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FROM THE QUARTERDECK



A Report from the Vice Commodore Blair Cliffe

I am writing the weekend before our latest date for the AGM so hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have had a successful handing over of the reigns from our Commodore Geoff Evans of the past two years to Hugh Pollock. I would like to add my thanks to Geoff for all the work he has put into the club over the past six years but particularly for his work as Commodore.

My wife Emma has organised a number of Coastguard courses over the coming weeks

and we are still short of a few people to ensure they all run. 'Suddenly in Charge' is one that is under-subscribed, which is surprising given the large turnout we had last year. If any of you are interested, then please check the dates which will be in this newsletter or contact Emma directly. Bookings though are to be made directly with Coastguard and the contact details will be on the various adverts.

In between lockdowns, winter storms and other matters taking up our time Emma and I managed to get out for a few weekends during the winter. Non-believers in winter sailing raised their eyebrows assuring us we would all be frozen by the morning. However, with a hot water bottle, an extra blanket, a small dog and two humans in bed together I can assure you that you stay quite warm enough! It is also surprising how much warmth is generated by two kerosene lanterns burning away, certainly enough to keep the chill at bay. I said winter sailing, but truth be told it was winter motoring mainly. As you will know if it is not blowing too hard for boating it is generally clear blue skies and not much wind. I think we had wind but once and as it was a stiff breeze right on the nose, we opted to steer the direct route with Captain Newage the diesel once again doing a sterling job of getting us home.



The Social Committee are planning some events for the near future although due to the uncertainty involved with life at the moment, they are keeping things quite low key. Details will be announced shortly with posters at the club and adverts in the weekly club news. The next event will be the Prizegiving which is being held on Saturday 10th October from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. This will be a much pared down affair due to the restrictions with Covid so it is a free event with members encouraged to bring their own plates which they can share with their table of up to 10 people are per the latest Level 2 rules. Please remember that you will all have to sign in or use the Covid app at the door on arrival.

I would like to add my thanks to all those members who have responded to the request to assist with the funding of the kitchen re-vamp, it is very much appreciated. It has been pointed out that the drawings supplied thus far in their various formats are too small to make out much detail. Geoff I think is planning to try to get a larger, better resolution picture for the newsletter and Tony will putting up a large poster in the club next to the kitchen door so that members can see exactly what their money will be

helping create. Any contributions will be very gratefully received.

I am once again looking forward to the club re-opening and seeing friends and friendly faces again. Here's to some fun social events in the near future and as the days grow longer (and generally warmer) I am thinking of the summer and a new sailing season.



Yachting New Zealand
AFFILIATED MEMBER
2020/2021

DIRECTORY UPDATE

A warm welcome to our newest members.



New Member	Member Type
John & Janet Mazerier	Associate Family
Sebastien Michel	Family Membership
Kristopher Ward	Youth Membership
Martin & Claudia Tasker	Associate Family
Callum Ross	Family Membership
Aaron Hyde & Lucia Havlovic	Family Membership



The Kitchen Upgrade

After two years in design and planning, the kitchen upgrade project work kicks off Monday next week. The kitchen is the last part of the clubhouse that has not been renovated and is in serious need of an upgrade.

The upgrade includes new benches, fridge and steriliser and has a new ceiling, lights, walls and floor. It'll turn our kitchen into a modern kitchen that looks great and complies with modern health and safety standards.

To undertake this work the kitchen will be out of action until the end of October. We will however be providing food and meal options for our usual Thursday to Sunday openings. So please come down and support the club and catch up with your friends.

Unfortunately, we were not able to access grant funding as expected due to Covid-19 and the changes in funding priorities that this caused. So, we are asking members to contribute donations to help fund the \$75,000 cost of this work. If you are able to assist, you can donate at the bar or into our bank account 01/0137/0026279/00. Every little donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS ARE UNDERWAY
THANKS
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear members,

Thanks sincerely to those of you that have already generously shown your support of the kitchen upgrade, we are now approaching the **\$10,000** mark, so we are underway.

However, the amount raised to date represents some significant contributions from a comparatively small number of members. **We really need more of you to get behind this initiative and support the cause.**

The reality is that membership fees only just cover the annual overhead of running the club. **So it's no surprise that when we want to take on special projects that enhance our club and protect its future that we need to find additional funding from somewhere.** We have tried applying for grants but under the current Covid19 environment we have had limited success with this.

