

# QUARTERDECK

## *Newsletter of the Devonport Yacht Club*

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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

### A REPORT FROM THE COMMODORE

TONY BULLARD

This is certainly a far better summer than last year so for those of you with boats, or without, I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather. The racing season is coming to an end with just the single-handed race to go after Easter. Good luck to all doing that race and it'd be good to see many of you out there on the water.

On the celebration front, we had a wonderful boating turnout for the Duder's Cup regatta and an absolutely fabulous ball afterwards. Beautifully organised by our Social Officer on the management committee — Emma Cliffe —and her hardworking committee. It was a night everyone enjoyed immensely and will remember for some time. We'll make sure we keep these highly successful celebration and social events carrying on into the future.

Last month Mark Siggelkow and I attended a Council Local Board to thank them for the grants they have given us in the past to build the new club rooms and upgrade the kitchen. The grant they gave us back in 2010 was substantial.

Unfortunately, those generous days have probably gone but our relationship with council remains as our site is on Council land.

One of the purposes of our meeting was to tell the Local Board the significant value we provide to our members and to the wider community. Anyone, regardless of whether or not they own a boat, is welcome to become a member of our club and we make our various facilities available to community groups and individuals for various meetings, events and other activities. And of course, we are a tourist attraction and a significant part of the history of Devonport.

However, we cannot take our relationship with Council and with other groups for granted. The club is sited on extremely valuable public land on the coast and so are many other facilities and resources used by boating clubs throughout Auckland. There are other competing uses for this land and marine resource and it is increasingly coming under threat from alternative proposals or issues.

Our club is not under immediate threat as we have two more 10-year renewal rights to our lease. We have no rights to stay after this however. Other resources the boating community use are under more immediate threat. These include haulage facilities and anchoring places. Haulage facilities have been declining (The Landing, Little Shoal Bay and Pier21) and anchoring/navigation places threatened by private mooring applications (outside of mooring areas), marine pests (such as caulerpa) and aquaculture.

To ensure boaties' voices are heard we can do such as individuals, as a club, and via our club affiliation networks. Our weekly news informs you when opportunities come up to get involved. Please take those opportunities when they arise.

In addition, DYC is affiliated to two organisations that support and advocate for the boating community. They are Yachting New Zealand and the Auckland Yacht and Boating Association (AYBA). Both provide advocacy, support, training and networking.

In this issue I particularly want to focus on AYBA.

AYBA was founded in 1919 and the Devonport Yacht Club was one of its founders. There are currently 40 boating clubs that belong to the AYBA and the association has represented and advocated for these clubs and the wider boating community for nearly 100 years.

I have recently joined the AYBA management committee and want to share with you some of their recent projects, upcoming events and future plans. They were submitters and appealed against resource consents for the Bayswater proposal (which diminished the use of the area for boating facilities) and private moorings in Rakino. They took out legal challenges to the decision of the Orakei Board to remove the boat haulage facilities at The Landing. This made the Local Board rethink their decision. They hold informative talks for all club members

(much like our Seataalks) and undertake several training courses.

AYBA is currently developing a new strategic plan to improve its relationships with our clubs, to strengthen its standing and influence with our strategic stakeholder and partners (eg Local Boards, Harbour Master, Council etc) and to influence the various council plans and strategies that protect and enhance facilities for boaties.

To find out more about AYBA, you can go to their web site and attend the frequent presentations they host.

Over the next few months, various member clubs throughout the region will be making presentations about their clubs so we better understand our fellow clubs and their issues. All are invited.

As it is nearly the end of the sailing season, the next phase will be hauling out the boats for their annual maintenance and the associated ritual otherwise known as emptying the wallet. The things we do for fun!

We have more fun events coming up over the winter months and the next is the laying-up supper which is always a great night for all members to get together.

So fair winds and smooth seas for all whilst you enjoy the last days of Autumn and get out on the water as much as you can.

*Tony*

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## SAILING NOTICES

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FROM THE SAILING MASTER, HUGH MAGUIRE

February was a busy month's sailing commencing with over 20 boats competing in the Mahurangi Night Race followed by the Round the Islands race in Mahurangi.

The following week we had the Waitangi Weekend sailing events which were curtailed due to the weather. The single division race to Ponui was deferred to the Sunday, with the Round the Islands race in Ponui cancelled.

