



AUGUST 2022



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from
Vice Commodore

Blair Cliffe

I am going to start this newsletter where outgoing Commodore Hugh Pollock left off last month, with our AGM.

It is coming up this month on Thu 18th August at 1930 and it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. AGMs are viewed by some as being rather boring and something to avoid. This can indeed be the case with some aspects of the operation of a club such as ours being rather dry. These matters though, are essential to the running of a club and the AGM gives an opportunity for the Commodore and Treasurer to report to the membership face-to-face.

Please remember that, as well as the reports which will be presented, there is still the

opportunity to put forward nominations for positions on the Committee. Nominations for Club Officers can be made from the floor on the evening but it is preferable for them to be made on the relevant form prior to the meeting. It would be particularly pleasing to receive some nominations from Associate Members to fill some of the Additional Positions on the General Committee to represent the feelings and opinions of the Associate Members. There has not been a representative of the Associate Members on the Committee for the four years I have been a member of it.

The notice for the AGM is linked from the home page of the DYC Website.

This year, as a first, and as an experiment, the AGM is being run on a Thursday evening and therefore the bar will have been open prior to the meeting. It will be closed for the duration of the AGM and then opened again afterwards.

To continue my call for involvement, the Social Committee have recently been battling Covid lockdowns and what appears to be

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inertia from our members. The Laying-Up Supper has been postponed again, this time due to a lack of people buying tickets. The Social Committee are trying to work out if members are not engaging due to the fear of Covid, the cold wet weather, or simply because they are not providing what our members want. They have recently sent out a survey asking for people to respond with their opinions. This is an opportunity for you as a club member to take 5 mins out of your day to directly respond to the team responsible for organising social events. The survey was sent out to over 400 email addresses, to date we have received only 31 responses although over 250 people have opened the email. This may be considered a good return for a commercial sampling, but this is not commercial, this is your club asking you for your opinion and wanting to know what it is you want from the club on a social footing.

Please either complete the survey or correspond directly with the club if what you want to see happening is not being produced. The Social Committee work hard to produce what they feel are fun events but if no-one is willing to attend, something is going wrong and we want to put that right.

I am aware that all the above is rather gloomy and not the cheerful tone I usually try to attain in this newsletter. Devonport in an historic club and as a newish member who is

still surprised to be a member of a Yacht Club let alone to be a Flag of one I strongly feel it is up to all our members to do their bit, as and when they can, to help us (the varied Committees) keep the club running smoothly and to provide an enjoyable place for us all to want to go to.

To finish I would like to draw your attention to a new addition to the Blog page on our website. I must admit I have not read it all yet but this book, in the midst of Covid, winter and pleas for attendance at AGMs and to join Committees, is a reminder of what a Yacht Club is all about. As you scrape your hulls, maintain those hard-to-reach areas and paint on that anti-foul here is something that I hope will see you through until summer and warm sunshine returns.

“A fortnight’s cruise on the Hauraki Gulf”. This fascinating book recounts a fortnight’s cruise on the Hauraki Gulf in 1915 — most likely in one of the DYC boats. Generously shared with us by Graham Pettersen who now lives in the house previously owned by the author.

<https://dyc.org.nz/blog/k3k9zwrydufpdpqunx3f20ezjncaf>

Blair



CLUB NOTICES



Notice of the 99th Annual General Meeting of the Devonport Yacht Club Inc.

To be held at the Clubhouse, 25 King Edward Parade, Devonport, at 1930 on Thursday 18th August 2022

Purpose of Meeting:

To receive the Commodore's Report for the 2021/2022 year.

To receive the Treasurer's Report for the 2021/2022 year.

To receive and adopt the 2021/2022 Annual Accounts

To approve Fees for the 2023/2024 membership year.

To elect Patron, President and the Management Committee for the 2022/2023 year.

To consider any General Business

The bar will be open.

