

## September 2020

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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK



**A Report from  
The  
Commodore  
Hugh Pollock**

What a year it has been. In my last Quarter Deck article, I covered the end of the season's sailing and the dive into lockdown with the uncertainties that this raised for the rest of the year. At the time a major club activity 'Winter Haulage' was on hold until we reached a suitable covid19 alert level and has now taken place. Fewer boats have been hauled this year, but short-term haulage has been booked solid. Personally, this has been a relief as I am now able to make some essential repairs to Kristen and clean up some of the accumulated seagull mess left

after lockdown made regular use of the boat impossible.

Alert Level One saw the club back in action with regular events including a full return to social activities and the bar re-opened from Thursday to Sunday. Then of course we plunge back into level 3 and it all stops again. But you know all this and will be reacting in whatever way you do. It is all very disrupting and for us with our Annual General Meeting landing bang in the middle and having to be delayed. Keep a keen eye out in weekly newsletters for information on resumption of activities and a new date for the AGM.

Also caught in the middle is our long-term planning to refurbish the kitchen. At the time I joined the club, almost ten years ago, it was in the second stage of the clubhouse refurbishment, a major project that I now understand was prompted by an inspection of the building foundations showing the likelihood of collapse rather more likely than was comfortable. Club members of the time raised a very large sum of money to carry out the work. While the upgrade itself has been very successful there was not enough resource available to refurbish the kitchen, which was given a once over lightly with a lick of paint. In the past few years, the committee has put together a repairs and maintenance plan covering the total club assets. A great many of the items on the list have been completed – a lot of painting for instance including the ceiling of the main hall



and upgrading of the lighting and electrical system particularly power supplies in the yard. There are three major items left to cover in this cycle – the kitchen and the two haulage trolleys. The current committee has been planning to upgrade the kitchen for over a year now with the aim of commencing work in October this year in preparation for the Americas Cup festival. Unfortunately, while the kitchen funding applications were submitted before the covid19 crisis started they were derailed as a consequence. Thanks to the efforts of Karen Webster we did receive \$3,000 toward the upgrade.

After a close analysis of the clubs existing funds and an income and expenditure forecast, the Committee has concluded that we are in a position to be able to contribute \$40,000 towards the upgrade. Additional funding will be required to cover the capital improvements being made that are in addition to the required repairs and maintenance and we will be seeking members support for this. A funding letter will shortly be sent describing the request in more detail and suggesting amounts that, briefly, are contributions from \$25 to \$500 or

any other amount you feel able to make. Options for payment are the usual – by credit card, direct credit to the club bank account (01-0137-0026279-00) or over the bar. Remember too that you could arrange a regular payment, say once a month, over a period of time to spread the cost. All contributions will help and be greatly appreciated.



*(Photo – Geoff Evans)*



## AN INTERESTING PROTEST



This happened many years ago during an RNZYS Squadron weekend race at Kawau. The harbour course took us around Motuora Island then to a buoyed mark off the inside of Kawau. The wind strength was around 15 knots and it was dead downwind for this leg of the course.



Now my yacht Offshore sails beautifully straight down wind but many of the competitors decided to tack down wind.

As we approached the leeward mark buoy on Starboard gybe, I noticed a Stewart 34 coming in on port tack so I called "Starboard" in a loud voice and the Stewart 34 skipper

replied by calling "Buoy Room" in an even louder voice.

Now I love my boat which is all teak and Kauri, Snow Waters built her for me and I have had a love affair with her for the past 46 years. I looked at the stem of the Stewart about to TEE bone me and I remembered Russell Coutts hitting the starting boat during a Citizen Match racing contest where he sprung every plank on one side of her, I also noticed the determined look on the face of the other skipper and decided that he had no intention of giving way so I decided that discretion was needed and I squared away and gave him room to round the mark.

As soon as we were clear of the mark, I advised that I intended to Protest and unfurled my protest flag, he gave me the fingers in return!

