



November 2022



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from the President

David Stone

It is over ten years since I last wrote a piece for the magazine. Back then the newsletter was just that, a hardcopy document that was posted out to members. Now it is all electronic and the communication with members is weekly. For my first piece as President, I am going to write about two former members.

When you are a flag officer or past Commodore you are at times called upon to represent the Club at members' funerals. One week recently saw me attending two members' funerals within less than 24 hours.

The first on the Friday afternoon was that of Bruce Westbrook. Bruce was a local Devonport lawyer for many years and was the Club Treasurer from 1962 to 1987. In

recognition of that service, Bruce was made a life member in 1976. I was joined at the funeral by past Commodores Kevin Johnson, Chris Leech and John Ford, so the Club was well represented.

Bruce's active time with the club predates my involvement and my only contacts with him were at the annual Past Commodores and Life Members lunch. This event is extremely

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important in the life of the Club as it provides a continuity that would otherwise be lost.

The second funeral was at noon on the Saturday and was for the Club's oldest member, Ron Childs, aged 101. The funeral, or more properly the celebration of Ron's life, was held at the Club which was bursting at the seams. There was a strong military presence reflecting Ron's war service and long-standing involvement with the Devonport RSA. The service was conducted by a Navy Chaplain, the army was represented, and Ron was driven away to the strains of the Last Post played by an air force bugler.

Ron joined the Club soon after arriving in Devonport with his wife about 10 years ago. Sadly his wife died suddenly and Ron became a familiar figure around the Club, eventually celebrating his 100th birthday there. The stories that were told reinforced the view that Ron was a nice man who served his country well and who was always willing help anyone. He appeared to be universally loved, despite,

from what came across in the stories with great humour, a very strong stubborn streak.

While we said farewell to two stalwart members of the Club, neither was a sad occasion. People like Bruce and Ron are the foundation of clubs like ours and while the contribution each made was very different, we all benefitted from their involvement. We are fortunate that there is a new cohort of committed volunteers coming through to maintain the Club and the history it represents.

Bruce and Ron may you ever have calm seas and a fair wind.

Yours aye

David



RACE RESULTS

Icebreaker Saturday 29 October

Race	Ice Breaker	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 29 October 2022		10:15:00					
1	No Extras Green Flag							
334	Ladybird	0.615	Y	12:55:05	2:40:05	1:38:27	4	1
43	Northerner	0.870	Y	12:17:26	2:02:26	1:46:31	1	2
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860	Y	12:22:00	2:07:00	1:49:13	2	3
2441	Kristen	0.650	Y	13:07:13	2:52:13	1:51:56	7	4
8392	Tumbleweed	0.680	Y	12:59:45	2:44:45	1:52:02	4	5
3790	U Choose	0.675	Y	13:05:29	2:50:29	1:55:05	6	6
5001	Renown	0.815	Y	12:37:51	2:22:51	1:56:25	3	7
			Starts	7	Finishes	7		

Race	Ice Breaker	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 29 October 2022		10:10:00					
1	Extras Green Flag							
43	Northerner	0.870					DNS	DNS
1793	Helix	0.750					DNS	DNS
3246	Kudos	0.780					DNS	DNS
3374	Zeppo	0.750					DNS	DNS
5001	Renown	0.835					DNS	DNS
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.840					DNS	DNS
6628	Calypso V	0.780					DNS	DNS
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860					DNS	DNS
			Starts	0	Finishes	0		

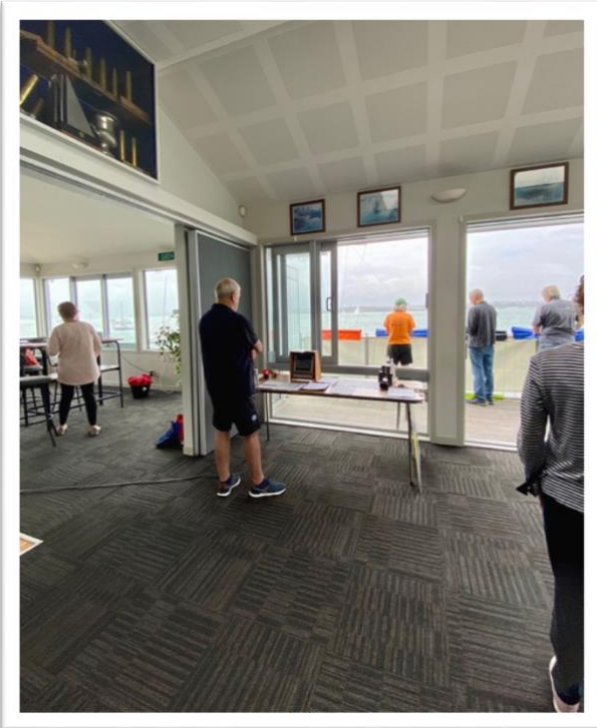
Classics result tbc



ICEBREAKER IN PICTURES

In the start box...