Call for Nominations

Nominations for:	Eligibility:	Nomination Procedure:
President & Flag Officers: Commodore Vice Commodore Rear Commodore	Open to Full members only.	Must be on the prescribed form below and received by the Secretary by the 18 th July 2022. Nominees for Flag Officer should, preferably, have at least one year's service on the Management Committee
Executive Officers: Treasurer Sailing Master Haulage Master Clubhouse Captain Site Manager Bar Officer Publicity Officer Social Secretary Health and Safety Officer	Open to Full members only.	Preferably on the form below or otherwise in writing and received by the Secretary by the 18 th July 2022 but further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.
4 Additional Officers	Open to All Members.	Preferably in on the form below or otherwise in writing and received by the Secretary by the 18 th July 2022 but further nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM



Nominations must identify Proposer and Secunder and confirm that the Nominee is willing to serve and is a fully paid up member at the time of the AGM.



Devonport Yacht Club Inc.

Nomination for Management Committee Position for the 2022/2023 Year

We hereby nominate for the position of

Proposer (name) (signed)

Secunder (name) (signed)

Nominee:

I, confirm that I am willing to serve in the above position and that
I will be

a fully paid up member at the time of the 2022 AGM (signed)

Please scan and email the completed form to secretary@dyc.org.nz or post to

The Secretary, PO Box 32 036 Devonport, Auckland 0744 or hand in person as appropriate.

Call for Notices of Motion for consideration in General Business

Any member wishing to bring a Notice of Motion before the AGM should submit the motion in writing to the Secretary preferably by the 18th July 2022 although notices will be accepted up until the 12th August 2022.



SOCIAL NEWS

Laying-Up Supper / Fitting-Out Supper

Very sadly, we had to cancel this year's Laying-Up Supper but we will revisit the pot-luck 80's night format — complete with DJ, glitter ball, and all the 80s sounds — for our Fitting-Out Supper in October.

If you purchased tickets for Laying-Up, they will be valid for Fitting-Out. If you'd prefer a refund, please let Emma know by emailing her on emmaaw@me.com

QUIZ NIGHT is on Saturday 10 September!

Social Survey responses to date already show Quiz Night to be one of your favourite events at the club. So get your team together and get ready for the battle of the brains, hosted by DYC's very own Murray Forbes!



Please help us by completing our 3-minute social survey!

This is your chance to let us know what social activities and events you'd like at DYC this year. We've had really helpful feedback from those who have responded so far, and we'd love to hear more of your ideas and thoughts.

As a 'thank you' for letting us know what you think, we're giving away a \$50 bar voucher to one lucky respondent. To be in to win, you'll need to share your name and email address with us.

The DYC Social Committee — *Emma Cliffe, Sarah Walter, Jude Clough, Laura Maguire, Catherine Ford, Lyn Mason, Libby Loseby, Paula Shelton, Jane Evans*

[GO TO THE SURVEY](#)

Board Games on Sunday Afternoons

We're collecting, and playing, board games on Sunday afternoons at the club. Enjoy a social afternoon with other DYC members. When you can't be on the water, you can still exercise your competitive streak in the clubhouse!



MEMBER NEWS

A Fortnight's Cruise on the Hauraki Gulf

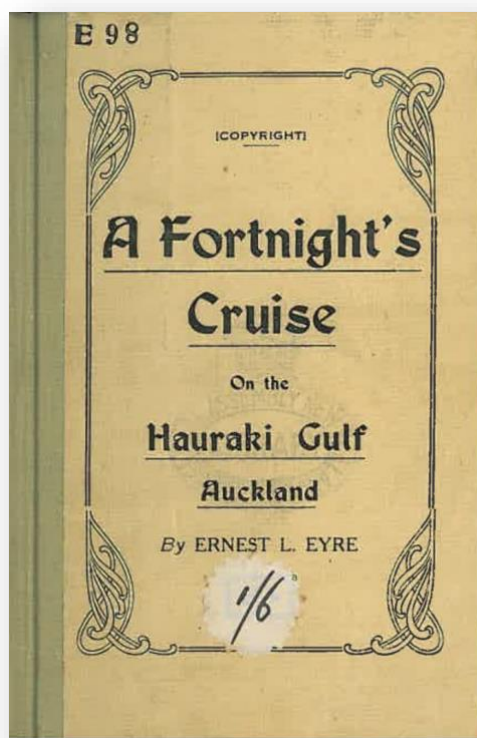
Contributed by Graham Pettersen

This booklet was written by Ernest Eyre about a trip round the Hauraki Gulf in 1915. At the time he lived in Tui Street but for most of his life he lived at 17 Wicklow Road. The trip in a launch described was more than likely a Devonport Yacht Club boat. Unfortunately the minute books for that time are no longer available.

