



OCTOBER 2022

## FROM THE QUARTERDECK



### A Report from the Rear Commodore

#### Mark Sigglekow

It is a privilege to write as the DYC's new Rear Commodore. At the recent AGM our outgoing president Bill Jaques highlighted that it was the 99th AGM of the Devonport Yacht Club, with a club history spanning 117 years. The traditions of the club have served it well and I'm sure contributed towards our stable membership.

As a member and regular Friday-nighter for some twenty years it has always been humbling to interact with those that have vastly more

significant sailing exploits under their belt than myself. Many had blue water experience in an era before GPS, VHF and weather forecasting.

Back in the 2010s I worked initially with Commodore David Stone and then Commodores Sue Johnson and John Ford for the clubhouse redevelopment. The Club enjoys a great location and tenure that has allowed us to make the best out of the clubhouse. This process was rewarding and a good insight into the club and it's workings. At a recent meeting with Yachting New Zealand, surprise was expressed at the number of volunteers that we have running the club. May this long continue. (They had expected some paid persons!)

My sailing history: I learnt to sail as a Wairau Sea Scout operating out of Milford estuary and went on to crew on a friend's 24 foot Mullet boat. I joined Milford Cruising Club as a teenager and raced my OK dinghy off Castor Bay. As a young man I had a friend (also a current club member) with a Cavalier 32 and we raced that for quite a number of years. Later, twenty two years ago, I purchased Kudos, a Townson 34. The sight of thirty odd dinghies converging on a lovely beach at the back of Motutapu with the occupants having a lot of fun at a BBQ was found to be DYC. That sealed the deal and I joined the club shortly

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after. At the time I was the scout leader for Calliope Sea Scout Group adjacent to the club.

On purchasing Kudos I thought I should scrub up on seamanship so did the Coastguard Coastal Skipper course (now has a different name). Bill Jaques was the tutor and later when he was Sailing Master I was on his Sailing Committee. Again, humbled by the maritime experience of our members. This was a time when we still used charts, not Navionics and Bill's signature was on the charts! (from his navy hydrographer days).

I really enjoy sailing our club programme on the inner gulf and confess that I have no plans to extend this to blue water sailing. The crew seem to enjoy it as well and have become long termers, some joining the club. Long may we sail together.

The new committee (with very few changes) are getting into it..... Included in current focus are an improved membership database and completing the activity risk assessments for our Health and Safety Policy. The YNZ 3-star Clean Club Rating recognising the club's leadership in environmental procedures is something we should all be proud of, the first boating club in NZ to be certified.

Extending member participation in non-clubhouse events is something I wish to encourage. We are really blessed with idyllic spots for the evening barbecues on our sailing programme and a great camaraderie on the beach. It would be great to welcome more boat owners to these, no need to be in the race.

The boating season is approaching fast and we look forward to the summer. Kudos is ready. We are going out for a warm up on a Townson Rally 1 October with similar boats. A rally is supposed to be non-competitive however we only know one way to sail! However, the weather packed up so chalk up one for the weather for our first event of the season.

All the best with your boating and club socialising.

*Mark*

Rear Commodore



## SAILING NOTICES

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Skippers' Briefing: Thursday 13 October: 7pm at the Club

Race entry forms are available at the bar and on the website. Forms and racing fees are collected at the Skippers' Briefing. Fees are the same as last year. Non-attendees and late entries can be paid by bank transfer (at your earliest convenience please), and entry forms emailed to Hugh Maguire, Sailing Master at [sailing@dyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@dyc.org.nz).

Race Start Briefing with YNZ: Thursday 20 October: 7pm at the Club.

Yachting NZ are joining us to talk about race start procedure. This will be a very informative evening for anyone who takes part in sailing races in any way.

All skippers (novice and experienced) intending to sail with us this season are asked to attend. And anyone interested in volunteering for the start team is also cordially invited.



The Race Start Team Needs You!

We're looking for volunteers to help with race starts and finishes at the clubhouse from late October 2022 to the end of April 2023.

- Full and Associate club members are welcome.
- Range of roles to fill including race starter, spotter — spotting participating boats, and displaying race flags to participating boats.
- No experience needed — we'll show you!
- Most races start at the Club at 10:00am and a few others at 09:00am.
- Race starts can take up about an hour and a half of your time, beginning about an hour before the race start.

Please contact the Sailing Master, Hugh Maguire at [sailing@dyc.org.nz](mailto:sailing@dyc.org.nz) or 0211508955 if interested.