We are loathed to have to consider increasing membership fees or bar prices, for example, to cover these types of projects moving forwards.

For those of you that would like more information on the kitchen upgrade, we have recently posted larger format plans up at the club. Feel free also, to make additional enquiry with any of your committee members.



**SO COME ON MEMBERS,
PLEASE GET IN BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE
AND SUPPORT THE KITCHEN UPGRADE!
EVERY CONTRIBUTION HELPS.**

Donations can be made directly into the club bank account **01-0137-0026279-000**, or directly **over the bar**.

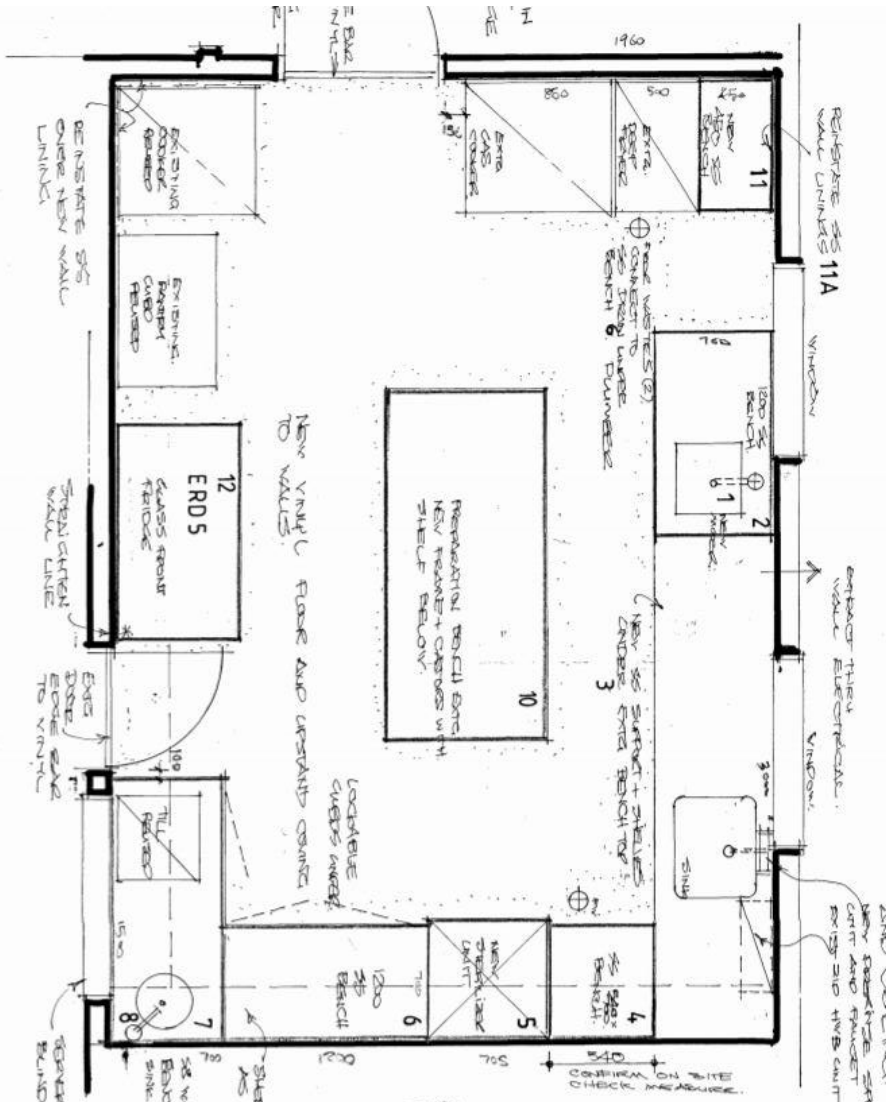
WITH THANKS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE



1-12 ROOMED SQUARE HOSPITALITY NUMBERS
OF ITEMS PRICED.

REFER WD 4 FOR ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING
LAYOUT PLANS. CAPSULED DEVATIONS.

DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB KITCHEN RENOVATION PLAN, 1:20.



NEW 10mm GIB AQUALINE WALLS
AND CEILING. FLOORS
NEW 10mm GIB AQUALINE
FLOOR AND FINDER
BENCH AND HWB CUNT 3B

**Devonport Yacht Club
Kitchen Renovations**

Scale 1:20 @ A2
Independent items:
Deep fryer for restaurant to wall.
SS liner to walls behind cooler and fryer to window.
Service extract unit over cooler. DVC to arrange.
Move cooler to end wall, for restaurant to wall.
Move fire alarm and switches clear of cooler.
Reuse fill and efflux connection.