Alan, Sue, Val, Grant, Brian, Danny and Bill — all's calm on the countdown to the Icebreaker start.

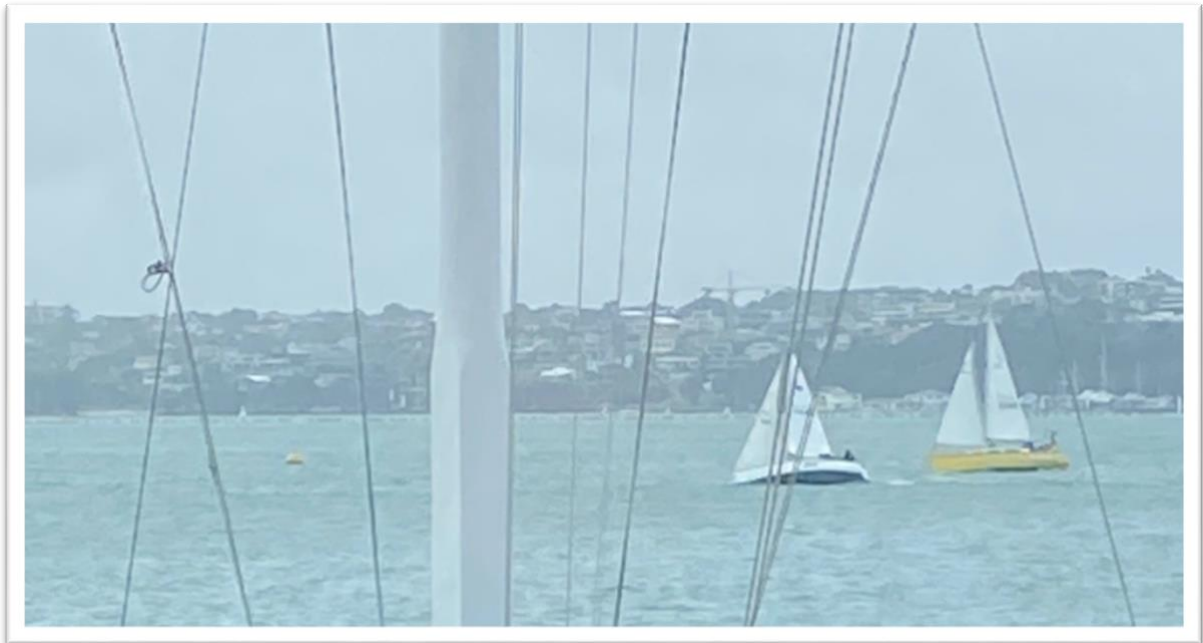


On the start line...

The Classics cross the line; Northerner and Sealed with a Kiss on the line



Kristen and Tumbleweed race for the start



Post race BBQ

After two hours or so of racing in 25 knot wind...a welcome bbq in the bar!



Fourth Division winners — father and son

Martin and Matt Foster sailing Ladybird with co-owner Mike Strong (lurking in the right rear of the pic). A fitting win for Martin, DYC's longest-serving Life Member. Matt's also a long-time member. He's been a member for 37 years ... from the day he was born!



The Icebreaker Race is generously sponsored by DYC Life Members and their partners:

Pippa Lady Blake, Martin and Janet Foster, Alan Kemp, Bruce Westbrook* and Lynette Miller, Frank and Janet Warnock, Les and Keitha Smith, Marje Ward, Colin Tubbs, Sue and Kevin Johnson.

*Bruce sadly passed away in September 2022 as noted in the President's introduction to this newsletter.



SAILING RACES COMING UP


Devonport
Yacht Club Inc.

MOTUIHE RACE

**SATURDAY
5 NOVEMBER**
Sponsored by
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Services

**DIVISION A
WINDJAMMER
TROPHY
START 1000HRS
TIME LIMIT: 1630HRS**

**DIVISION B
WOODEN BOWL
START 1005HRS
TIME LIMIT: 1630HRS**

Prize giving & BBQ on the beach at 1700hrs. Everybody welcome.
For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz





ROUND TIRITIRI MATANGI RACE



**SATURDAY
19 NOVEMBER**

Sponsored by
Beach House Wines



**DIVISION A
WINDJAMMER
TROPHY**

START 1000 HRS

TIME LIMIT: 1730HRS

**DIVISION B
WOODEN BOWL
WOLLACOTT SERIES**

START 1005 HRS

TIME LIMIT: 1730HRS

Prize giving & BBQ at the Gulf Harbour Yacht Club 1800hrs. Everybody welcome.
Berths at Gulf Harbour Marina are being organised (at skippers' cost) for overnight stays.



SOCIAL NEWS

Friday Dinner and Christmas Carols: Friday 16 December

All members and their guests are welcome to come to Friday Dinner with a festive twist — we'll be striking up some carol singing after dinner!

