QUARTERDECK





FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A REPORT FROM THE COMMODORE

TONY BULLARD

Greetings everyone from the new
Commodore of the Devonport Yacht Club. It's a privilege to be selected in this position and I want to thank you for selecting me. I would like to express my gratitude to all those commodores, committee members and volunteers who have gone before me and created such a wonderful club.

The Devonport Yacht Club has grown into a vibrant and welcoming club and I am committed to building upon this legacy, fostering an environment of camaraderie, excellence, and exploration. The club is in a good financial position, we have a stable membership base and a collection of assets that we can all be proud of.

Last Thursday we had the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Devonport Yacht Club and voted in the 100th Management Committee for the Club. Whilst not as historic as the Club's 100th anniversary, which we celebrated back in 2005, the 100th AGM is

still a mighty celebration and we did so with a fabulous cake, bubbles and sharing of stories.

The club has elected a very strong management committee for the next year. The election results are listed on page 6 of this newsletter. We're mostly members from the previous year's committee with a new Flag officer Howard Walsh and two new members – welcome Paul Treacher (our new Treasurer) and Michael Yalland.

Some of our priorities for the forthcoming year are:

- 1. Continuing bringing an exciting assemble of social events, races, Seatalks, education and other relevant activities.
- 2. Responding to various legislative and regulation changes and other requirements. For example the new Incorporated Societies Act, New Clean Hull programme, advocating for the club, negotiating our lease renewal with Council and participating in the wider boating community such as Yachting New Zealand and The Auckland Yachting and Boating Association.
- 3. Progressing various asset upgrades and improvements. These include a revamp of the Sir Peter Blake Lounge, new club furnishings and fittings and in the longer-term refurbished toilets and the completion of the kitchen upgrade in the kitchen annex area.

It's that time of year where many of us haul up our boats onto the yard and undertake various maintenance tasks on them. Working on boats can be a time consuming and complicated business but one which we love

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(well at least some of the time). My main task this year is fixing the keel.

So here I was last Friday doing work on the keel on what is not a bad Auckland day ie not raining. Anyway, along come a group of people enjoying the walk along the waterfront when they happen across the yacht club. They see me working on my keel, as well as several other members working on their boats as well. The tourists then stop and one of them comments quite loudly,

"Look at the boaties – at work in their natural environment".

"Ha ha" - I laugh back at the cheeky chaps while they smile back in good jest.

While we love being out on the water enjoying our boats and the sea, there's some truth in their comments what with our efforts on land keeping our old boats afloat.

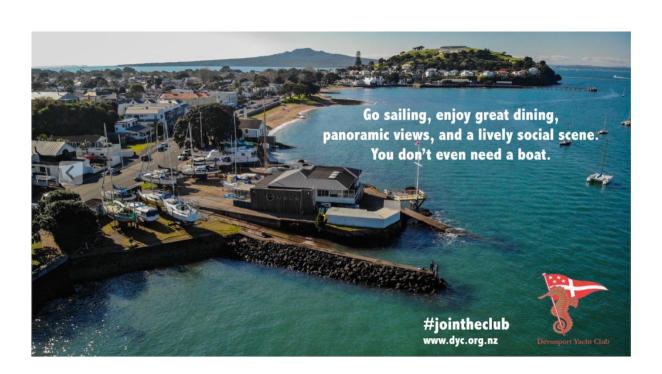
Importantly, as another truth, our boats and our club are a big tourist attraction in Devonport. We are part of its history and an important part of the community.

In closing, I want to emphasize that the Devonport Yacht Club is not just a place — it is a community. A community bound by our shared love for the sea and our community. I am thrilled to be a part of this community and to serve as your Commodore.

Thank you for your trust, your dedication, and your warm welcome. Here's to fair winds, clear skies, and a splendid journey ahead.

Smooth sailing to you all.

Tony



Full Text of the Commodore's Report, 3 August 2023

FROM BLAIR CLIFFE, COMMODORE

Good evening and welcome to the 100th DYC AGM. I have asked Tony Bullard, our Vice Commodore, to present this report as I am currently in the UK looking after my mother who has been in hospital, and is now in a home, as I prepare her house to be sold.