Stage One
Remove items from floor & walls. Prep for new vinyl floor & upgrade.
Remove redundant wiring and retrace.
Frame for false ceiling and walls. 10mm gib Aqualine. stop & pain
install first fix electrics and plumbing runs and connections.
Repair all walls. Paint 2x coats enamel walls and ceiling.
New shelving & support to wash station. Open cuboids & scraps for
resale.
New 4500V x 700 SS bench behind deep fryer and wall.
Over bench dishwasher (dishwasher) addition.
New 7000V x 1200 SS bench with lockable cuboids below.
Mechanical vent to East wall between circular windows.
Shelving over south and west walls. Reinstate existing
Till return sweeney 1500 x 700 SS with WHB and mixer.
New sink bench and mixer 1200 x 700 to East wall.
New support legs, shelf and castors to prep island bench.
New glass front fridge and freezer to west wall.
Reuse cold cabinet to West wall.
Reuse cooler on legs to corner adj fire door. SS Wall linings.

General Works
Two new floor wastes discharging to sewer drain.
Wires running in cable trays or concealed.
Improve lighting with fluorescent fixtures with diffusers surface
mounted and enamel paint to ceiling.
All surfaces to be easily cleaned and durable.

**DONN ROBERTS
ARCHITECTURE**

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Design Date: Dec 2018
Drawn Ref No: 30718
Checked Scale: 1:20 @ A2

JOB TITLE:
KITCHEN ALTERATIONS
DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB
KING EDWARD PDE

Sheet Title: FLOOR PLAN

Sheet No: **WD 2** Revision: B

Contractors must verify all dimensions on the job.

A	Oct 2019	Stages 1 and 2
B	Aug 2020	Stage 1 only

THE INTERVIEW



JOHN DUDER

The Duder family has been on this mountain, Mt Victoria since 1842 the time when John's great grandfather was wrecked on HMS Buffalo (off Whitianga).

John's father went over to England to get his engineering qualifications in the 1930s, met his mother there and John was born over there. The family were on the point of returning to New Zealand when WW2 started, and John's father answered the call to help in the war effort. So that's why John spent his first 11 years in England growing up near Guildford, went to school in Hindhead, which he said was one of the bleakest of places, especially in the bone chilling winter of 1947, and with the continuation of wartime rationing. The relevance of all this to John's nautical background and one of the few things that kept him sane was reading the books of Arthur Ransome, including *Swallows and Amazons*. According to John, 'this was escapism of the highest order', and made for dreaming of dinghies, and schooners, etc.

When John was 11 the family returned to New Zealand on the ocean liner Dominion Monarch, a wonderful 6 week voyage, calling at Las Palmas, Care Town, Durban,

Freemantle, Melbourne, Sydney Wellington, with the Pamir in port! Back in New Zealand John continued his prep school education at St Peters, Cambridge, then boarding at Kings then 4 years at University of Auckland to study engineering.

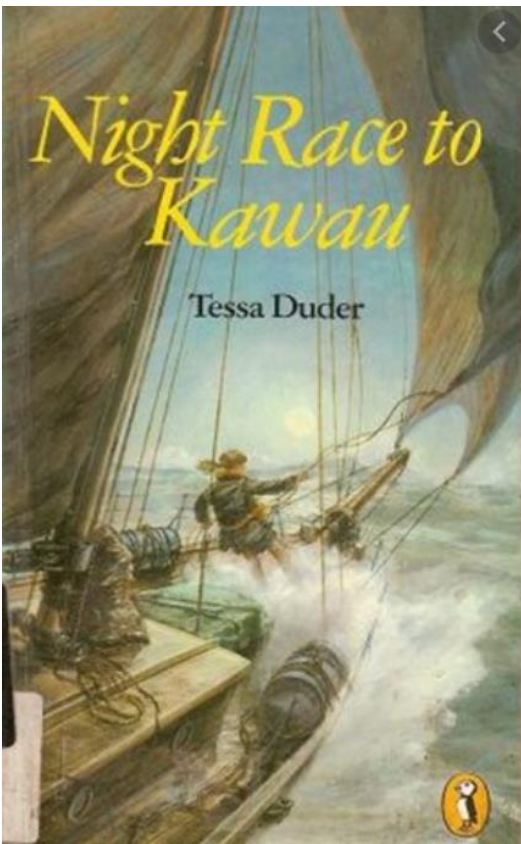
Before buying a North Shore house, or the Kawau property, the Duder family bought Spray and sailed it up from Napier to Auckland. Spray is as young as John, a 1938 Logan classic, designed with a Bermudan rig. Spray remained in the family until the family sold her to Howard Patterson in the 1970's, but then John bought her back in the early 1990's.