In complete contrast, the Duder Cup Centennial Regatta was extremely well-supported by club boats enjoying a good breeze and competition, with 23 different boats taking part in the race to win the Duder Cup plus two Classics classes. Loose Unit became the first boat to ever win the Duder Cup four times.

The final February race was a very light wind race to Woody Bay.

March was also a busy sailing month with good participation in all events including a spectacular 3-handed Gulf rally followed by the Ladies' Helm race the day after International Women's Day, and the Rocky Bay Race. Easter racing was cancelled due to adverse weather.

The season rounds out with the challenging single-handed race on Saturday 6 April.

Prize-giving 2024 is on Saturday 25 May from 5-7pm at the club. Everyone welcome to celebrate this season's winners.

And finally, many, many grateful thanks to these organisation that have generously sponsored our racing programme this sailing season.



# RECENT RACE RESULTS

## Duder Cup Centennial Regatta Feb 10 2024

Race	Duder cup Regatta Saturday, 10 February 2024	C H'Cap	Start 10:00:00	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
11	<b>Div 1 - Extras Division Orange Flag</b>							
624	Loose unit	0.685	Y	13:39:27	3:39:27	2:30:19	9	1
2170	Hautere	0.695	Y	13:38:54	3:38:54	2:32:08	8	2
8202	Heartlight	0.775	Y	13:22:42	3:22:42	2:37:06	2	3
2398/1385	Reliant	0.682	Y	13:54:37	3:54:37	2:40:01	11	4
3374	Zeppo	0.740	Y	13:38:11	3:38:11	2:41:27	6	5
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.808	Y	13:22:48	3:22:48	2:43:52	3	6
9230	Wishyouwerehere	0.702	Y	13:57:51	3:57:51	2:46:58	12	7
A50	Ta'arua	0.865	Y	13:13:21	3:13:21	2:47:15	1	8
3046	Tanga	0.825	Y	13:28:14	3:28:14	2:51:48	4	9
3246	Kudos	0.800	Y	13:38:33	3:38:33	2:54:50	7	10
5482	Lambretta	0.735	Y	13:59:05	3:59:05	2:55:44	13	11
2441	Kristen	0.648	Y	14:31:27	4:31:27	2:55:54	15	12
5001	Renown	0.820	Y	13:36:22	3:36:22	2:57:25	5	13
8322	Indulgence	0.790	Y	13:48:54	3:48:54	3:00:50	10	14
9384	Sereno	0.693	Y	14:29:45	4:29:45	3:06:56	14	15
3790	U Choose	0.667	Y	15:16:27	5:16:27	3:31:04	18	16
8392	Tumbleweed	0.695	Y	15:09:27	5:09:27	3:35:04	16	17
1702	Spinaway	0.725	Y	15:17:14	5:17:14	3:50:00	19	18
334	Ladybird	0.630	Y	16:06:23	6:06:23	3:50:49	21	19
4397	Sunkist	0.650	Y	16:01:30	6:01:30	3:54:58	20	20
5448	Bella Vita	0.762	Y	15:12:56	5:12:56	3:58:27	17	21
889	Weka	0.745	Y	16:17:09	6:17:09	4:40:59	22	22
9370	Tiny Dancer	0.725	Y				DNF	DNF
2097	Sanna	0.725	Y				DSQ	DSQ
						21		
			Starts	23	Finishes			

[See More from Hugh Maguire](#)

Race	Duder cup Regatta Saturday, 10 February 2024	C H'Cap	Start 10:05:00	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
11	<b>Div 2 - Classic A and Modern Classic Black Flag</b>							
K100	KATRINA II	0.767	Y	13:38:40	3:33:40	2:43:53	7	1
A3	ARIKI	0.882	Y	13:11:13	3:06:13	2:44:15	2	2
A27	Arohia	0.852	Y	13:18:49	3:13:49	2:45:08	3	3
A2	Rawhiti	0.892	Y	13:10:20	3:05:20	2:45:19	1	4
A7	RAINBOW	0.805	Y	13:35:47	3:30:47	2:49:41	5	5
A15	Prize	0.817	Y	13:36:43	3:31:43	2:52:58	6	6
3445	ADVANTAGE	0.874	Y	13:34:10	3:29:10	3:02:49	4	7
A11	IDA	0.798					DNF	DNF
A20	PASTIME	0.717					DNF	DNF
809	PRINCESS	0.814					DNF	DNF
			Starts	7	Finishes	7		