The official boat was tied alongside the Mansion House wharf when Dick Rax a local GP who was one of my crew and I arrived to lodge our protest, we were welcomed on board by the crew who were all decked out in their whites and had been celebrating a successful days racing for some time before we arrived. They plunged a glass of wine into our hands and received our protest form all filled in and later that day two rather intoxicated crew returned to Offshore.

The protest was held the following week at the Squadron and the Chairman of the protest committee was John McKenzie who was an international judge who Pointed out to me that as the Stewart 34 yacht had an overlap on Offshore, he had right of way around the mark.

Now I had been on Devonport's protest committee for many years, but I never knew that there was a situation where a yacht on port tack had right of way over a yacht on starboard tack.

But there was another issue which was that we had both rounded the wrong mark!!! Apparently, it belonged to another club and the correct mark was to windward of us so I maintained that in that case the mark was an obstruction and that I had right of way. The Stewart 34 skipper said that if the protest was decided in my favour he would appeal and have the whole days racing declared null and void. WOW we left the room for the committee to decide our fate.

We returned and John said that they had reached a decision which was that although we had each rounded the wrong mark, at the time we both believed that it was the correct

mark and as I had given way no rules were breached.

So that was it but I have often wondered what the NZ Yachting Federation would have said had I appealed and also if the whole days racing could have been scrapped if the other skipper had appealed.

The protest had a silver lining as far as I was concerned, the Squadron decided to mark all their racing buoys RNZYS and my company Shore Sails Ltd. got the job of doing it!

Frank Warnock (DYC president 1993-1995, DYC Commodore 2002-2002)

Offshore.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Notice of Meeting Devonport Yacht Club Annual General Meeting 2020

**Venue:** Devonport Yacht Club 25 King Edward Parade, Devonport

**Date:** Revised date is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (This is subject to Covid-19 alert level changes. We will confirm via email on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September)

**Time:** 1930

#### Agenda

- President's welcome
- Apologies
- Obituaries
- Minutes of 2019 meeting
- Commodore's report
- Treasurers Report
- Election of officers
  - President
  - Commodore
  - Vice Commodore
  - Rear Commodore
  - Treasurer
  - Sailing Master
  - Clubhouse Captain
  - Haulage Master
  - Site Manager
  - Bar Manager
- Election of Committee members
- Other Business

#### Note:

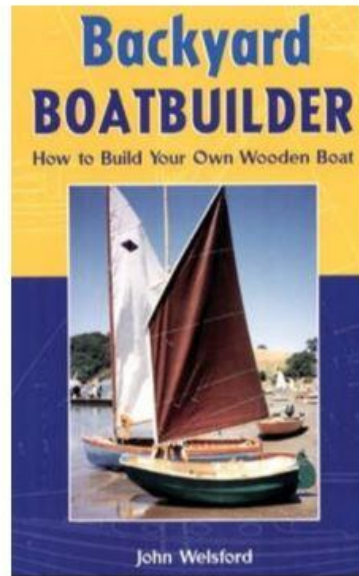
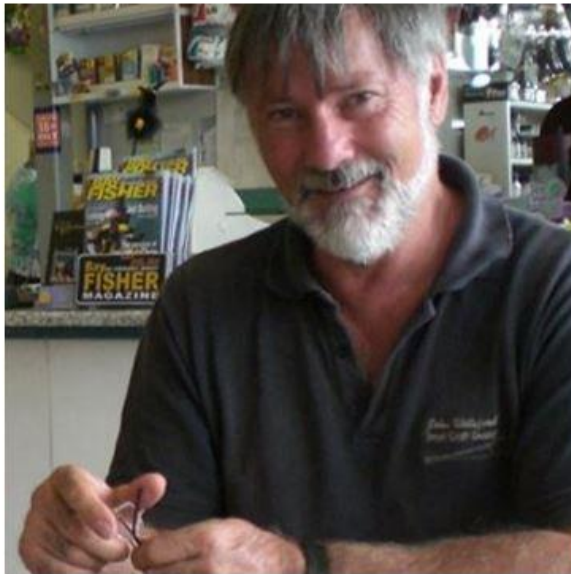
- Nominations for President and Flag Officers must be with the Secretary one calendar month before the meeting
- Other positions can be nominated at the meeting
- Up to four committee members can be elected
- Only Full Members may vote



We have yet to reschedule the screening of the movie One Outstanding, August's DYC Seatalks or the Quiz that had to be postponed during the latest Covis-19 lockdown. We will let you know of the revised dates through the normal channels.