For the 20 years without Spray, John's sailed gunter rigged clinker dinghies out of the Kawau property, but they needed a boat so the family bought Undine (see painting) in partnership with Bruce Mahler and enjoyed her for 10 years. Those who were captivated with Tessa Duder's book, *Night Race to Kawau* may have read the edition that featured a boat on the cover which is very similar to Undine.



(Undine in Mansion House Bay, Kawau from a painting)



John and family spent years working overseas in the 1970-80s and had plenty of opportunities for sailing a variety of boats. To summarise, in Britain this included on Thames barges, aboard Norsaga (renamed Trivia), which was a pre-war 12 Meter yacht. John had meantime married Tessa in 1964, returned with her to UK and then was called up to crew Norsaga in her role as trial horse to Sovereign the British challenge to the America's Cup out of Newport RI. His only

regret was not agitating enough to take Tessa with him!



<http://www.12mr.de/>

John's employer consulting engineers Sir Arthur Gibb and Partners enabled him to work as observer on the massive World Bank Indus Basin irrigation project. The family lived there for 4 years, and then for 2 years consulting on the Tongariro power development in central North Island, NZ.

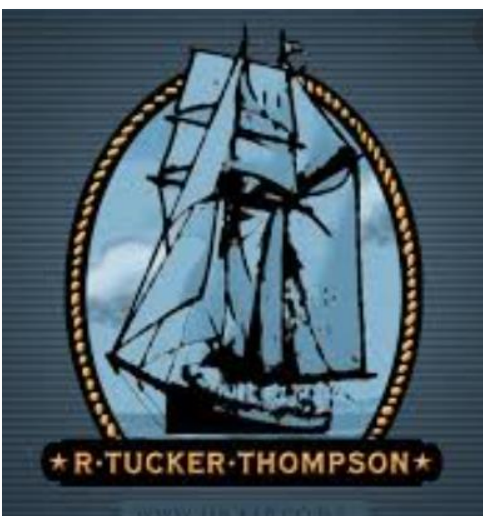
Then 1973 the family moved back to Auckland and John joined Tonkin and Taylor, living near Hauraki Corner and gave up the opportunity to go into partnership with the other Duder's in Spray. So, Spray was sold. With three of their four daughters at Westlake Girls they lived close by in Milford.

John has always enjoyed helping young people. Early on recognised the character-building potential of sail training, introducing young people to the water. In the 1970-80s In New Zealand both John and Tessa had become involved with the development of the Spirit of Adventure, John was appointed onto the trust board in 1975, became a volunteer officer, and got his seagoing tickets. This saw them involved in the

development of Spirit of New Zealand.



John befriended Con Thode, the legendary sailor and only New Zealand submarine commander. Con had signed off John's sea time so he could get his seagoing tickets to be first mate on the Spirit.



After 30 years of involvement with the Spirit of Adventure trust he joined the trust board of the R Tucker Thompson.

Asked about his most memorable voyages, John described his numerous trips on square riggers, not only on each of the sail training ships, but also aboard the Bounty replica in the 1980s, the Endeavour in 1999, The James Craig, out of Newcastle, NSW, the Tenacious while she was in New Zealand, and also R Tucker Thompson from the Rarotonga in The Cooks to Vava'u in Tonga. He did do a Fastnet Race in Sir Max Aitken's beautifully varnished classic Drumbeat; John said she was slow but very, very comfortable!

John described the adventures experienced racing Undine against Rewa up at Mahurangi (NB Rewa is now in the Maritime museum), and later in Spray, completing in the Coastal Classic; narrowly missing out winning as jibs were hoisted up-side down (no name given of who might have been responsible), Spray's dismasting last year, etc.