Chateaubriant will announce the full dinner menu during the preceding week. As a taster, however, we've learnt that the meat option will likely be:

Crispy Pork Belly, apple & cinnamon sauce, honey reduction, potato rosti & vegetables medley

- Diners — please make a dinner reservation with Kirsty in the usual way but before 4pm on Thursday 15 December
- Carolers — Carols will begin when most people have finished eating.

This will not be a ticketed event. You do not have to dine to carol. You do not have to carol to dine. Just rock up for all or some of the evening.



Working Bee: Saturday 26 November

Call for Volunteers!



**Your club needs you and your elbow grease
at the Working Bee from 8am on Saturday 26 November**

Volunteers are essential to running our club. Please consider how you can help at the Working Bee — there's something for everyone to do.

Site Master, Ken Smith, will be co-ordinating all the regular yard work like slipway cleaning (please bring a shovel and wheelbarrow), window washing, lock maintenance, general cleaning, and minor maintenance.

Other jobs:

- Replacing some of the dinghy locker doors. This could expand into a production line operation on the day for a team of handy DIY-ers.
- Painting the cedar weatherboards. Tony Bullard is looking for 4 volunteers (including himself).
- Greasing and lubricating the haulage winches. Just turn up on the day and Paul Walter will show you what to do.

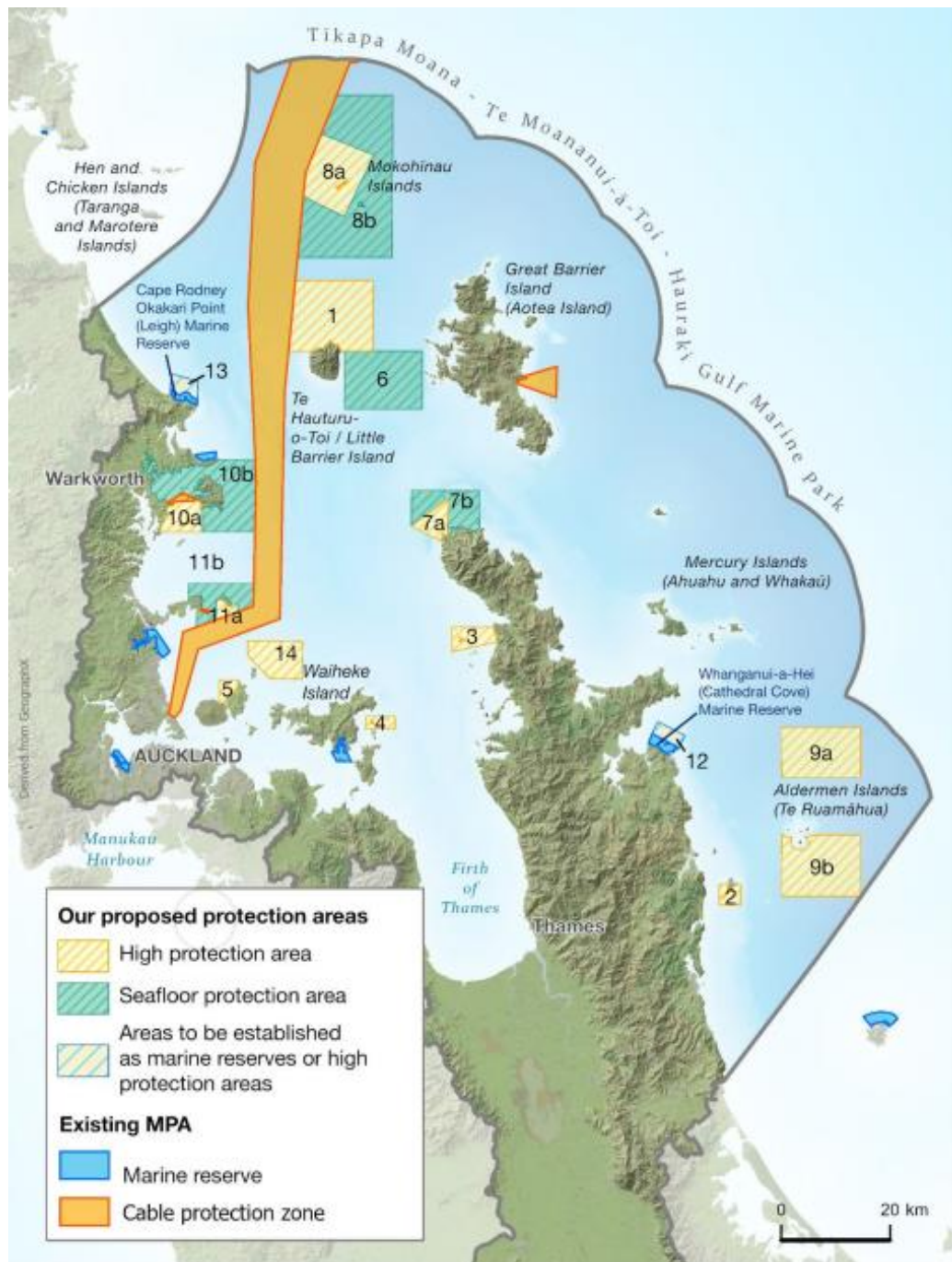


SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Government's proposal to create 19 new marine protected areas in the Hauraki Gulf under new legislation

By Geoff Evans

Last month, the Department of Conservation sought feedback on the Government's proposal to create 19 new marine protected areas in the Hauraki Gulf under new legislation.