Race	Duder cup Regatta Saturday, 10 February 2024	C H'Cap	Start 10:15:00	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
11	<b>Div 4 - Classic B Division - Blue Flag</b>							
C8	GLORIANA	0.665	Y	13:27:40	3:12:40	2:08:07	2	1
8141	JONQUIL	0.737	Y	13:13:30	2:58:30	2:11:33	1	2
B15	FRANCES	0.649	Y	14:04:22	3:49:22	2:28:52	4	3
4724	FREELANCE	0.78	Y	13:41:34	3:26:34	2:41:07	3	4
725	SPRAY II	0.66	Y				DNF	DNF
105	CORONA	0.75					DNF	DNF
137	MORVARCH	0.6					DNF	DNF
			Starts	5	Finishes	4		

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Neil Saunders and Adam Cook celebrate their momentous Duder Cup win.  
Cheers!



### Woody Bay Race (no wind!)

Race	Woody Bay Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 17 February 2024		11:00:00					
12	Div A - Orange Flag							
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.828	Y	15:47:16	4:47:16	3:57:51	2	1
43	Northerner	0.900	Y	15:31:59	4:31:59	4:04:47	1	2
9971	Celeste	0.730	Y	17:07:44	6:07:44	4:28:27	3	3
3246	Kudos	0.820	Y				DNF	DNF
5001	Renown	0.840	Y				DNF	DNF
9230	Wishyouwerehere	0.702	Y				DNF	DNF
			<b>Starts</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>3</b>		
Race	Woody Bay Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 17 February 2024		11.05.00					
12	Div B - No Extras Flag Green							
2441	Kristen	0.678	Y				DNF	DNF
2597	Hopscotch	0.640	Y				DNF	DNF
3790	U Choose	0.697	Y				DNF	DNF
5001	Zeppo	0.760	Y				DNF	DNF
8392	Tumbleweed	0.695	Y				DNF	DNF
			<b>Starts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>0</b>		

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### 3-Handed Gulf Rally

Race	3 handed Gulf Rally							
	1/03/24 - 3/03/2024							
13	Div A - Extras - Orange Flag		Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Overall Points	Position	
5007	Kenzie			3	1	1	5	1
9230	Wishyouwerehere			1	3	2	6	2
9756	French Kiss			6	2	3	11	3
1622	Pau Hana			2	5	4	11	3
1793	Helix			5	4	5	14	5
5001	Zeppo			4	7	6	17	6
3246	Kudos			7	6	7	20	7
Race	3 handed Gulf Rally							
	1/03/24 - 3/03/2024							
13	Div B - No Extras Green Flag		Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Overall Points	Position	
6628	Calypso V			4	3	1	8	1
8322	Indulgence			5	1	3	9	2
5001	Renown			6	2	2	10	3
1702	Spinaway			3	4	4	11	4
8392	Tumbleweed			1	7	7	15	DNF
9384	Sereno			2	7	7	16	DNF

### Ladies Helm Race

Race	Ladies Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Places	Hcp.
	Saturday, 9 March 2024		10:00:00		Elapsed		Line	
14	One Div - Orange Flag							
5007	Kenzie	0.770	Y	11:48:59	1:48:59	1:23:55	2	1
5482	Lambretta	0.735	Y	11:57:14	1:57:14	1:26:10	5	2
9971	Celeste	0.730	Y	12:02:26	2:02:26	1:29:23	6	3
9756	French Kiss	0.815	Y	11:50:13	1:50:13	1:29:50	3	4
5001	Renown	0.840	Y	11:48:26	1:48:26	1:31:05	1	5
3246	Kudos	0.820	Y	11:53:42	1:53:42	1:33:14	4	6
3155	Lidar	0.687	Y	12:17:45	2:17:45	1:34:38	7	7
8392	Tumbleweed	0.695	Y				DNF	DNF
833	Poseidon	0.800					DNS	DNS
			<b>Starts</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>7</b>		

