has been Sailing Master for the last ten years and is passing on the role. He has done a superb job!

We are delighted to let you know that Hugh Maguire and Mike Webster have agreed to share the role of sailing Master over the next year. They will be discussing between themselves exactly how the role is to be split but generally Mike will deal with the technical aspects and Hugh the administrative side of the role. We may have to find another title for Hugh's part such as Sailing Administrator although that does not sound very salty! (Sailing manager has been suggested – Ed.)

We would like to thank both Mike and Hugh for agreeing to take on this role particularly as they have both contributed much to the club in previous years. We are sure the sailing committee will continue to support them and there may be some more volunteers required from the sailors during the season to fulfill the role of OOD etc. if Mike is unavailable.



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The next DYC working bee is 8am Saturday 15

May 2021



Job List for Working Bee May 15th 2021

This list will be on the white notice board on Sat Morning.

Usual Regular Jobs

- 1 Slipways and yard (w/barrows, shovels and spades, brooms)
- 2 Grass and edges and garden weeding (mower, line trimmer)
- 3 Clubhouse exterior wash walls and windows (hose with brush pole).
- 4 Haulage Equipment (you know who you are)
- 5 Maintain drainage area front of clubhouse (shovels and good rake)
- 6 Haulage lockers tidy if required
- 7 Dingy Lockers: Lube locks and hardware
- 8 Clubhouse Doors and windows Check open/close, lube as required.
- 9 Wheelchair Lift. Check operation and clean under (take care, use sliding lock bolt)
- 10 Lounge stools and furniture in general check and repair.

Specific Jobs

- 21 Repair broken cedar cladding building west side
- 22 Workshop storage. Install shelving unit against back wall
- 23 Clubhouse Flags is required. Charlie W

Tony Bullard will no doubt add to this list with inside jobs.

Please let me know of any other jobs that could be done on a morning
(kennlee1000@gmail.com)

Don't forget to bring something for Morning Tea!!!