There is quite a story about Ernie Eyre. When I bought the place off Ernie's estate as a 26 year old contemplating marriage, I found there were corrugated iron sheds along the western and southern boundaries. Ernie had collected the old Iron from houses that were being re-roofed. He simply added another layer to his sheds. Some had seven layers. My father organised the Rugby Club and a ten ton truck and the sheds and their contents of overruns of his published writing went to the Narrow Neck tip. Historian Paul Titchener told me that if I had saved the carefully wrapped bundles of poetry and fed it onto the market, I would have had enough to build a new house.

There is a collection of his writing in the reference section at the Takapuna Library.

He could not cope with life after his wife died and, in 1968, jumped off the ferry with sad results.



Ed: [Read the book in pdf format on the DYC blog by here.](https://tinyurl.com/5dm6kzua)

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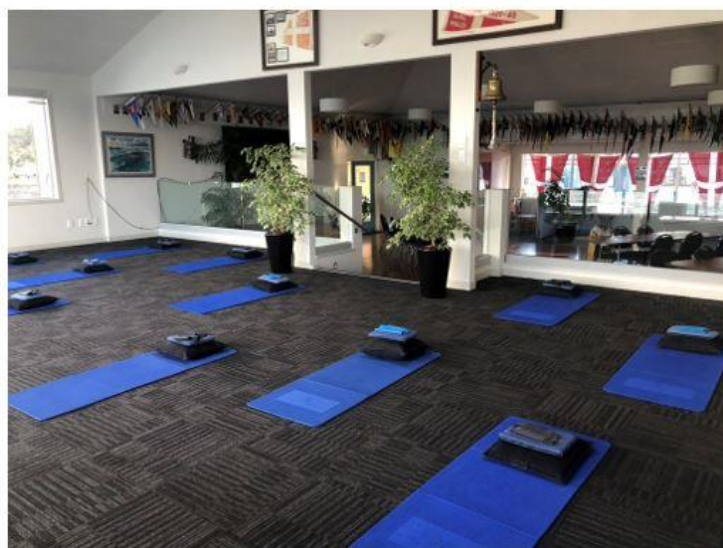
CLASSES AT THE CLUB

Pilates Lessons

Pilates lessons take place at the club Monday to Friday daytimes with 'Pilates with Emma'.



PILATES WITH EMMA
DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB
MONDAY TO FRIDAY



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about Times and Classes

Please visit my website www.pilateswithemma.com

Call me on 021 172 8454

Email me emmaaw@me.com

There is a 10% discount for all DYC members



PICTURES FROM THE PAST

By Chris Leech, ED*

This is 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 by email to: dds@kcbbs.gen.nz. However the answers will be in the next newsletter. If there are any corrections to my answers please let me know.

Answers to Pictures from the Past, July 2022

Photo 1: Islington Bay Ball - 2003.

Photo 2: Easter Cruise Beach Bonfire – Ponui Island 2005.

Photo 3: The Official DYC Radio Shack.

Photo 4: The Crowds gather following the Start of the Inaugural 2MRNIR in 1977.



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

BY HELEN MARTIN

A monthly sampling of initiatives and issues large and small around protection of and improvement to the environment.

No-one is denying the health of the precious Hauraki Gulf Marine Park /Tīkapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi (the Gulf) must be restored. In June 2021 its dire state was spelled out in *Revitalising the Gulf: Government Action on the Sea Change Plan*. “Some fish and seabird populations are declining, and nature’s delicate balance is being upset. This has severe knock-on effects for other species and habitats. Extractive activities at sea, and activities on land that introduce sediment and pollutants, are also damaging marine and coastal environments.” More recently, the Hauraki

Gulf Fisheries Plan Advisory Group (HGFPAG) was established in April 2022 to effect action. This forum is “the lead advocate for restoring the life-sustaining capacity of the Gulf, with members representing Ministers, councils and tangata whenua.” (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz>)

There’s also a lot going on at local level. While yachties don’t confine their sailing to the area - Geoff Evans, past Commodore of Devonport Yacht Club (DYC), recently sailed to Aotearoa from Australia for example – they call the Gulf home. Its degradation can be grasped by the example of the kina barrens, says Geoff. “Because kina’s



Devonport Yacht Club has sustainability front of mind.



natural predators, like crayfish and snapper, have been so exploited by overfishing, the kina have taken over and wiped out most of the kelp beds. The lack of biodiversity is staggering." But this is not a reason to give up. "If you talk to any sailor, they understand the environment. They also realise you can't save the planet single handed, but individuals can be game changers, coming up with initiatives and getting others on board."