Asked about his favourite anchorage; apart from Kawau would be Great Barrier Island, particularly around Fitzroy Harbour with many happy memories, including spells from his naval training, honeymooning with Tessa, and numerous sailing holidays.



John's very first engagement with the Devonport Yacht Club was in the Duder Cup when the family originally owned Spray back in 1967, with John skippering. They came third and was presented with a book (John showed me the book). In the early 1990s they moved back to Church St. Devonport backing on their ancestral hill, Takarunga, Mt Victoria, where John's great grandfather had been signalman. However, for John and family this was a time of considerable difficulties; John and Tessa's second daughter had died, his dad had died, her mother had died.

John became an active member of DYC particularly involved with sailing and haulage. He was elected President of the club 2009 – 2015 and enjoyed this engagement with the club and made a point of attending most of the committee meetings, even though this was above the call of duty. And as he was involved in coastal engineering, he designed the western breakwater which protects the western slipway.

When John was filling out the Yachting NZ questionnaire survey on club experience recently, his responses on why he rates membership of DYC so highly is because of the social, the educational issues and the advice on maintenance.

Asked about his advice to new skippers, John's responses included; get involved with the club, because you never know when the occasional comment shared is going to provide the advice or insight which could prove crucial; it's a good idea to race or cruise in company with other boats because you can test your vessel, and if anything goes wrong you have help close at hand; get the

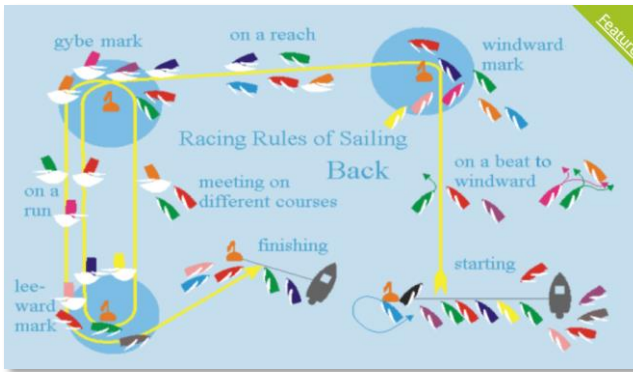
family involved, but not too much so you don't put them off; take advantage of the education courses available, such as the, 'Suddenly in Charge' course the Coastguard runs (see adverts later in this newsletter). The experience of owning a boat can be totally enhanced with membership of a certain type of yacht club, like DYC rather than certain clubs on the other side of the harbour which run on very expensive boats and lots of booze. And the haulage facilities are a huge benefit.

John also pointed out that even though he has over 70 years of yachting experience, he's still learning, incorporating new ideas and manoeuvres (he explained about popping the jib). The really important thing is to learn from other peoples' mistakes and not your own (wow, that's a good line to quote later!). He says, don't get cocky, always anticipate the worst, ie Murphy's law can apply, or in Duder parlance, 'even if it can't go wrong, it may!'.

At the age of 83 John is still working as a civil engineer, specialising in engineering irrigation projects. His Church St house is a treasure trove of yachting memorabilia. Asked about hopes for the future, his was to keep sailing for as long as he can (he is inspired by the exploits of DYC's Neil Coleman), preferably in Spray, and in his ten-foot clinker dinghy kept up in Kawau.

Thanks John!





<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2014/09/18/dave-perrys-racing-rules-quiz/>

OLD SEADOGS & NEW TRICKS

In response to Frank's mark rounding story in last month's DYC Newsletter, there are indeed times when a port tack boat has right of way. Section A of the Racing Rules sets the scene, but Section C presents some situations where closer attention is required. The bottom mark at the end of a downwind run is certainly one of these, see Rule 18.

To Frank – I'm not sure you would have had much luck with your obstruction tactic, same rules basically apply and you would be obliged to give room, see rule 19. However, if you were quick on your feet you could have tried 18.4, claiming the Stewart had sailed further past the [correct] mark than they needed to sail their proper course.

SECTION A - RIGHT OF WAY

A boat has right of way over another boat when the other boat is required to keep clear of her. However, some rules in Sections B, C and D limit the actions of a right-of-way boat.

Rule 10 - ON OPPOSITE TACKS

When boats are on opposite tacks, a port-tack boat shall keep clear of a starboard-tack boat

SECTION C - AT MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

Rule - 18 MARK-ROOM

Rule 18.1 When Rule 18 Applies:

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a mark on the same side and at least one of them is in the zone.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When boats are overlapped the outside boat shall give the inside boat mark-room

19 - ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction

(a) A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an obstruction on either side.