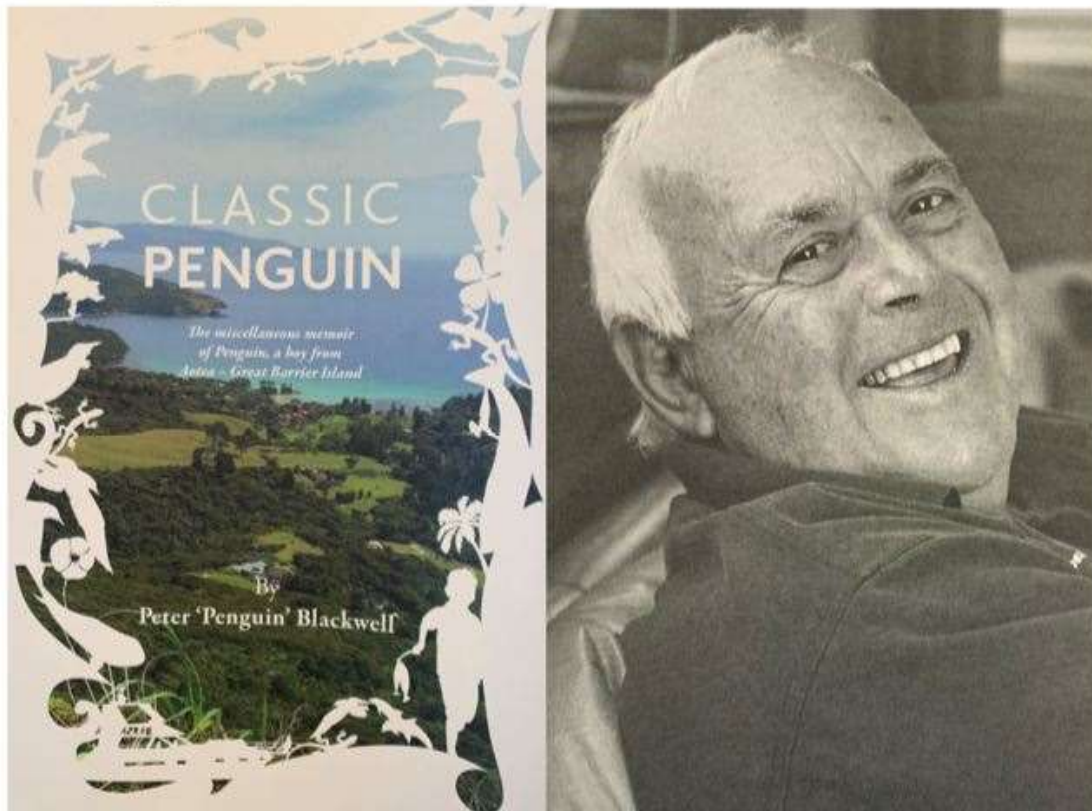
Cheers,

Ken Smith





DYC – Seataalks



Peter Blackwell - Classic Penguin

Peter is a descendant of one of early settler families- The Blackwells. He grew up on the island and has been a long-standing member of the community all his life.

His book *Classic Penguin* is laced with fantastic stories of his early days on Great Barrier Island, tales of where his Barrier 'can do' attitude has taken him and the unequivocal changes the island and NZ have seen throughout his lifetime. A miscellaneous memoir of 'Penguin, a boy from Aotea-Great Barrier Island.

7.30pm Thursday 27 May 2021

All welcome. The club bar will be open





Diary dates

SATURDAY 29TH MAY: Join us for the 2021 DYC prize-giving, from 5pm until 7.30pm. Tickets \$15 per person, including canapés and a free glass of wine. See poster below.

SATURDAY 3RD JULY: Save the date for the annual DYC 'Laying Up Supper'. This will be a mid-winter dinner & dance event and should be a great night - more details coming soon.

SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST: Get a team together for the annual DYC quiz night - always a popular event!

Owner/s name; Boat name; Boat type; Boat make; Sail Number

For example; Blair and Emma Cliffe, Hautere, Keeler, Cavalier 39, 2170



Dear members,

Further to recent comms regarding the club piano, the committee wish to advise that one member has objected to its permanent removal.

The said member is keen to reinstate group 'sing alongs' as have been held in past years and wishes to use the piano as part of these. The committee fully support this initiative and look forward to hearing of the first planned event.

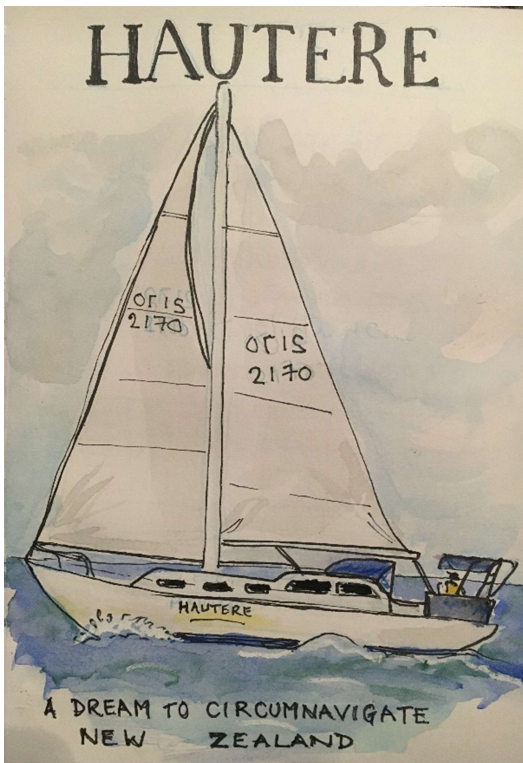


Attention all DYC boat owners,

Vice commodore Blair Cliffe has undertaken an update of our boat details for the next Handbook and want to start in plenty of time. Your help would be much appreciated! The format to use is

Please send your updated boat details to blaircliffe@xtra.co.nz or text to 027 295 4426





You may have seen the article about Travel Sketching in the Travel Section in last Sunday's Herald. It focussed on DYC member Tony McNeight's teaching, here in Devonport. Emma Cliffe attended one of his classes recently, and here's her sketch of Hautere. Hey, good job!



DYC Winter Haulage – 2021

It has come to that time of year again to turn our efforts towards hauling out boats for winter storage onto the DYC yard.