### Rocky Bay Race

Race	Rocky Bay Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Places	Hcp.
	Saturday, 23 March 2024		10:05:00		Elapsed		Line	
15	Div B - No Extras Green Flag							
8392	Tumbleweed	0.695	Y	13:16:21	3:11:21	2:12:59	2	1
5482	Lambretta	0.735	Y	13:07:13	3:02:13	2:13:56	1	2
3790	U Choose	0.697	Y	13:33:19	3:28:19	2:25:12	3	3
2441	Kristen	0.678	Y	13:46:45	3:41:45	2:30:21	5	4
9384	Sereno	0.720	Y	13:39:22	3:34:22	2:34:21	4	5
			<b>Starts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>5</b>		
Race	Rocky Bay Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Places	Hcp.
	Saturday, 23 March 2024		10:00:00		Elapsed		Line	
15	Div A - Extras Orange Flag							
43	Northerner	0.910					DNF	DNF
1622	Pau Hana	0.750					DNF	DNF
3246	Kudos	0.820	Y	13:23:24	3:23:24	2:46:47	1	1
9756	French Kiss	0.815	Y	13:47:43	3:47:43	3:05:35	2	2
			<b>Starts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Finishes</b>	<b>2</b>		



### Single-handed Race

Race	Single Handed	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 6 April 2024		9:00:00					
18	Div B - No Extras Flag Green							
2441	Kristen	0.675	Y	15:29:16	6:29:16	4:22:45	2	1
5001	Renown	0.840	Y	14:29:37	5:29:37	4:36:53	1	2
3790	U Choose	0.697	Y	16:11:10	7:11:10	5:00:31	3	3
8392	Tumbleweed	0.700	Y				DNF	DNF
			Starts	4	Finishes	3		
Race	Single Handed	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times Elapsed	Corrd.	Places Line	Hcp.
	Saturday, 6 April 2024		9:00:00					
18	Div A - Extras Orange Flag							
9230	WishYouWereHere	0.702	Y	15:02:56	6:02:56	4:14:47	2	1
1622	Pau Hana	0.750	Y	14:49:18	5:49:18	4:21:59	1	2
NZL 442	Explorer	0.862					DNS	DNS
			Starts	2	Finishes	2		





Devonport Yacht Club

DYC PRESENTS...

# PRIZE-GIVING 2024

Saturday 25th May, 1700 to 1900 hours  
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## Jazz Age style on display in Duder Cup festivities

Devonport Yacht Club member Neil Saunders skippered Pied Piper Loose Unit to victory in the 100th running of the Duder Cup on 11 February, ensuring the ornate cup remains in local hands.

An edible version of the trophy – made by local cake-maker Jenny Nicholls – was devoured during evening centennial festivities.

Members of the community took the chance to visit the club in the morning, seeing various classes of yachts cross the start line in the annual regatta, which has the Duder Cup as its main drawcard.

The series of races attracted around 40 entries from across Auckland, including classic yachts which made a spectacle rounding North Head.

In the cup race, Loose Unit was behind Kudos at the last mark rounding Motukorea Buoy. But despite slowing to graciously pick up a cap lost by Kaaren Rosser aboard Kudos, Loose Unit overtook its rival to claim line honours.

Landlubbers also had a vintage car to check out, along with free refreshments courtesy of event sponsor Harcourts Cooper & Co.

The evening featured a ticketed 1920s ball, attended by more than 100 people who enjoyed a dinner catered by Chateaubriant and dancing to the music of band Run for Cover.



Marking a century... (clockwise from top) Duder Cup 2024 winner Neil Saunders (left, skipper of Loose Unit) with 2022 winner Karen Webster (Lambretta), and Adam Cook (Charleston); a drone shot of yachts off North Head (picture by Stefan Kring); Jenny Nicholls from Heaven's Cake created a Duder's Cup replica cake; classic yachts Arika and Ta'Aroa in action during the regatta.







Gone to blazers... The crew of Hautere went a little overboard in donning period attire: (from left) Paul Walter, Blair Cliffe, Bill Coles and Mark Clough. Right: Rear Commodore Howard Walsh and Glenda Walsh arrive for the ball. Below: Bill and Jennifer Handy.





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## SOCIAL SCENE

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PAULA SHELTON

How could we not comment on the huge success of the Duder Cup Centennial Ball and Regatta?