<https://www.doc.govt.nz/contentassets/6d2ec8fd81fb4c7bb3ba4ac9bb6d07ca/revitalising-the-gulf-information-document.pdf>



What's in the proposal?

- The proposal includes 12 high protection areas, five seafloor protection areas and extensions to the existing Cape Rodney-Okakari Point (Leigh/Goat Island) and Te Whanganui-a-Hei (Cathedral Cove) marine reserves.
- It will increase the area under protection in the Hauraki Gulf from just over six percent to about 18 percent and will support the recovery of some of its most biodiverse regions.
- These proposals were first announced in the strategy Revitalising the Gulf: Government action on the Sea Change Plan in 2021. They were then refined after engagement with mana whenua in the Gulf.
- If implemented, the high protection areas will be a vital step in enhancing the mauri, health and life of the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana / Te Moananui ā toi.

Yachting New Zealand consulted yacht clubs

During the Government's consultation period, Yachting New Zealand asked yacht clubs' for their feedback on the Government's proposal. On your behalf, the DYC committee confirmed support for the proposal.

The committee used the following wording in our feedback to YNZ and direct to DoC:

1. We support the five proposed Seafloor Protection Areas (SPAs) but would also like to see them extended. The entire seafloor of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park should be an SPA. This is consistent with Hauraki Gulf Forum goals and Sea Change objectives to ban bottom trawling in the Gulf.

2. We support the proposed marine reserve extensions using the Marine Reserves Act but think they should be larger. Marine reserves provide an important benchmarking function and have numerous other benefits.

3. We support the proposed High Protection Areas (HPAs). We note their experimental nature and are concerned about monitoring budgets. We are concerned about customary take impacting the ambition of the biodiversity targets. Because we would like to see more of this kind of protection here and elsewhere in Aotearoa New Zealand it's important that the legislation is flexible. We support the Hauraki Gulf Forum and IUCN goals for 30% protection.

The consultation period closed on October 28.

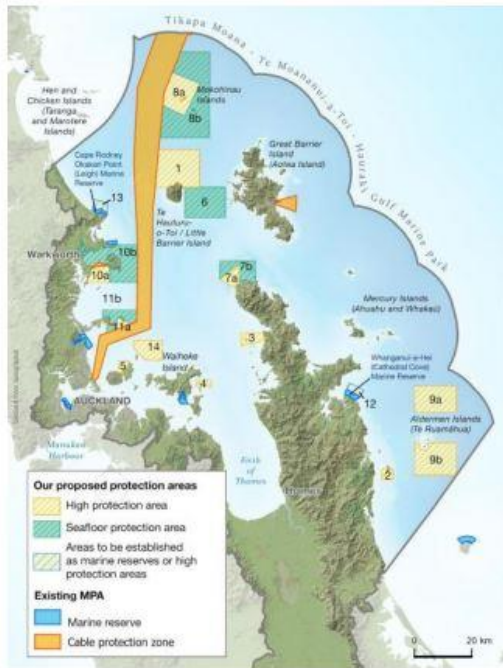
More information:

- <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2022-consultations/help-revitalise-hauraki-gulf/>
- **Seatalks at DYC on 10 November:** Gabrielle Gooding, the Department of Conservation's Programme Lead for Tipaka Moana/Hauraki Gulf, is presenting on this topic on 10 November 2022.





DYC – Seataalks



Gabrielle Goodin - Marine Protection Areas of Tikapa Moana / Hauraki Gulf

Gabrielle Goodin will share her perspective and role as Programme Lead with DOC for Tikapa Moana / Hauraki Gulf. She will speak about the past, present and outlook as she sees it for marine reserve protected areas and Revitalising the Gulf. Time for general discussions and questions follow Gabrielle's sure-to-be informative and interesting talk.

7.30pm Thursday 10 November 2022

All welcome. The club bar will be open. Aim to be there by 7.15pm to secure your seat.