They walk in big shoes at DYC. Sir Peter Blake was a member and past patron, still celebrated for his dedication to looking after the environment and bringing attention to the degradation of the oceans. Lady Pippa Blake is patron of both DYC and the BLAKE NZ leadership programme, established in his honour after his death. BLAKE NZ is "designed to encourage and facilitate environmental awareness and leadership and instil a deeper sense of kaitiakitanga in young people." The DYC sustainability group (Geoff Evans, Paula Shelton, and Callum Ross) is working on bringing the environment to the forefront of members' thinking and actions and the connection with Peter Blake, Paula says, is a foundation stone and legacy for the way the membership is influenced and thinks about the environment.

Sustainability initiatives have become an increasingly important part of what is happening at DYC and include both practice



This kina barren at The Noises is an example of marine degradation. (Photo: Sean Lee).

and theory. The job of those driving this is to make sure practices in running the club and taking part in activities related to the sea are sustainable. Members are encouraged to continue Sir Peter Blake's legacy and become involved in local projects to help restore the Hauraki Gulf environment. Callum Ross, for example, is involved in



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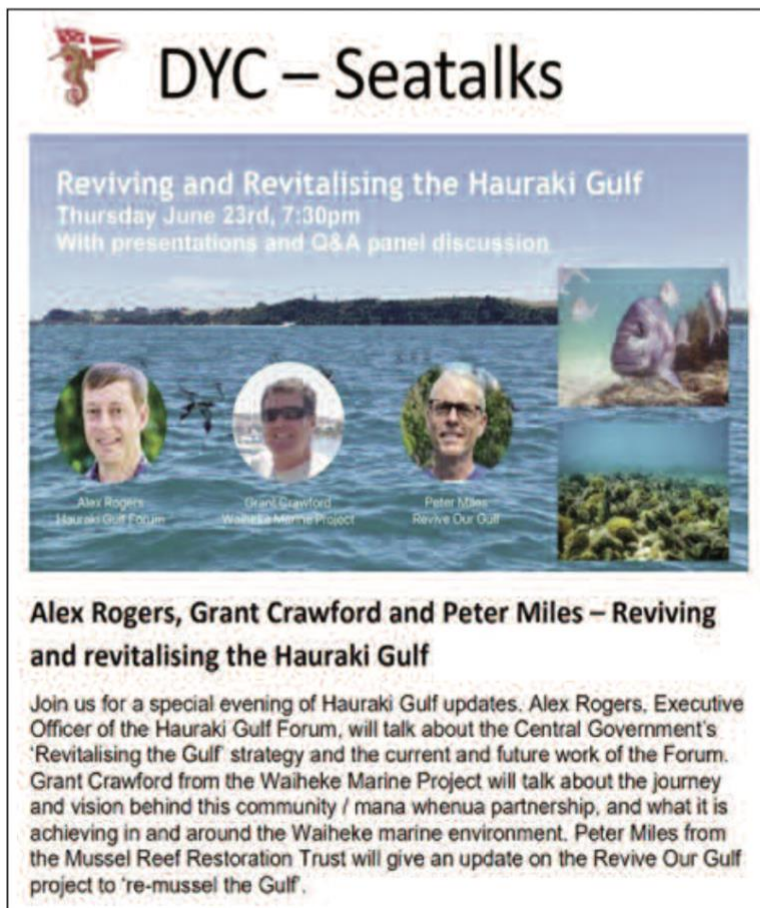
helping replant some of the Gulf's islands. "He's an inspiration and has put us in contact with all sorts of groups," says Geoff. Links to these and the many volunteering opportunities and projects in the Gulf feature on the sustainability page of the DYC website. <https://dyc.org.nz/sustainability>