## DYC – Seatalks



### **John Welsford – small craft design**

Marine designer, past tutor in marine and automotive design at Massey University, boatbuilder, sailing instructor, boat show presenter, adventurer, liveaboard, river caretaker, author.

How did all that come about for a pretty average guy with a family and a mortgage?

“It was a hobby that got out of control!”

**7.30pm Thursday 10 September 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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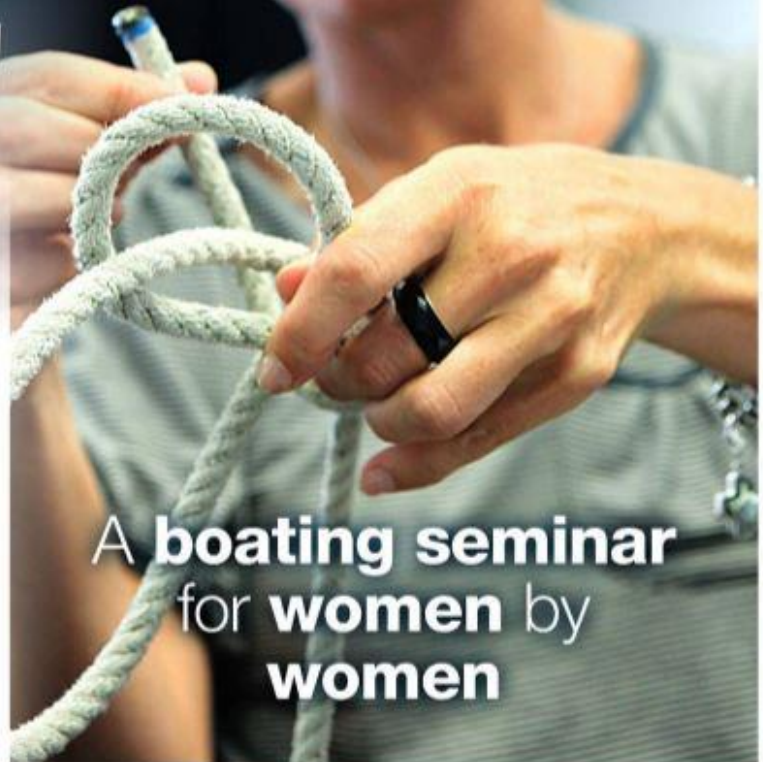
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# Suddenly in Charge



Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October  
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

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25 King Edward Parade

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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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## NOTICES

### RED SOCKS EVENT



The club are proposing an exhibition depicting the connection between the DYC, Sir Peter Blake and the America's Cup which will run through February and March next year. The organisers would very much appreciate input in the form of pictures, artefacts or anecdotes that members have in

relation to Sir Peter Blake, who would be willing to share these over this time. Please get in touch with either Rhys Cole or Hugh Maguire in the first instance at the email addresses

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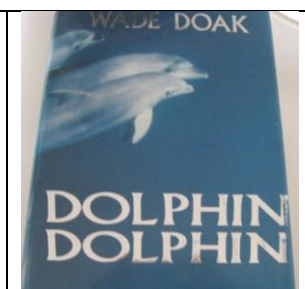


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WADE DOAK

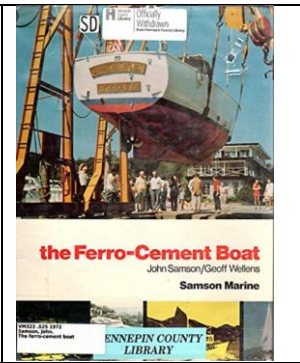
Following an encounter with a pod of dolphins of the north east coast of the North Island of New Zealand Wade pondered whether these animals were ready and willing to meet humans, their peers in intellect on an equal footing. Further encounters had Wade and his wife Jan feeling they were on the brink of a revelation. The thought of establishing meaningful communication began to dominate their lives.