Not only was the racing hugely enjoyable with 23 boats competing for the Duder Cup plus more in the Classics divisions of the regatta, but the social event of the year (to date!) was 100% subscribed and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Duder Cup Race winners Neil Saunders and Adam Cook, and Harcourts photo winners Bill and Jennifer Handy with their 1920's look at the ball. Just goes to show how events such as these can be fantastic for social and sailing members alike.



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# LAYING UP FIESTA!

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SURNAMENES M-Z  
ON MAINS AND  
A-L ON DESSERTS.



## SUNDAY MUSIC AND HOT BAR SNACKS

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Tainui Tuesdays return to set your feet tapping and your tongue on fire on the first Sunday of the months of April, May, June and July. This year, catering is by So French Cafe bringing you substantial hot bar snacks for less than \$20.

### Tainui Tuesdays Band live at Devonport Yacht Club Sundays 5-7pm: 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July



Tickets \$20.00 on the door  
FREE for DYC Members however a Koha appreciated  
Drinks and snacks available at the bar  
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For booking please contact  
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## Tainui Tuesday Menu

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VEGETARIAN QUICHE	8
FRENCH FRIES	10
HAM CROQUE MONSIEUR	13
SALMON CROQUE MONSIEUR	16
PULLED CHICKEN SLIDERS X 3	19

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DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB

**5 — 7PM**

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL, 5 MAY, 2 JUNE, 7 JULY**



# DYC Seataalks

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## Lydia Green – Manta Watch

Manta Watch combines dedicated research and citizen science to learn more about Aotearoa's oceanic manta ray population. In conjunction with their research, Manta Watch creates education and outreach opportunities to connect people to manta rays and promote long-term advocacy for the offshore environments they frequent.

This DYC Seataalks will provide an opportunity to watch the new movie Manta Watch NZ (duration 25 minutes) and then for project leader Lydia Green to highlight the work of the organisation and time for Q&A. CYA recently hosted a booked-out screening of this movie at the Bridgeway cinema and it was stunning viewing! This is also a fundraiser for Manta Watch (by way of Koha) to help their research work in NZ.

**7.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

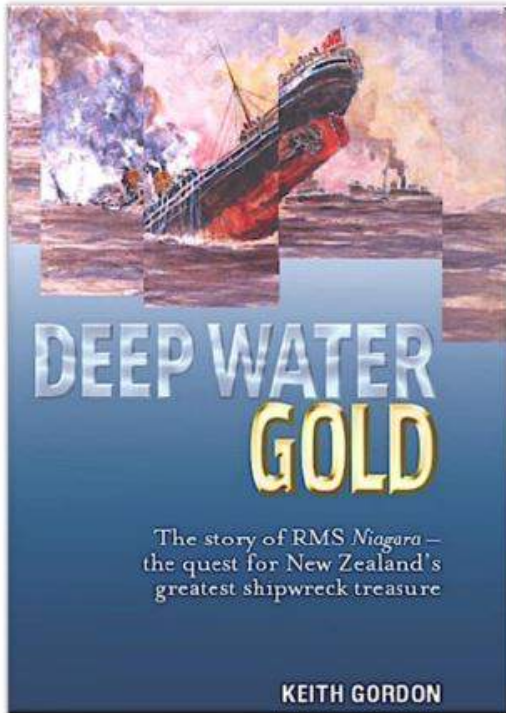
**All are welcome - visitors please sign in at the door. The club bar will be open.**





# DYC Seataalks

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## Keith Gordon – The Wreck of RMS Niagara

Few realise how close World War II came to New Zealand. Yet 84 years ago German mines laid across the approaches to Auckland Harbour sank the luxury passenger liner RMS *Niagara* and led to a world record deep salvage of gold bullion.

Keith Gordon, President of the New Zealand Underwater Heritage Group, author of "Deep Water Gold" – the story of RMS *Niagara* – has been directly involved with the shipwreck since 1989. His illustrated talk will cover the history of the *Niagara*, the German Raider HSK *Orion*, the sinking and subsequent salvage of gold from the wreck, plus exploration of the wreck in recent times and addresses the question whether the *Niagara* is today a ticking ecological time bomb in the depths of Hauraki Gulf?