Prior to preparing this report I read through some of the previous ones that had been submitted and I was particularly struck by one of those from Hugh Pollock who noted that to succeed as a yacht club we have to work to enhance all three of our club's main components; these being Sailing Activities, Haulage Services and Social Events. Throughout this last year we have suffered with terrible weather for our sailing and the tail end of Covid for our Social Events therefore despite the best efforts of our committees and volunteers we have not had such a good year.



The sailing season was terribly affected by the bad weather with what I am sure must have been a record number of cancellations, postponements and changes of routes. This continued into the cruising season over the Christmas break and for those of us out there it felt at times more like an endurance test than the usual pleasurable experience. Our Sailing Master Hugh Maguire ably assisted by the Sailing Committee kept on top of things and did their best to provide safe, enjoyable events but despite their best efforts attendance fell as the season waned and the momentum of taking part was lost. We can only hope that Tangaroa will be kinder to us next season and we can all enjoy the warmth of summer again.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that you do not have to race to enjoy the social side of our racing events nor even to own a yacht. Nearly every race is followed by a BBQ on the beach where the usual tall tales and blatant lies are told. Do please come and join us by whatever means you have.

Haulage continues to be as popular as ever with a full yard and heavy demand for the universal. Our Haulage Master Paul Walters, with assistance from the usual team as always, have done a sterling job. There is likely to be increasing demand for haulage spots as haulout yards are closed for various reasons. Haulage is a good earner for the club as well as a great asset for our members and it is terribly important that we continue to upgrade and maintain all the equipment to as high a level as possible to ensure we continue to provide a safe and professional service. As we all know one accident will have the whole operation under scrutiny and it may well be closed down. We must continue to operate the yard in a professional manner and all must continue to conscientiously follow the H&S guidance provided.

The Social Committee, led by my wife Emma, were feeling rather despondent part way through the year as low takeup at events they had organised meant that they had to be cancelled. In the main I think this was due to an ongoing worry about Covid and that members were concerned about gathering in large numbers in a confined space. However as the year progressed they have managed to turn things around and at the same time introduced more locals to our club. The quiz night was a resounding success with not a spare seat in the house, with many members inviting friends to join them. A recent success has been the re-introduction of regular music at the club with Tainui Tuesdays performing on Sunday afternoons. These events have been open to both club members and the public and again have introduced new people to the delights of DYC. Not only that, but both the band and the club are profiting financially. Sadly I have been away for both events so far but it is great to hear that dancing is once again taking place at the club.

There have been a number of ideas recently which have introduced new people to the club in addition to those just mentioned. Our Facebook page and electronic visibility has increased markedly under the control of Paula Shelton getting our brand out there. The new noticeboards (supplied in a mutually attractive exchange with The Vic) are hopefully drawing attention to the attractions. A number of Pilates with Emma's clients have joined the club. We have continued to provide a facility for Community Groups to meet for free and a list of these will be attached later as an official record of their numbers. Our sponsorship sub-committee have been working hard to provide new style packages for sponsors that will be mutually beneficial to both parties and we hope that local businesses will display our logo to show their affiliation. All of this has meant that, despite a few people not renewing their memberships, the number of members remains steady. I am hopeful that all this activity will get the DYC brand more recognisable in our community and we will increase our relevance and usefulness to it as well as our members.

I have tried tonight to not name too many people who contribute to the club as that list would of course be a long one. Finances however underpin everything and Grant Daniel has been our Treasurer now for many years. Grant has quietly and efficiently got on with his role, providing sensible and cautious advice to the Committee and your Flags. You will hear the detailed financial statement from Grant shortly but I would like to single him out tonight and thank him wholeheartedly for his efforts over the years. I would also like to formally welcome Paul Treacher who has volunteered to take on this very important, but rather thankless, task. Thank you both.

As many of you know I have decided not to stand to re-election this year. When I took on the role of a Flag Officer I was working locally and had the time to dedicate to the task. My work has now changed with me being away at sea for six months of the year and I did not feel that I could perform in the role of Commodore as I wanted to or as was expected by the members. Tony and Mark fully supported me but I did not feel it would be fair either to them or the club for me to continue. I would like to thank all those who have stood by me and who work tirelessly behind the scenes for little or no thanks to make this club the friendly and welcoming place that it is.

It has been a difficult year as I have discussed but I think we have come out of Covid's shadow and are set for good future. We continue to progress with improvements to the club and will continue to do so as funds become available.