For the past six years Geoff has helmed Seataalks, a monthly programme where experts from a range of fields address members and non-members, often acting as catalysts energising people to work towards sustainability. Examples include presentations by Dr Andrew Jeffs, University of Auckland staff member of the Institute of Marine Science and the School of Biological Science, who gave an update on

the Hauraki Gulf; Chief Executive of Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Alex Rogers spoke on how the Hauraki Gulf Forum promotes and facilitates the management, protection and enhancement of the Gulf; Shaun Lee, a designer, illustrator and photographer who is "pretty serious about restoration, conservation and pollution prevention" spoke on his work communicating the state of the Hauraki Gulf; Raewyn Peart from Environmental Defence Society spoke about the state of the Hauraki Gulf fishery.

The sustainability section of the DYC website, managed by Paula and Geoff, is key to DYC's identity as a club, with the health of the marine environment front of

mind. Yachting New Zealand (YNZ), which coordinates the sport of yachting in Aotearoa, has followed in the footsteps of Green Clubs in the UK and US by launching the nationwide Clean Clubs project here in December 2021. The sustainability spokesperson at nearby Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck, Paula and YNZ have collaborated on the initiative, and DYC have just become a three-star certified Clean Club, possibly the first in the country. There are five Clean Club categories - administration and leadership, waste management, resource conservation, community outreach and education. Paula, Geoff, and Callum produced material



A flyer advertising a June Devonport Yacht Club Seataalk.





Seatalks contributor Sean Lee prioritises communicating to others the state of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park /Tīkapa Moana/Te Moananui-ā-Toi. (Photo: Sean Lee).

for a report on this, which Paula wrote. “A lot of it is about good management of resources, making sure you have processes in place to measure how well you’re doing as a club.” The YNZ website now provides resources on things like how clubs manage water resources sustainably, environmentally friendly cleaning products and sun block etc. <https://www.cleanclub-yachtingnz.org.nz/>

“On our sustainability page we recommend greener boating products,” says Geoff, “and we’re hoping YNZ will provide a directory of recommended products for all boaties. We now have an environmental policy for our club, and we want to mentor

other clubs to join the Clean Club programme. We’re trying to educate ourselves about how to manage the maintenance of our boats in a much more sustainable but affordable way.” He is very conscious of changes in boating over the years with so many more motorboats around today. “Through the club I’d like to encourage more sailing, which is more sustainable.” Paula says the sustainability initiative has switched on a light. “We’ve discovered so many club members who care and thank us for providing a place to talk about it and ideas for action. We all want the Gulf to be there for our grandchildren.” ■

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DYC – Seataalks



Sally Garrett - The challenges of operating in the Ross Sea and Southern Ocean today are the same as those experienced by Shackleton, Scott, and Amundsen. The Southern Ocean is known for its constant procession of low-pressure systems bringing gale force winds and extreme sea states. The Ross Sea is known for sea ice that is variable in thickness and highly mobile.

In February this year, DYC member Sally Garrett led a scientific expedition on board HMNZS AOTEAROA to study the waves and sea ice of the Ross Sea. She was also the forecaster on board, helping the ship navigate through the Southern Ocean. Come along for a talk about science, storm tactics, and other salty tales. Also, Sally Garrett is currently NZ Women's Keelboat champion!

Devonport Yacht Club - SEATALKS 7.30pm Thursday 25 August 2022

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



NOTICES FROM OUR FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES

Invitation to DYC members to join the NAVICO FEEDBACK PANEL



At Navico (a leading global marine electronics company selling products under the Lowrance(r), Simrad(r), B&G(r), and C-MAP(r) brands) we are constantly working on the next generation of Marine technology. We would like to invite boat owners to join our NAVICO FEEDBACK PANEL. This is an exclusive opportunity to help shape the future of marine electronics.

By joining this panel you will be first in line to be part of:

- * Product validation testing (sending out prototype equipment for long term review)
- * User testing (testing new ideas and concepts & existing products)
- * User interviews
- * Surveys

We provide incentives from time to time to those who take part, from gift cards to exclusive discounts, or options to keep test equipment.

This is a no obligation panel. Only do what you want or have time to do.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in then please fill out the form.