Keith has been involved with underwater exploration for more than 70 years; he is a Fellow of the The Explorers Club and author of "SS *Ventnor* – Ghost Ship of the Hokianga".

**7.30pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**All are welcome - visitors please sign in at the door. The club bar will be open.**

## MEMBER NEWS

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Congratulations to Sally Garrett and Neil Easton, 2024 National Flying 15 Champions sailing the Godfather. Sally is the first female helm to win the Nationals in NZ.



DYC members Geoff and Jane Evans, Grant Daniel and John Duder pick up some silverware at the Auckland Anniversary 184th Regatta prize-giving.

Results were:

### **Mahurangi to Resolution Passage Race:**

Line Honours, 2nd handicap - Renown

1st Handicap - Zeppo

### **Classic Yachts B Division**

Line honours and 1st handicap - Spray II

The regatta was sailed in a fresh SW breeze which tested the boats and crew and was a great day's sailing.



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## PICTURES FROM THE PAST

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BY CHRIS LEECH

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: [dds@kcbbs.gen.nz](mailto:dds@kcbbs.gen.nz)

The answers will also be in the next newsletter.

If there are any corrections to my answers, please let me know. If you have any photographs that you think would be of interest to fellow members, then please email to me, with details.

PTO for answer's to last edition's photo quiz.







#### ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY /MARCH PHOTO QUIZ

Photo 1: The launching of Sheryl at the Devonport Yacht Club. She was built by Mac Taylor in 16 Mays St. Mrs Taylor (Mac's mother) is doing the honours. Frank Gimson is standing at the back.

Photo 2: A "Revolution" is in the offing. Two young club members (Abigael Clough & Shannon Wallace) wave the flag during a typical DYC Cruising race. The location I think from memory was Waikalabubu.

Photo 3: The attendance at the Working Bee's is always worthwhile as the morning tea is always very substantial.

Photo 4: "Truant" on the slipway in 1972. With owner and skipper Martin Foster on the left.

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# TAPUI

by a club correspondent

A love affair lasting over 20 years has come to an end with the sale of the Couldrey designed launch Tapui (familiar spirits) which is moving up harbour to Te Atatu.

Built by Salthouse boatbuilders at Greenhithe and finished by her owners Tapui was launched down our eastern slipway in November 1980. A big volume powerful boat she is 36 foot overall with a beam of 12 foot and powered by a Gardner 5 L W diesel engine which has been downrated to 80 horsepower.

Tapui is jointly owned by Frank Gimson and Ian Ward who have shared a lifetime of boating together stretching back to 1960 when Ian joined the crew of the 28 foot Brooke designed yacht Gremlin with long standing club members Terry Mallet and Adrian Caillau aboard. Frank built Gremlin in the backyard of his home and he and Ian have raced and cruised together ever since. Loyal D.Y.C. members, both have served on the general committee and Ian is currently the club haulage master who writes under the unfair non de plume of "Grizzly". Having been involved with the annual up and downhaul of boats at the club for the past forty years plus there is little either of them don't know about this task.

Whilst on the slipway awaiting launching and prior to the finishing paint being applied to the topside

some wag wrote the name "Wardie C Daldy" on the bow. Fortunately this name didn't stick but ex club member Neil Hudson named her the "Tugpui" which was more apt.

Frank and Ian have a knack for finding vessels that have broken down and taking them in tow. They averaged at least one each season. Frank, Ian and friends have cruised aboard Tapui to some interesting places. North to Houhora, East to Gt. Barrier, South to Thames and Port Charles and West to the Riverhead Pub where the crews of several club boats had a serious attempt at "drinking the pub dry". Ian and Frank reckoned that we were all anchored in the wrong place and would go aground at low tide so moved Tapui over "into the channel". That night at low tide Ian got up to have a pee and Tapui fell over!!! She was high and dry having missed the channel by several metres. Then there was the occasion when Frank lost his false teeth overboard at Whangaparapara. He leaned over the side to look at something and coughed then leaped overboard after them but missed. Some divers tried to find them the next day but to no avail. This incident would have been nicely hushed up except the divers told Gt. Barrier Radio who announced to the world that "Gimpo has lost his fangs".