Boat owners who have been full members of DYC for six months are eligible to haul out and the cut off for Winter Haulage this year is 30th April. There is a limit to how many boats we can accommodate for the Winter so to avoid disappointment in missing out you should submit your application in good time. Completed haulage forms need to be sent to:

haulage@dyc.org.nz or nmwconsult@gmail.com together with payment of the \$100 deposit paid by direct debit to the DYC account presented on the haulage form.

If you have not hauled up your boat before then it is recommended that you contact the DYC haulage master and arrange to meet on site and discuss the process and prerequisites for haulage.

DYC haulage is only viable because of volunteer help and this starts with attendance of the 'working bees', the first one being in early May. During the period that boats are hauled out (mid-May to early July) boat owners benefitting from hauling out, are expected to help with not only their own boats but an equitable proportion of other boats as well.

There are three positions available within the DYC haul-out team:

1. Haulage master
2. Winch operator
3. Person to be responsible for the maintenance of winches

Those interested please contact the undersigned.

Nigel Wilson

Haulage Master



Online Survey

The management committee is preparing an online survey of the DYC membership to assess members feelings on a range of issues including of our catering and publicity services. We'll be sending more information (and links) out with the weekly Latest News emails soon. So, please keep a look out for and respond. The more feedback we get the better we can provide for members wishes.

Public notices

Email request - Couldrey Boats

To whom it may concern

I am researching the boats of boat designer/builder Arnold Francis (Bill) Couldrey for a book I am writing about him, and I am currently trying to locate as many of his boats as I can. To this end, I am reaching out to as many of the marinas, boat yards, and boat clubs throughout New Zealand as I can find in the hope that they may know if any of Bill's boats are moored or stored there.

Despite having made a great contribution to our maritime history, Bill is relatively unknown as a designer and builder. He worked for many years out of the ex Bailey and Lowe shed at Shoal Bay, Auckland, before retiring to Rotorua where he continued his design work. My husband and I have fully restored two Couldrey boats, a 1933 26 ft launch, and a 1950 38ft K Class yacht and these projects have sparked our interest in tracing and documenting the rest of his boats. Bill's family have provided a list of the 83 boats Bill designed and/or built throughout his working life, which spanned from 1924 to 1975, and includes everything from sailing dinghies to launches and yachts. Unfortunately many of

them are unnamed which has made tracing them difficult.

I have recently published a large 'coffee table' book tracing the history of the K Class yachts, which includes many photos and stories of the boats, the people, and the racing, on the Hauraki Gulf throughout the 1950s and 1960s; and I would like to create something similar around Bill's boats. As well as tracing the boats – in whatever condition they may be in now – I would also like to make contact with any previous or current owner of a Couldrey boat so that their experiences and stories may also be included in this book.

I understand our privacy laws may prevent you from passing any information on to me, but would it be possible for you to pass on my details to any Couldrey boat owner you may know of? Or would it be possible for you to just let me know of the name of any Couldrey boat on your records and I will endeavor to contact the owner from there?

If you are able to help me in any way, I would be very grateful. I can be contacted at jenni@kclass.co.nz or jennimence@gmail.com and I would be delighted for my details and quest to be shared in any way that may help me locate the rest of Bill's boats.

Kind regards, Jenni Mence

Te Pēwhairangi (Bay of Islands) marine mammal sanctuary proposal

Have your say on a proposal to establish a marine mammal sanctuary in Te Pēwhairangi (Bay of Islands). Submissions close 5 pm 18 May 2021.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2021-consultations/te-pewhairangi-bay-of-islands-marine-mammal-sanctuary-proposal/>



Stories from the Cockpit

Motor Sailer - A sailboat that alternates between sail/rigging problems and engine problems, and with some booze in the cabin.

Noserly - What to call the wind direction when it comes from where you're going

Passenger - A form of movable internal ballast which tends to accumulate on the leeward side of sailboats once sea motions commence.

Points - Traditional units of angular measurement from the viewpoint of someone on board a vessel. They are - Straight ahead of you, right up there; Just a little to the right of the front; Right next to that thing up there; Between those two things; Right back there, look; Over that round doohickey; Off the right corner; Back over there; and Right behind us.