(b) When boats are overlapped, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room between her and the obstruction, unless she has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began.

18.4 Gybing

When an inside overlapped right-of-way boat must gybe at a mark to sail her proper course, until she gybes she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course.

Words from Rhys Cole



UPCOMING EVENTS

COVID-19 Update

The AGM went ahead this week (details will be published in next month's newsletter. It was good to see a good turn-out!

- DYC clubhouse and bar will be back in operation from Thursday 1 October, and the club will serve meals this Friday, etc. Please observe the Covid-19 protocols, i.e. use the contact tracing app QR codes on display or sign in, be seated and wait to be served by the staff, and no dancing!
- Prize giving is 10 October (see poster below)
- Skippers briefing is 15 October (see poster below)
- Kitchen renovations commence Monday
- DYC clubhouse is a polling Station for the General Election on Saturday 17 October 2020.



Devonport Yacht Club

DYC 2020 PRIZE-GIVING

SAT 10 OCTOBER, 1730 TO 1930 HRS.
FREE OF CHARGE * CASH BAR * PLEASE
BRING A PLATE OF NIBBLES/CANAPES.
NOTE: LIMITED TO 100 PEOPLE -
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!





2020 Skipper's BRIEFING

1900hrs
Thursday
15th October



An evening to welcome existing or new sailing members to the club and to discuss some exciting new changes to the sailing programme for the 20/21 season.

- Season entries can be made and paid on the night.
- Come and hear about our fun, friendly and family oriented cruising series that has something for everyone!
- Briefing and general discussion on divisions, courses and sailing instructions.
- Mentoring options available for those that are new to racing and keen to learn more.

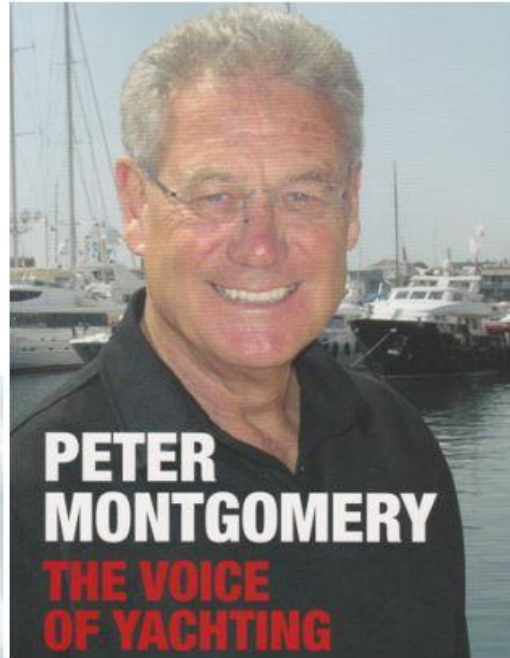


All welcome – the bar will be open!





DYC – Seataalks



Peter Montgomery

Seataalks will feature 'The voice of yachting' Peter Montgomery. He will tell us about the thrills and spills of previous Americas Cup campaigns and bring us up to date with the latest generation of foiling monohulls and the outlook for the campaign early next year. Do not miss this great opportunity.

DYC Seataalks - Devonport Yacht Club

7.30pm Thursday 22nd October 2020

All welcome. The club bar will be open.



Maritime Education

Recreational Boating Courses



Maritime VHF Radio Operator

Venue: Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade

Date: 4 October

Duration: Sunday

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Fee: \$125.00 or discounted to \$106.25 for Coastguard member