Before the advent of the wonderful V.H.F. coverage we have now, we used the S.S.B. radio and over the Xmas



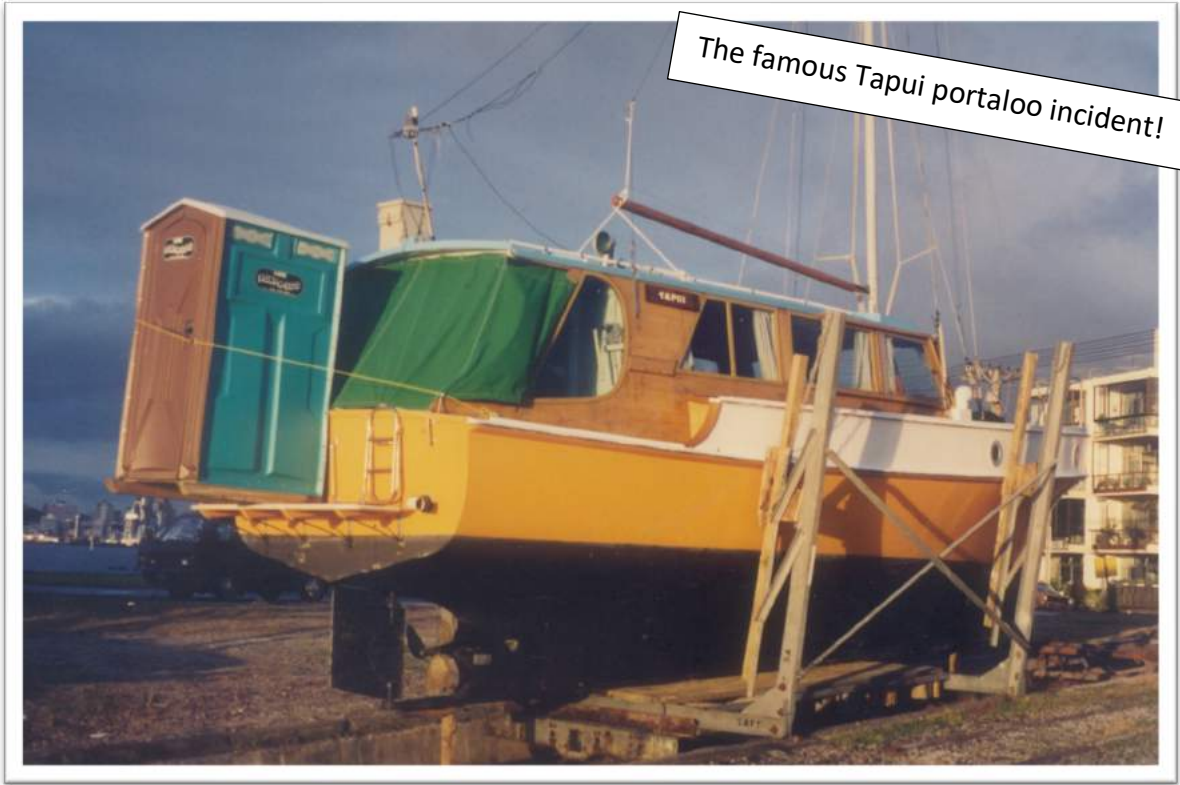
New Year period Tapui ran a sked each evening at 1935 hrs on frequency 2638 which most of the club boats would join. Being expert fishermen I would ask them what they were having for dinner and Ian would reply "at this stage" (a favourite expression of his) "we have had smoked Kahawai and crackers with our pre dinner drinks, an entree of scallops and a main course of fresh pan fried Flounder with" and he would list some tempting vegetables "washed down with chilled Sauvignon Blanc and followed by coffee and Liqueurs." Sounds good I would reply, we are having baked beans on toast for the third night in a row.

It's the end of an era but possibly the start of another. Frank says that he is too old to go boating and ready to "Swallow the anchor". I'll believe that when I see it but expect Ian and wife Marge to buy another launch soon possibly by next season. Marge knows that Grizzly will become "Mr Impossible" without a boat and she also loves boating herself. I know now what they will buy, a traditional launch of between 30 and 35 foot possibly a bridge deck cruiser with two 60 hp diesels. She will be single skin planked Kauri and a very pretty design requiring lots of maintenance and they will give her heaps of loving care. I betcha I'm right.

\* LEAD HUNG  
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### DO YOU KNOW THIS BOAT?