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# Skipper's BRIEFING

An evening to meet new and existing sailing members and discuss the sailing programme along with other points of interest for the 22/23 season.

1900hrs  
Thursday  
13th October



- 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!**



For Sale

Whiting 26 - Quarter Ton Class

\$10,000 including RIB (ono)



Due to changing circumstances, we are having to part with "Smokey Joe". Smokey Joe comes from the same GRP hull mould of the world champion "Magic Bus" that won the Pacific Quarter Ton Cup.

SJ was fully refurbed and raced in the early 2010's with an upgraded Fin Rudder and Bulb Keel modification in Nov 2010, but in recent times has been set up as a cruiser. SJ sails beautifully and is very responsive - so a lot of fun for all ages and experiences.

Has a near new 9.9hp Mercury Long Shaft 4 Stroke with low hours (fully serviced in September 2022), VHF, wind and speed/depth instruments, squabs/pillows, sea anchor, fenders, near new marine toilet, freshwater bladder & pump, small portable stove, cockpit table, removable boarding ladder, and a good set of sails. Deep cycle battery and solar panel. Small robust RIB with 2hp Yamaha 2 stroke included.

Also available: EY007 - Devonport Torpedo Bay swing mooring - \$3000

Purchase the entire package and be ready for the start of the 2022-2023 sailing season!

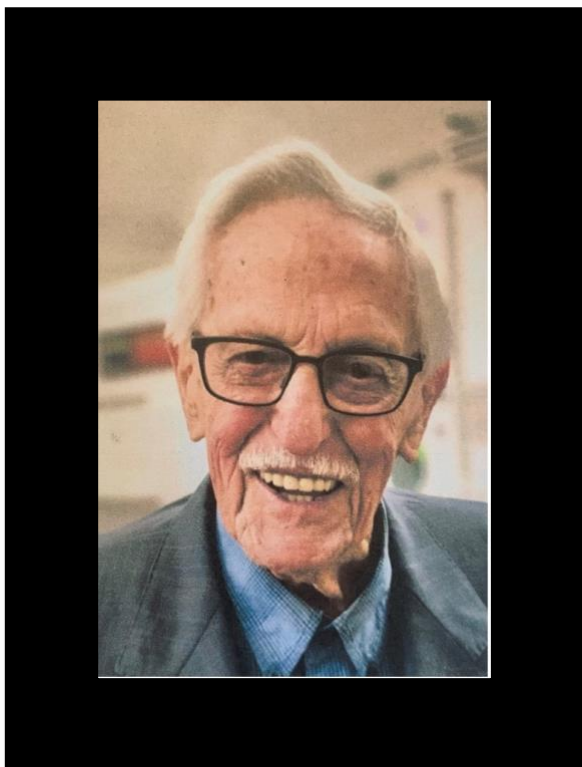
Please contact Beverley at 027 492 1700 for more information or to schedule a viewing. SJ is scheduled for downhaul on 29 October so view now.



## IN MEMORIAM

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We note with sadness the passing in September 2022 of two of the Club's much-valued older members, Ron Child and Bruce Westbrooke. Our condolences to their families and friends.



### **Ron Child**

This inspiring man passed away peacefully on September 20th, 2022 aged 101 years.

A celebration of Ron's life is to be held on Saturday October 8th at 12noon, Devonport Yacht Club, 25 King Edward Parade, Devonport.



### **Bruce Westbrooke**

A wonderful gentleman with a very dry sense of humour. Bruce was involved with Devonport Yacht Club, and the Calliope Sea Scouts.

Passed away on Wednesday 28 September 2022.

A service to celebrate Bruce's life will be held in The North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Rd, Albany on Friday 7 October 2.30pm.



*Geoff Evans interviewed Ron Child on the occasion of his 100th birthday for the DYC May 2021 Newsletter. We've reproduced that story below.*

## **RON CHILD, CENTENARIAN**

By Geoff Evans, Originally published in DYC Monthly Newsletter May 2021

Ron Child will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 been 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 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' 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 he's been a member of DYC ever since moving here, enjoying the social side of the club and coming to the DYC Seatalks.

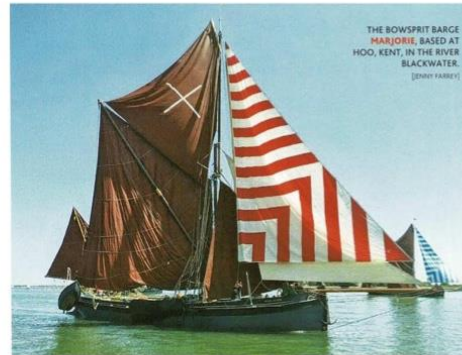


Ron with his personally signed 100th birthday cards from the Queen, the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, and the Mayor.