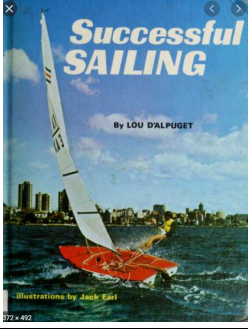
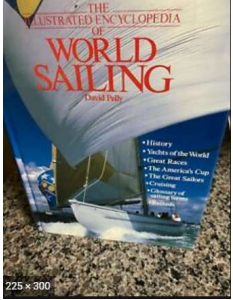
Porthole - A glass-covered opening in the hull designed in such a way that when closed (while at sea) it admits light and water, and when open (while at anchor) it admits, light, air, and insects (except in NZ waters, where most species are too large to gain entry in this manner).

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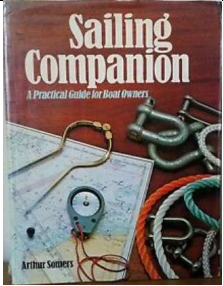
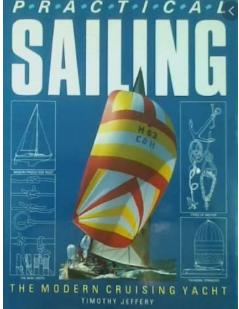
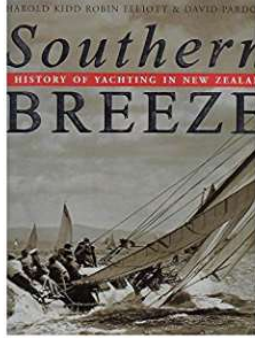
Past Commodore

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

<p>SUCCESSFUL SAILING LOU D'ALPUGET</p> <p>This book will steer the most uncertain sailing novice through the sometimes bewildering terms and terrifying techniques. It gives clear and concise instructions advancing from elements to complex techniques together with superb illustrations from a marine artist Jack Earl.</p>	
<p>THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD SAILING DAVID PELLY</p> <p>Sailing enthusiasts will find much to inform in this comprehensive and very readable guide to the world of sailing and the extraordinary range of experience it offers. The section on yachts of the world describes each type, from tiny boats designed for young children and the smallest one-person dinghy, to racers, cruisers, catamarans, trimarans, sailboards and so on.</p>	



<p>SAILING COMPANION ARTHUR SOMERS</p> <p>This is a comprehensive guide to all the key aspects of the sport and is designed to provide, clearly and concisely, all the information essential to a sailing enthusiast.</p>	
<p>PRACTICAL SAILING, THE MODERN CRUISING YACHT TIMOTHY JEFFERY</p> <p>This book provides a thorough grounding in all the principles and techniques of sailing the modern cruising yacht. It includes information on the latest equipment (including engines and auxiliaries), concise illustrations of apparatus and methods and abundance of full colour photographs.</p>	
<p>SUDDEN BREEZE, A HISTORY OF YACHTING IN NEW ZEALAND HAROLD KIDD, ROBIN ELLIOTT AND DAVID PARDON</p> <p>This book takes the reader on a rich and varied journey from the great yachts of the Logan, Bailey era, through the golden years of the first decade of the last century, popularising of centre boarders and the post war explosion of new designs to the international successes of Rainbow 11 to the Olympic, Whitbread and ultimately America's Cup glory.</p>	

Book review from Boat Books



FACING FEAR Sailing Solo Around Antarctica.

By Lisa Blair. Softback, 0.58kg, 153mm x 233mm, 333 pages. Full colour Images. Published 2021.

Facing Fear is the inspiring true story of Lisa Blair, who on 25 July 2017 became the first woman to sail solo around Antarctica. She very nearly didn't live to tell the tale. Seventy-two days into her circumnavigation, when Lisa was more than 1000 nautical miles from land, the mast of *Climate Action Now* came crashing down in a ferocious storm. In freezing conditions, Lisa battled massive waves and gale-force winds, fighting through

the night to save her life and her boat. Following her ordeal, Lisa relied on her unbreakable spirit to beat the odds and complete her world record.

With unwavering focus and determination, she sailed home, completing her journey after 183 days.

This is the story of her remarkable voyage.

NZ\$40.00

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