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**This boat was once owned by my uncle Brian Baker from Russell. Brian sold it many years ago to a boat builder I believe was from Devonport. The boat was named the Idleon it is a 28ft kauri hull, but may have had a name change by now. For the sake of reminiscing I would be very interested to know if anyone might know where it is today.**



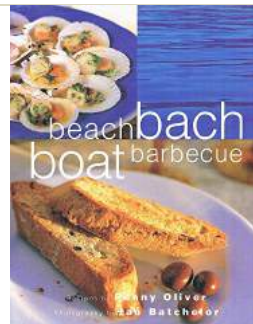


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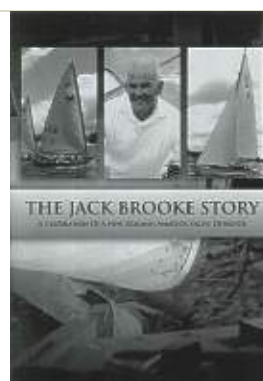


### THE JACK BROOKE STORY

A CELEBRATION OF OF A NZ AMATEUR YACHT DESIGNER

HAROLD KIDD

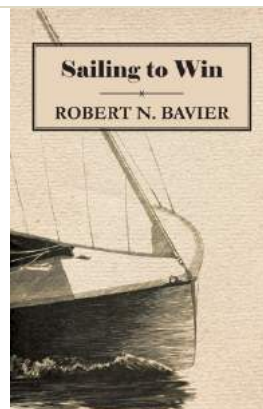
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### SAILING TO WIN

ROBERT N BAVIER JNR

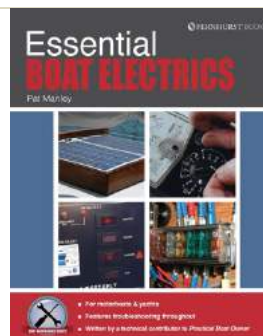
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### ESSENTIAL BOAT ELECTRICS

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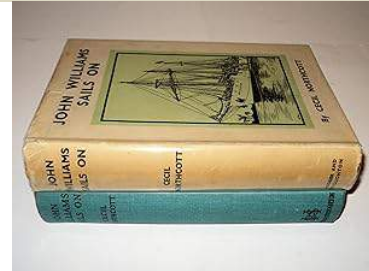
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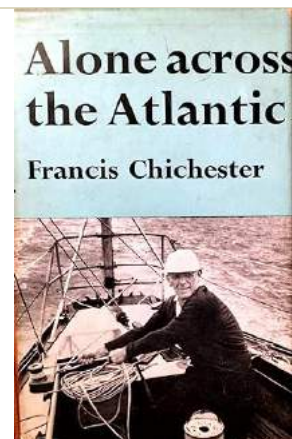
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## ALONE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

FRANCIS CHICHESTER

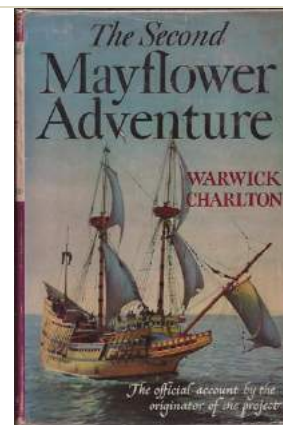
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## THE VOYAGE OF MAYFLOWER II

WARWICK CHARLTON

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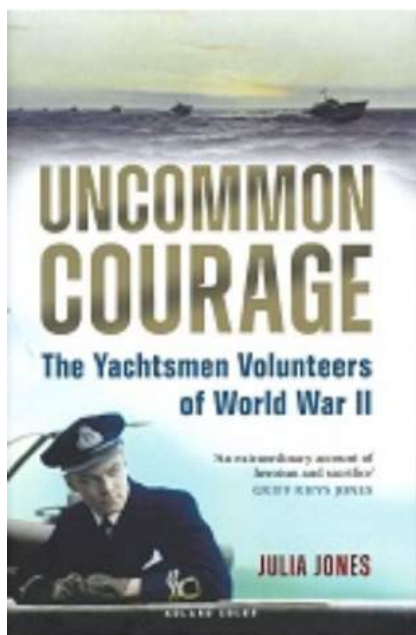
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