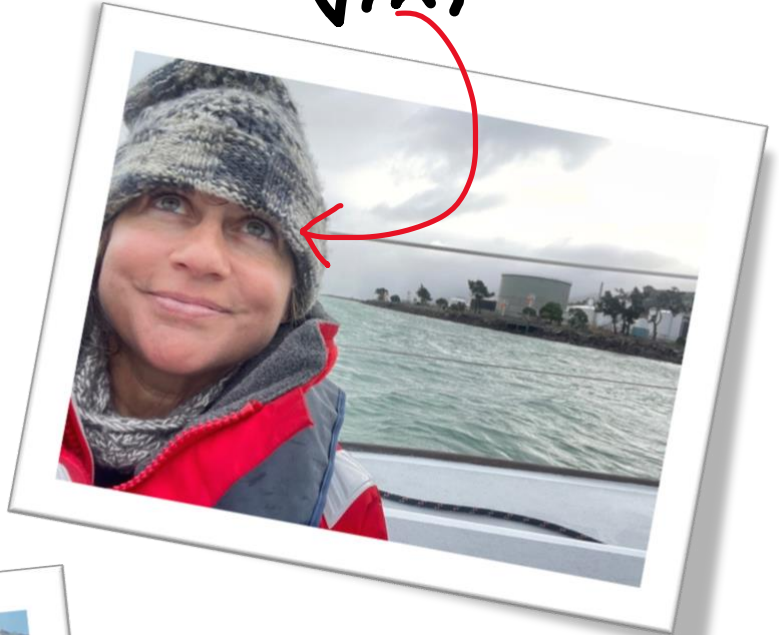
SEATALK #2

Viki Moore: Ever Dreamed of Sailing the South Pacific?

Prelude by Richard Loseby

There are two clear ways you can cruise offshore from NZ. Just decide to go — and then work your way along through the labyrinth of Cat 1, offshore insurance, provisioning, passage planning, weather routing, vessel maintenance, offshore medic, advanced sea survival and of course the sometimes kindly (but not always) immigration and customs officials at your exotic destinations. Or you can go with the Island Cruising Association headed up by the legendary Viki Moore and make it easy. All you'll need to do is sail the boat.

Viki



Viki has recently taken over this long-established offshore cruising organisation and, after a successful South Island Rally in 2021/22, has just come to the end of a hugely fun and entertaining rally to the islands. I can say this with confidence because Libby and I were on it.





We went everywhere in the Southern Lau, over the top of Vanua Levu, down through the Yasawas, enjoyed the Musket Cove Regatta, surfed some of the best breaks in the world before sailing two-handed to Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

What Viki brought to the group was priceless.

She is a passionate sailor/racer as well as a Director of Yachting NZ, plus a keen promotor of getting more women into sailing, so she knows her stuff. She's also a great organiser and facilitator. Need a new starter motor in the Southern Lau? Viki will probably know who, what and where to find a replacement. She's simply one heck of a lady and she's coming to NYC to talk offshore island cruising in 2023, which now will include Tonga.

If the horizon beckons for the first time, or the fifteenth, come along and listen in.



DYC – Seataalks



Viki Moore – Ever dreamed of sailing the South Pacific?

On Thursday 24th November we will be joined by Viki Moore from Island Cruising NZ to hear about some of the fantastic destinations there are to explore, share some stories of the adventures of the DYC yachts in the Pacific this year (Richard and Libby on Bella Vita and Simon and Mia on Blue Oceans), and how joining a rally can help you achieve your sailing dreams.

7.30pm Thursday 24 November 2022

All welcome. The club bar will be open. Aim to be there by 7.15pm to secure your seat.





DYC – Seataalks



Tony Armit - Marco Polo Circumnavigation

Tony will be talking about his new book, *Marco Polo*. It has been 70 years in the making - Tony's building of Marco Polo, the Woollacott designed 28-foot ketch, then casting off for adventure and sailing around the globe with his friend and rugby mate from Takapuna Grammar, Tig (Brian) Loe.

They became the first New Zealanders to circumnavigate the world and their experiences were full of storm and calm, good fortune and disaster, romance, and humour.

It's a must read for lovers of sailing and true-life adventure experiencing the world as it was in the 1950's. The book will be available for purchase on the night and Tony will be able to sign copies too.

7.30pm Thursday 1 December 2022

All welcome. The club bar will be open. Aim to be there by 7.15pm to secure your seat.

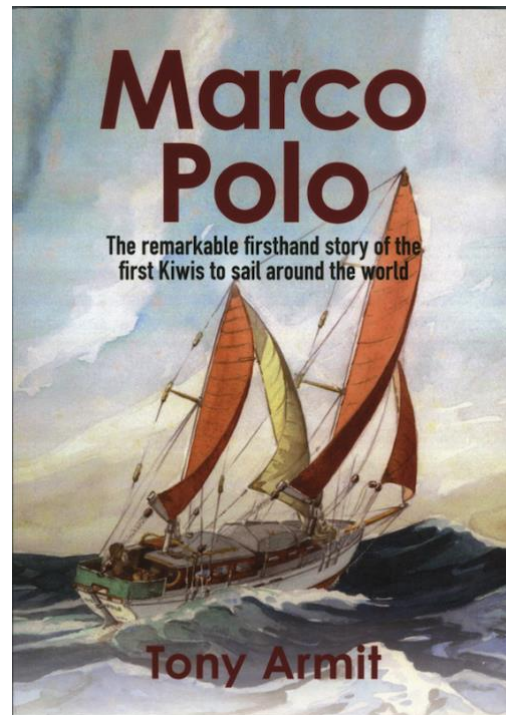


MARCO POLO Book Review

By Harold Kidd (as first published in the November edition of Boating NZ)

One of the blessings of being a writer for a boating magazine like this is that you write mainly about heroes, heroes at the helm, heroes at the design board and heroes on the tools. Tony Armit and his crewman Tig Loe are two major heroes. With very limited previous boatbuilding skills, Tony built Marco Polo, a 28ft ketch he had asked Bert Woollacott to design, in a Newmarket yard. He and Tig then proceeded to sail west-wise right around the world, the first Kiwis to circumnavigate.