## DYC – Seataalks



### **ROBERT HAWKINS and JOHN DUDER - classic sail trading vessels**

This is a rare chance to see some unique images and movies of the classic sail trading vessels that operated in the past in NZ waters including the famous Pamir and the Huia, as well as the Thames barges.

**7.30pm Thursday 27 October 2022**

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





## PICTURES FROM THE PAST

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By Chris Leech ED\*

In this series of articles, 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 September's photo quiz:

## Answers to September's photo quiz

Photo 1: The fine launch "Palma", owned by Morrell Anstiss (Don's father) Launched in Jan 1960. The family is in the foreground, and Don is manning the jack.

Photo 2: Club identity Ian Ward with the barrow, Frank Gimson on the right.

Photo 3: Dragging R.J. "Pud" Dixon's new 39ft ketch Sundowner to the water in late 1939 are three trucks, two Internationals, and a Chevrolet.

Photo 4: The one of many photographs of Lincoln Wood doing what he liked best. Just messing about in boats and working the haulage yard at the DYC.



## DYC LIBRARY

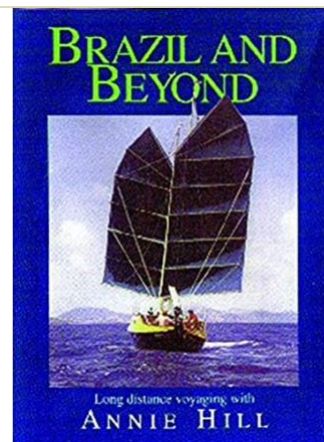
Book reviews supplied by our Librarian, Colin Tubbs. Books from the DYC library are available to loan on an honesty basis, or you may like to sit and browse at the Club.

### BRAZIL AND BEYOND

Annie Hill

For all those who have been entertained by Annie and Peter Hill's saga on 'Badger' in their previous book 'Voyaging On A Small Income' the voyage continues.

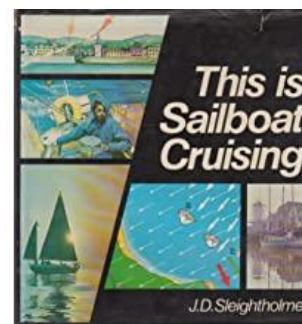
Now 'Badger' and her crew are off for the sailing adventure of a lifetime to Brazil and the Falkland Islands. Annie gives enough technical information to satisfy any sailor as well as plenty of travel adventure to satisfy a sailor's soul.



### THIS IS SAILBOAT CRUISING

J.D. Sleightholme

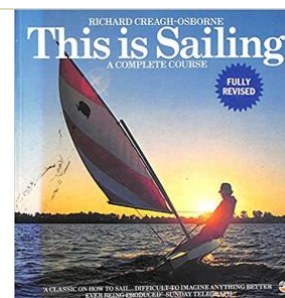
This book is the perfect introduction to cruising. It describes with graphic illustrations and colour on every page how to handle and sail a modern 20 to 35 foot cruiser. The reader learns how to recognise and master the behaviour of his boat floating freely at sea; how to handle hull and sail balance, stiffness, windage, pitching, propeller effects and sailing in a breeze or a calm. It also covers berthing at quaysides and marinas, common dangers, planning, navigation, weather problems and tidal strategies.



### THIS IS SAILING

Richard Creach-Osborne

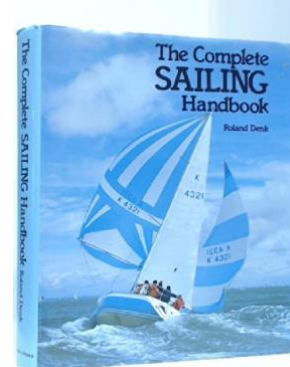
This book is designed to give practical instruction and to impart the essential (feel) of sailing. The method of teaching is (concentric) in that ideas are introduced and later expanded by degrees only as and when they are needed in the overall program of learning to sail.



### THE COMPLETE SAILING HANDBOOK

Roland Denk

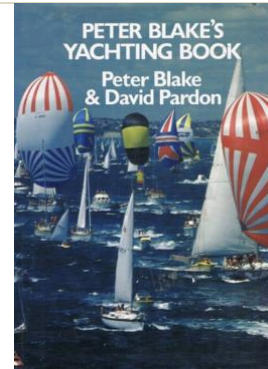
The material in this book is presented without being too technical. From a survey of yachts to the latest craze of windsurfing, each subject is covered in sufficient depth to be of real value. Find out how to look after your boat, how to fit out, do repairs, which tools to purchase, how to tie knots and splices and how to look after in board and outboard auxiliary engines.