<p><b>OFF SHORE YACHTS</b>  <b>EDITED BY JOHN ROUSMANIERE AND THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA</b></p> <p>This is the authority on the features and equipment that belong and those that don't belong in a cruising salvo.</p>	
<p><b>THE CRUISE OF THE ALERTE</b>  <b>E F KNIGHT</b></p> <p>The author sailed his cutter on a treasure hunt to the uninhabited island of Trindad of the coast of Brazil. Although no treasure was discovered his account of the voyage and the difficulties of the expedition make fascinating reading.</p>	
<p><b>FORTY FATHOMS DEEP</b>  <b>ION IDRIESS</b></p> <p>This is the story of the Australian pearling fleets and their area of operations. It is also an account of the pearl divers and the equipment they used. First printed in 1937 it has been reprinted numerous times so popular has it become.</p>	
<p><b>CAPSIZE</b>  <b>COMMANDER W D A KING</b></p> <p>It struck the author one day when he was driving his cattle along the rocky shoreline of Galway Bay on the west coast of Eire that it was time to go, time to set off in his own boat and sail the southern ocean. This is the tale of his single-handed voyage fulfilling a lifelong dream.</p>	

THE FERRO CEMENT BOAT  
JOHN SAMSON AND GEOFF WELLENS

The authors continually pushed the development of new building techniques and these are reflected in this instructional book.



# Can you tell your J's from 12 Metres?

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## Stories from the Cockpit

**Chock** - Sudden and usually unpleasant surprise suffered by Spanish seaman.

**Circuit Breaker** - An electromechanical switching unit intended to prevent the flow of electricity under normal operating conditions and, in the case of a short circuit, to permit the electrification of all conductive metal fittings throughout the boat. Available at most novelty shops.

**Clew** - an indication from the skipper as to what he might do next.

**Companionway** - a double berth.

**Course** - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results by not being able to.

**Crew** - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

**Cruising** - Fixing your boat in exotic locations.

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Past Commodore

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## Book review from Boat Books

Marianne says, How about this beauty for Father's Day!

### SAILBOATS

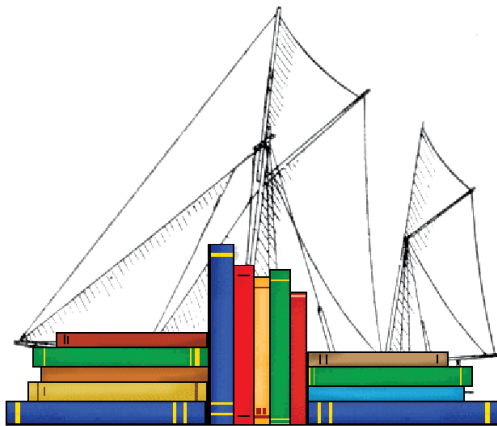
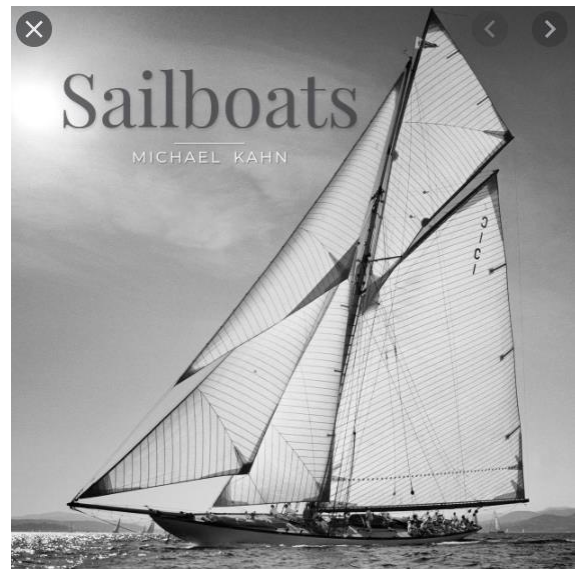
By Michael Kahn. Hardback, 0.70kg, 210mm x 210mm, 143 pages, Sepia Photographs. Published 2020

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