Marco Polo is the brilliant story of that circumnavigation. It embodies the overwhelming passion for yacht-building and sailing off-shore that swept New Zealanders starting in the Depression years of the 1930's with heroic impecunious battlers like Johnny Wray and Dick Wellington and their Pacific adventures in Ngataki and Seaward.



Tony and I grew up in the same patch (Auckland's North Shore), went to the same school (Takapuna Grammar) and sailed and hung out with the same people (Ma Sutherland of Marangi included). But I was totally unprepared for the quality of his story-telling and the effective simplicity of his prose style. It is so engagingly written that it's a very hard book to put down.

Tony's Marco Polo easily ranks alongside Johnny Wray's South Sea Vagabonds and will be a classic of Kiwi adventure writing for generations to come.

Make sure you get a copy of this first edition.

Marco Polo is published by Tony Armit, and will be available at most book stores. Email abellebluewater@gmail.com



PICTURES FROM THE PAST

By Chris Leech ED*

This in the series of articles in which I intend to highlight some of the early historical photographs from the Archives of the Devonport Yacht Club. All photographs published in these articles remain the property of the original owners; they are included on the condition that they are not reproduced in any other form without prior permission of the owner, or their representative.



Can you identify the main features and location of these photos? All answers to the author. However, the answers will be in the next newsletter. If there are any corrections to my answers, please let me know.

PTO for answers to October's photo quiz:



Answers to October's photo quiz



Photo 1: The Queen & Duke of Edinburgh arriving for the start of the 1977 2MRNIR.

Photo 2: The fine Launch Rotomahana flying the Pennant of the Commodore.

Photo 3: Tree planting by the DYC. The DYC participated in a large number of these plantings over the period beginning in early 1970's, and up until the present day.

Photo 4: The loss of Whisper in a South Easterly storm. John restored her to her former glory, a feat that would be daunting to any boat builder.



CLASSICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A brief background on the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust and some opportunities to support our maritime history.

By Larry Paul

Chair | The Classic Yacht Charitable Trust

The Classic Yacht Charitable trust was established in 2002 by John Street MNZM who, after selling Fosters Chandlery to the Harken brothers decided he would give back to the boating world and wider community by bringing back to life some of New Zealand's early boating history.

John's aim was to promote public interest and learning opportunities in all aspects of New Zealand's maritime history through acquiring and restoring iconic examples or early yachts, launches and trading vessels built and used in New Zealand's waterways.

Since those early days 12 vessels have been acquired by the trust. Some have moved on to new custodians including the 1920's Harbour Board launch Te Hauraki and more recently the coastal schooner the Daring which is now being preserved for public display at Mangawhai Heads where she was originally built in 1863.

John retired as chairman and principle funder of the trust in 2021, however thankfully is still involved as founder and patron. The group of trustees has been expanded to ensure all aspects of prudent management and promotion of the fleet is covered and to ensure John's original vision continues well into the future.

The trust is currently custodian for seven vessels: 1892 gaff cutter Gloriana, 1894 gaff cutter Waitangi, 1896 'farm to market' yawl Ethel, 1897 gaff cutter Thelma, 1906 'farm to market' cutter Frances and the 1966 One Ton Cup winner Rainbow II. All are on public display at either the NZ Maritime Museum or Heritage Landing at Silo Park. For more detail on the fleet visit <http://www.classicyachtcharitabletrust.org.nz/about.htm>

A very large community of supporters has grown around the trust over the years and through their volunteering and financial support ensure the vessels are well maintained and accessible for the benefit of all New Zealanders and visitors from overseas. The fellowship that has grown among our supporters is treasured by all and new supporters are always made very welcome.

Our world famous marine artist David Barker has been a long term supporter of the trust and he has very generously donated a painting titled 'START' and 60 prints which will contribute greatly toward the maintenance of the fleet. Details of the painting and how to acquire a limited edition print with the chance of winning the original painting are outlined in the flyer below.

World renowned marine artist **David Barker** presents this unique opportunity for you to support the **Classic Yacht Charitable Trust** in preserving its original and still active fleet of beautiful heritage vessels.