## PETER BLAKE'S YACHTING BOOK

Peter Blake and David Pardon

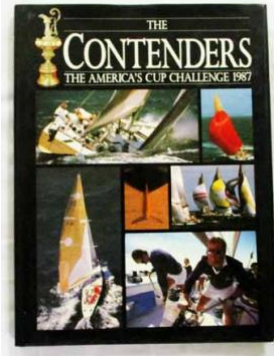
This book covers types of boats available in New Zealand and how to sail them, the weather and tide, where and when to sail (and when not), yacht maintenance, do it yourself boat building, family cruising in New Zealand, unique coastal waters as well as offshore and host of other basic sailing needs such as gear, cordage and navigation. It takes a look at racing and some fascinating design trends.



## THE CONTENDERS: THE AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGE 1987

Peter Campbell with Phil Smidmore and Nigel Lovell

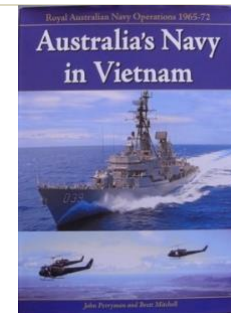
This topical well researched book gives the background details of each of the thirteen overseas and four Australian yacht syndicates challenging for the America's Cup which includes information on crew members, yacht designers and sponsors and tells a fascinating story of money, power, and grim determination.



## AUSTRALIA'S NAVY IN VIETNAM: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONS 1965-1972

John Perryman and Brett Mitchell

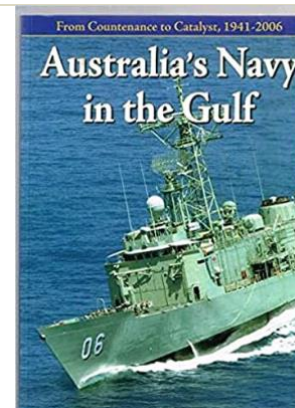
Between these dates elements of the Australian Navy undertook continuous service in Vietnam-at sea, ashore and in the air. This book takes an in depth look at the largely forgotten naval aspects of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war.



## AUSTRALIA'S NAVY IN THE GULF

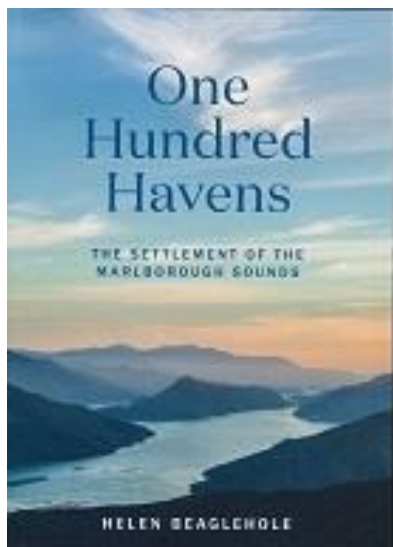
Greg Nash and David Stevens

The author covers all the navy's Persian Gulf operations from actions against the axis powers during WWII through to the wars of 1991 and 2003, United Nations sanction enforcement during the 1990's and recent contributions to the international efforts to stabilise and rebuild Iraq. Operating in confined and often treacherous waters Australian ships and sailors have played a vital role in boarding, escort, mine clearance and task force duties.



## BOOK REVIEW FROM BOAT BOOKS

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### One Hundred Havens

By Helen Beaglehole

Softback. 1.03 kgs, 504 pages, 165mm x 230mm. Black & White & Colour Images. Published 2022

The many bays, coves and steeply rising hills of the Marlborough Sounds create some of New Zealand's most glorious, but challenging, environments.

Maori carved out a living there over hundreds of years, but as Pakeha settlers farmed, milled, mined, fished and chased the tourist dollar they transformed the Sounds. Maori lost their land, language and way of life.

Both groups had to overcome obstacles that ranged from the merely difficult to the nearly impossible, but Maori faced additional systemic legal and economic barriers.

History continues to play out here in complex ways — Maori and Pakeha, land and sea, boom and bust, locals and tourists. These multiple strands are brought together for the first time in a wide-ranging, engrossing and richly illustrated account of the Sounds and its resourceful and resilient peoples.

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