The form link is here: <https://forms.gle/ayQ5atS1BLEJ28H58>



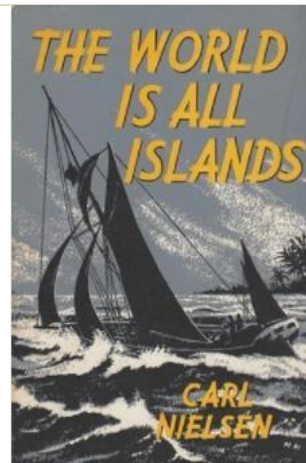
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THE WORLD IS ALL ISLANDS

Carl Nielsen

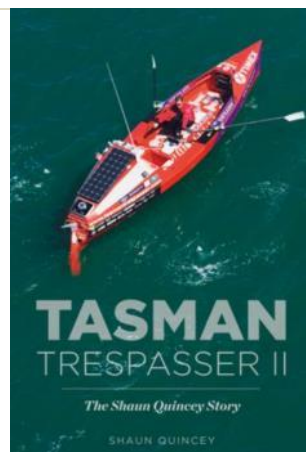
Three adventurist Danes set off from their homeland on a three masted schooner to circumnavigate the world. Wherever they voyaged they seemed to attract most exciting episodes.



TASMAN TRESPASSER

Colin Quincey

With typical thoroughness the author recorded in his log every event of the sometimes spectacular, often traumatic journey westwards across the Tasman Sea. It includes rare and honest insights into the mind of a man who counters with drive and humour the stresses of days without sleep and the punishing continual discomfort of his small craft.

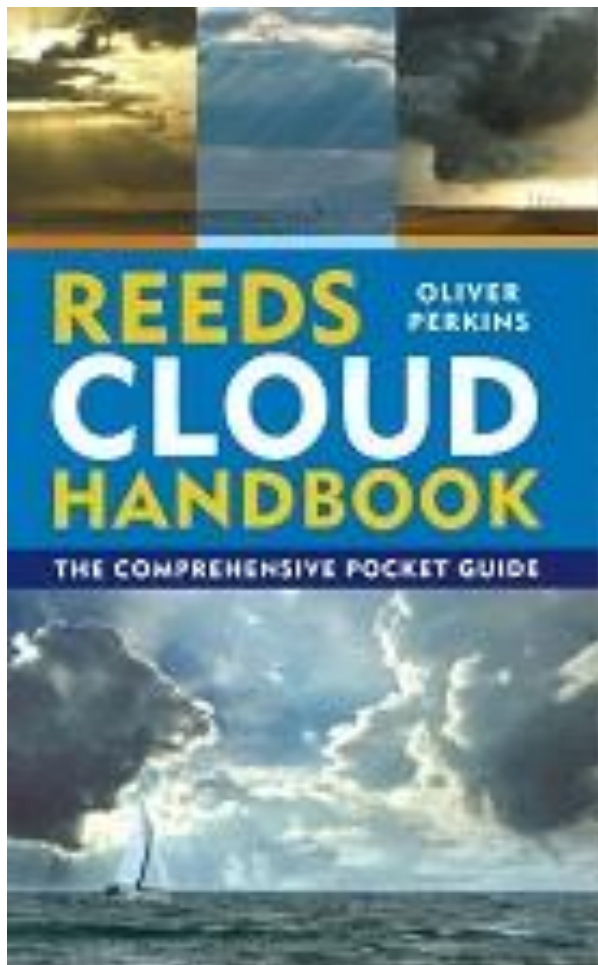


TO THE SOUTH POLE

B. Webster Smith

Opening with an account of the trials and struggles of the first voyagers to Antarctica the author proceeds to trace the activities of later explorers. The latest efforts with aeroplane aided work is described in full and thrilling detail, a tale of danger, intrepidity and splendid unselfishness.





REEDS CLOUD HANDBOOK

By Oliver Perkins. Paperback, Full colour photographs and drawings. Published 2022.

A quick-access, easy-to-use guide to identifying cloud types and how to predict what each cloud type can tell us about the weather and predict how it will change.

Fully illustrated with colour photography and clear diagrams, this cloud identification guide includes sections on different weather patterns and how clouds form, different clouds according to where they appear in the sky, related features and different forms of fog. Each entry gives guidance on how and when to spot different cloud types and effects, and how the clouds relate to wind and rain patterns.

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