David has donated a stunning painting titled **'START'**, an aerial impression showing twelve of our most famous vessels preparing to race. An A3 size limited edition of 60 high quality giclee reproductions of **'START'** (numbered, signed and each with its own exclusive remarque) becomes a ticket for your generous **\$450** contribution towards the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust.

As an additional bonus, once all 'tickets' are sold, numbers will go into a draw and the winner will receive David Barker's original, framed oil painting.



The Giclee prints are limited edition available only through the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust. They are produced in high resolution, light fast, water resistant permanent ink. Each print will come with a short narrative of David's biography and the background to the Classic Yacht Charitable Trust. The print will be delivered flat in an A3 envelope.

Details of the original framed painting: framed size, W100cm x H80cm; medium, oil on gessoed board.

Come aboard with us by contacting Shirley-Ann McCrystal ph: 021 283 8372 or Larry Paul Ph: 021 280 0360

The Trust regularly holds a variety of events for supporters to meet up with likeminded people and share their stories and comradery. Our next event is to celebrate the 130 year anniversary of Gloriana and the 125 year anniversary of Thelma. Details regarding this event are below and all are welcome.



1897 Thelma



1892 Gloriana





THE CLASSIC YACHT CHARITABLE TRUST
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A JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TWO
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JOINED BY SPECIAL GUEST - WORLD-RENOWNED MARINE ARTIST,
DAVID BARKER, PRESENTING HIS LATEST PAINTING "START"
NIBBLES * SILENT AUCTION * CASH BAR

Gloriana, Thelma, Waitangi, Ida, Frances, Ethel, and Rainbow 2

To obtain tickets to the anniversary celebration event please either contact Rae Collins
at rae@broadlyspeaking.co.nz or phone Rae on 21 170 6766 or Larry Paul on 021 280 0360





**AUCKLAND
ANNIVERSARY DAY
REGATTA**

Launch Parade

**Monday
30 January
2023**

You are invited to enter your Launch or Tugboat in a Parade starting at 1300hrs in Auckland's Inner Harbour.

From Classic Old Timers to the Present Day - a Parade to celebrate the evolution of Power driven vessel design over the last 100 years.

Free Entry - Entries Close 14th January 2023 - Entry Forms from launchcaptain@classicyacht.org.nz or phone 021 283 8372



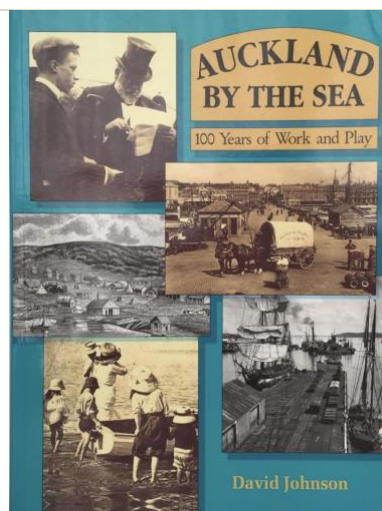
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AUCKLAND BY THE SEA

David Johnson

This meticulously researched book traces, in pictures and captions, the development of the Auckland Isthmus coastline for work and leisure over the hundred years before WW2. From wharf buildings under construction to young ladies attempting to paddle, while dressed in crinolines, the book provides a fascinating, nostalgic record of Auckland since the time of early European settlement.

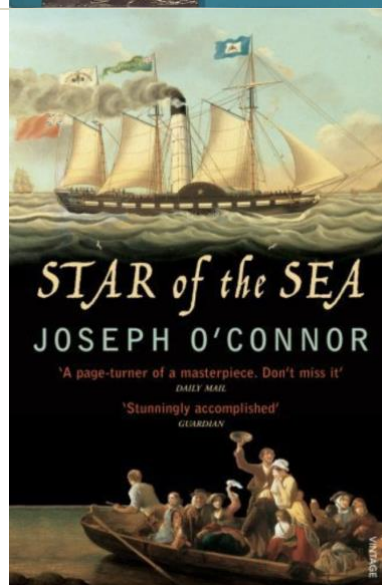
This book was donated by Sue and Kevin Johnson



STAR OF THE SEA: FAREWELL TO OLD IRELAND

Joseph O'Connor

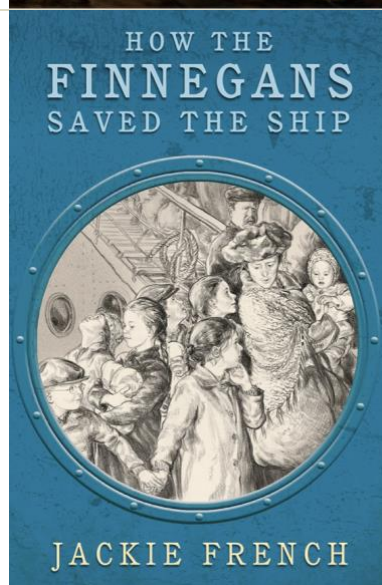
In the bitter winter of 1847, from an Island torn by injustice and natural disaster, the 'Star of the Sea,' set sail for New York. On board are hundreds of refugees, among them are a maid servant with a devastating secret, bankrupt Lord Merredith, an inspiring novelist, a maker of revolutionary ballads, all braving the Atlantic in search of new home. All are connected more deeply than they can possibly know. But a camouflaged killer stalks the decks, hungry for vengeance that will bring absolution.