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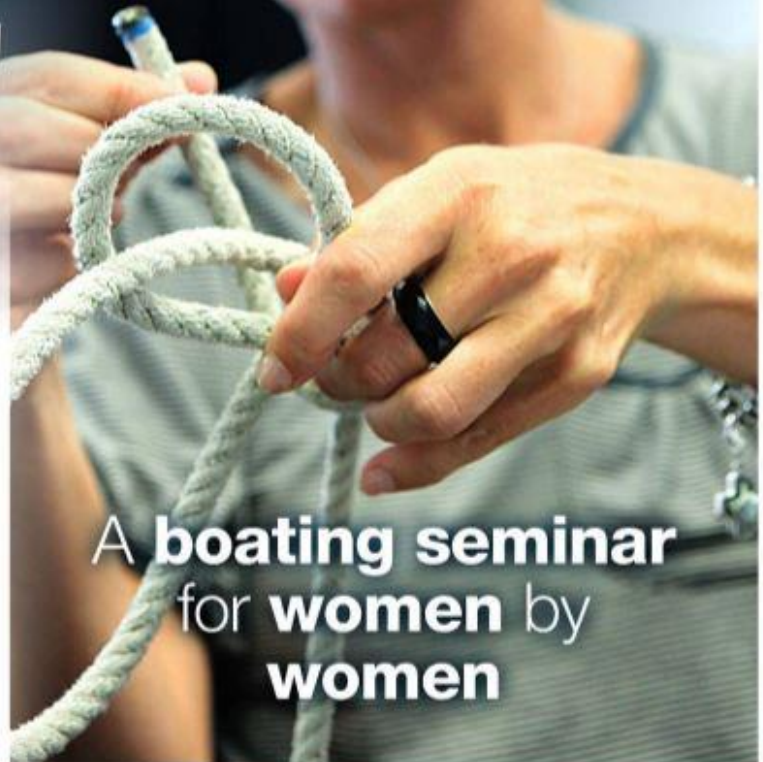
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Suddenly in Charge



Thursday, 8th October
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Devonport Yacht Club
25 King Edward Parade

\$55.00

A **boating seminar**
for **women** by
women

Join us for an enjoyable and highly interactive evening introducing topics such as rules of the road, emergency situations, safety equipment as well as some useful practical skills.

To book, email education@coastguard.org.nz
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Maritime Education

Recreational Boating Courses



Day Skipper

Venue: Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade

Start Date: 10 – 11 October

Duration: Sat & Sun

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Fee: \$255.00 / Special rate for Coastguard members \$216.75

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CLUB NOTICES



(Photo – Geoff Evans)

We're looking for one or two additional volunteers to add to our DYC Flag Hoist Team. It's fun keeping the flags flying. Please contact Geoff Evans on 021 777251




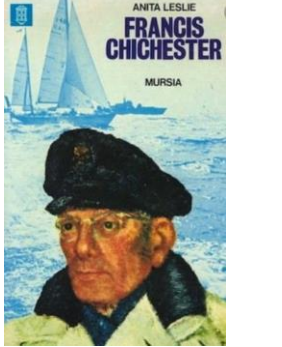
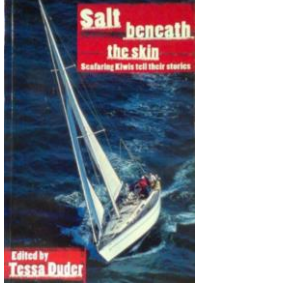
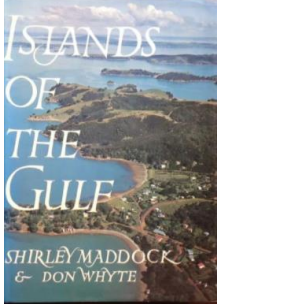
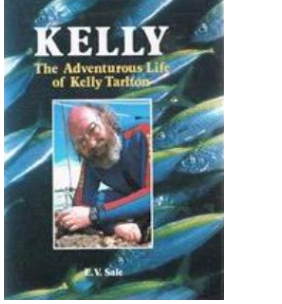
Many of you will remember John Michell who died earlier this year. In his time, he was a much valued DYC haulage master.

Feline, the boat he built back in the late 1980s is pictured above. The new owners are keen to hear more about the boat and her history. Please send any information to Mathilde Doucet on 021 025 08698



DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB LIBRARY

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

<p>BLOKES AND BOATS BILL McCARTHY</p> <p>In researching this book the author states that rarely has he encountered a group of individuals so dedicated to what he describes as the crux, the core, the quintessence of love of boats and the sea. Most of the stories are not of restoration but are concerned with the living, breathing boats that adorn the coast. Our own Sebastian Gundry features.</p>	
<p>FRANCIS CHICHESTER ANITA LESLIE</p> <p>The author has sought to describe in this fascinating full scale biography the man rather than the celebrity, the acclaimed public figure. She tells of his intense unhappiness of his school days, his failed first marriage, his pioneering interest in flying, culminating in a famous solo flight to Australia and almost impossible flight from New Zealand to Australia which was probably the most fantastic episode of his life.</p>	
<p>SALT BENEATH THE SKIN EDITED BY TESSA DUDER SEAFARING KIWIS TELL THEIR STORIES</p> <p>The editor has collected a gripping collection of stories. It reveals the sheer grit, skill and passion with which New Zealanders front the challenges of the sea.</p>	
<p>ISLANDS OF THE GULF SHIRLEY MADDOCK AND DON WHYTE</p> <p>In this survey of the gulf and its land parameter from Whangarei to Thames and Coromandel, history comes alive as old people remember former times and houses, landmarks, bays and wrecks bear witness to a rich exciting past.</p>	
<p>KELLY E V SALE THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF KELLY TARLTON</p> <p>This exciting book unfolds the story of the early days of his life as a champion spear fisherman and pioneer diver, through countless shipwreck salvages to the completion in 1985 of the Underwater World on Tamaki Drive Auckland.</p>	



PUBLIC NOTICES - FYI

Auckland Transport (AT) is making changes at Matiatia, Waiheke

In 2021, AT will renew the main wharf at Matiatia. As part of their planning for this, AT needs to alter the old wharf so that it can be used as a substitute berthing location for Waiheke ferries during possible temporary closures at the main wharf.

Work on the old wharf will begin in mid-October 2020 to ensure it is ready for next year's renewal work. The work is expected to be finished by mid-December 2020 in time for the peak summer season.

In a separate project, the construction of new toilets at the Matiatia ferry terminal will start on site in early November. Toilets will be available throughout.

Find out more here: <https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/matiatia-improvements/>

Can you tell your J's from 12 Metres?

*Winged keels from twin? Grinders
from cyclors? Your Lexcens from
Schnackenberg's?*

With the America's Cup fast approaching we are on the look out for volunteer guides with a keen sense of history and an eye for the interesting plus a bit of story telling flair for our newly developed America's Cup Tour.

To find out more, pop in or email us at:
volunteering@maritimemuseum.co.nz

 New Zealand
Maritime Museum
HUI TE ANANUI A TANGAROA

Stories from the Cockpit

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 signalling pennants or ensigns, designed to be flown upside down, in the wrong place, in the wrong order, or at an inappropriate time.

CR Leech ED*

Past Commodore

A business card for Platter Cafe | Bar | Restaurant. The card is blue and white with a red pushpin in the top left corner. The logo on the left reads "Platter" in a large, stylized font, with "CAFE | BAR | RESTAURANT" written vertically below it. The right side of the card contains contact information in white text on a blue background.

www.plattercafe.co.nz

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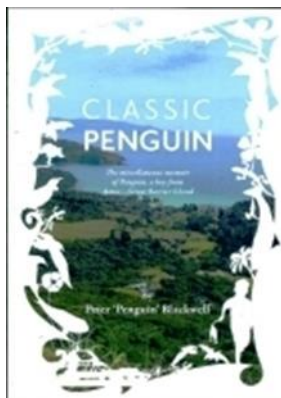
Address: 33 KING EDWARD PARADE, DEVONPORT

HOURS: 7 DAY BREAKFAST / LUNCH 7:00AM - 4PM
DINNER: WED - SUN 5PM - LATE

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Book review from Boat Books



Classic Penguin

By Peter 'Penguin' Blackwell,

Paperback, 231 pages. Colour and Black and White Photographs. Published September 2020.

The miscellaneous memoir of 'Penguin, a boy from Aotea-Great Barrier Island.

A few words from Sir Graham Henry in the foreword to this memoir...

Peter 'Penguin' Blackwell to his mates. Why 'Penguin?', well, he has the body of a penguin, walks like a penguin and loves the sea - like a penguin.

So penguin he is....

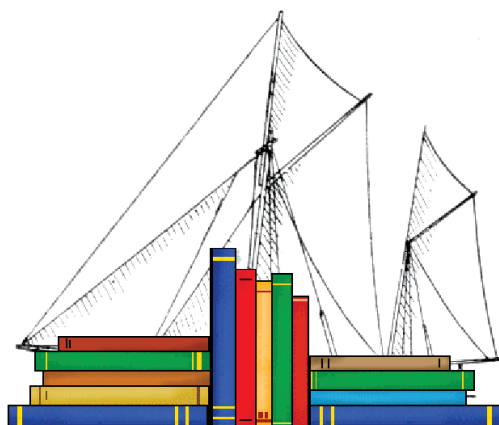
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