HOW THE FINNEGAN'S SAVED THE SHIP

Jackie French

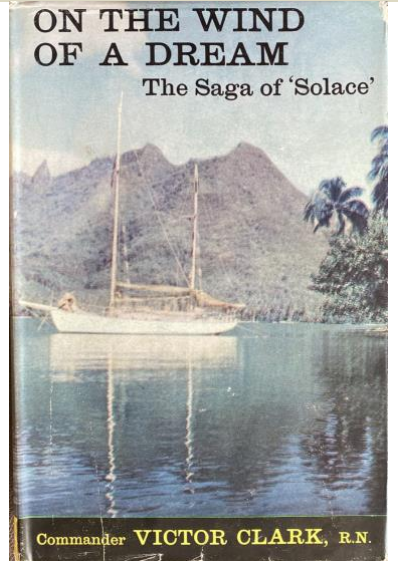
This book tells the story, inspired by a true tale, of an Irish families migration to Australia in 1913. The children are confident and prepared to sail around the world, but there are some adventures that could shake anyone's faith. Suitable for young readers.



ON THE WIND OF A DREAM: 'THE SAGA OF SOLACE'

Commander Victor Clark RN

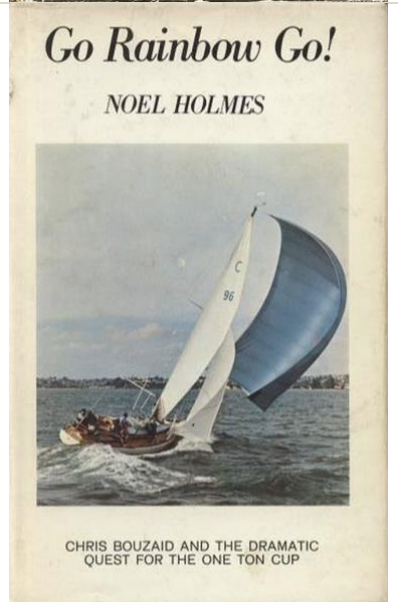
This a book for lovers of the sea, for those who can never tire of the lonely ocean crossing and the peaceful anchorages, the changing beauty of storm and calm, the excitement and romance of a man's cooperation wind and wave to reach his goal. The author has written a book which will bring to the most drab existence a touch of the true glory.



GO RAINBOW GO

Noel Holmes

The author was at Heligoland to see the triumph of Rainbow 11. He has captured in this lively account the cheerful dedication of a band of New Zealanders who went across the world to defeat the champions in a highly competitive and glamorous international sport.



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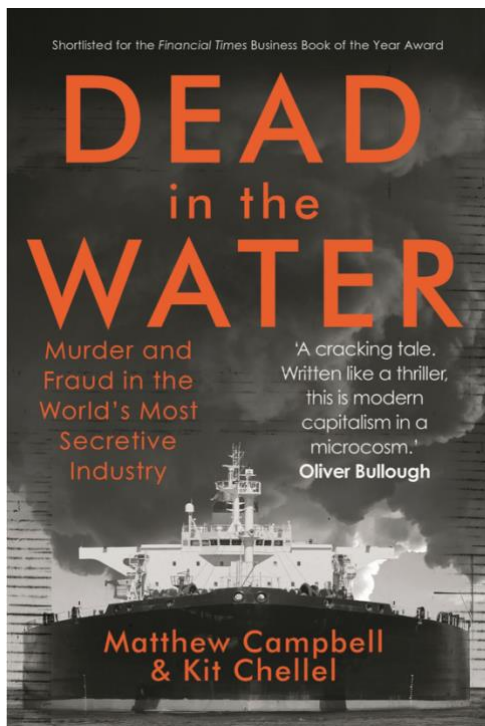
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DEAD IN THE WATER

By Mathew Campbell & Kit Chellel

Softback, 0.47 kg, 155mm x 235mm, 268 pages.
Colour Photos. Published 2022.

\$40.00

The explosive true-crime story of a notorious hijacking, revealing the corrupt and secret world of international shipping.

In July 2011, the oil tanker Brillante Virtuoso was drifting through the treacherous Gulf of Aden when a crew of pirates attacked and set her ablaze in a devastating explosion. But when David Mockett, a maritime surveyor working for Lloyd's of London, inspected the damaged vessel, he was left with more questions than answers. Soon after his inspection, he was murdered.

Dead in the Water is a shocking expose of the criminal inner-workings of international shipping, an old-world industry at the backbone of our global economy.

Award-winning reporters Matthew Campbell and Kit Chellel piece together the astounding truth behind one of the most brazen financial frauds in history.



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