Thank you all. I hope you enjoy the cake and Emma and I will raise a glass to you all for the 100th AGM.

CELBRATORY CAKE SLICED BY LIFE MEMBER, COLIN TUBBS



To celebrate the one-hundreth annual general meeting of Devonport Yacht Club (somehow out of synch with the total age of the club which was established in 1905) we commissioned local buisness Gourmet Fusion to create a spectacular chocolate and gooey caramel cake.

Life Member, and DYC Librarian, Colin Tubbs did the honours cutting the cake for everyone to enjoy after the AGM with a celebratory glass of fizz.

Nicely done Colin!

Cake by Wendy at local Devonport business, Gourmet Fusion

www.gourmetfusion.co.nz



Mark Sigglekow (Vice Commodore), David Stone (President),
Tony Bullard (Commodore), and Howard Walsh (Rear
Commodore) eagerly await their slice!

AGM BUSINESS

Following the AGM, the elected Flag Officers and Managing Committee members are now as follows:

Patron: Pippa, Lady Blake

President: David Stone

Commodore: Tony Bullard

Vice Commodore: Mark Sigglekow

Rear Commodore: Howard Walsh



David Stone

Managing Committee Executive Officers:

Treasurer: Paul Treacher

Sailing Master: Hugh Maguire

Haulage Master: Paul Walter

Clubhouse Captain: vacant

Site Master: Ken Smith

Bar Officer: Murray Forbes

Publicity Officer: Paula Shelton

Social Officer: Emma Cliffe

Health and Safety Officer: vacant



Tony Bullard

Managing Committee General:

Grant Daniel (immediate past Treasurer)

Geoff Evans (past Commodore)

Michael Yelland (to be confirmed in due course as Clubhouse Captian)

Mark Clough (Sailing Sub-Committee member)



Mark Sigglekow



Howard Walsh

SKIPPERS' BRIEFING & FITTING OUT SUPPER

This season's Skippers' Briefing will be held on Thursday 12 October, prededed by the Fitting Out Supper event on Saturday 7 October.

Details of these events will be published and circulated in our weekly news email, on facebook, and on posters in the clubhouse. Mark your diary now — detials will follow in due course.

RACING PROGRAMME 23/24 SEASON

Again for your diary – more details and NOR to follow:

Racing Calend		Cruising Series Race	Shorthanded Series Race
Oct			
	Sat 28th - Ice Breaker (club start and finish)	N	
Nov			
	Sat 4th - Cruising. Motuihe (Club Start - remote finish)	Υ	
	Sat 18th - Round Tiri Race (Club Start - Remote finish)	N	
Dec			
	Sat 2nd - 2 handed round Waiheke (Club Start - Club Finish)	N	Υ
	Sat 9th - Cruising. Oneroa (Club start - remote finish)	Y	
	Sun 10th - Home Again Pursuit Race (Remote start - Club Finish)	N	
Jan			
	Fri 26th - Cruising. Mahurangi Night Race (Club Start - Remote	N	
	Sun 28th - Cruising. Around the Islands Mahurangi (Remote start - Remote finish)	Υ	
	Monday 29th - Anniversary Day Passage Race - Mahurangi to Auckland. AARC (Club not required)	N	
Feb			
	Sat 3rd - Passage race to Ponui (Remote Start - Remote finish)	N	
	Sun 4th - Round the Islands Ponui (Remote Start - Remote finish)	Υ	
	Sat 10th - Duder Cup (Club start - Club Finish and BBQ)	N	
	Sat 17th - Cruising Series - Woody Bay (Club Start - Remote Finish)	Y	
March			
	Fri 1st - Sun 3rd - 3 Handed Gulf Rally (Club start 1st - Club finish	N	Υ
	Sat 9th - Ladies helm Race (Club start - Remote Finish)	N	
	Sat 23rd - Cruising. Rocky Bay (Club Start - Remote finish)	Υ	
	Fri 29th - Mahurangi Easter Cruise - to Kawau (Club Start - Remote finish)	Y	
	Sat 30th - Kawau to Mahurangi (Remote Start - Remote Finish)	Y	
April			
•	Sat 6th - Single Handed Race (Club start - Club finish)	N	Y

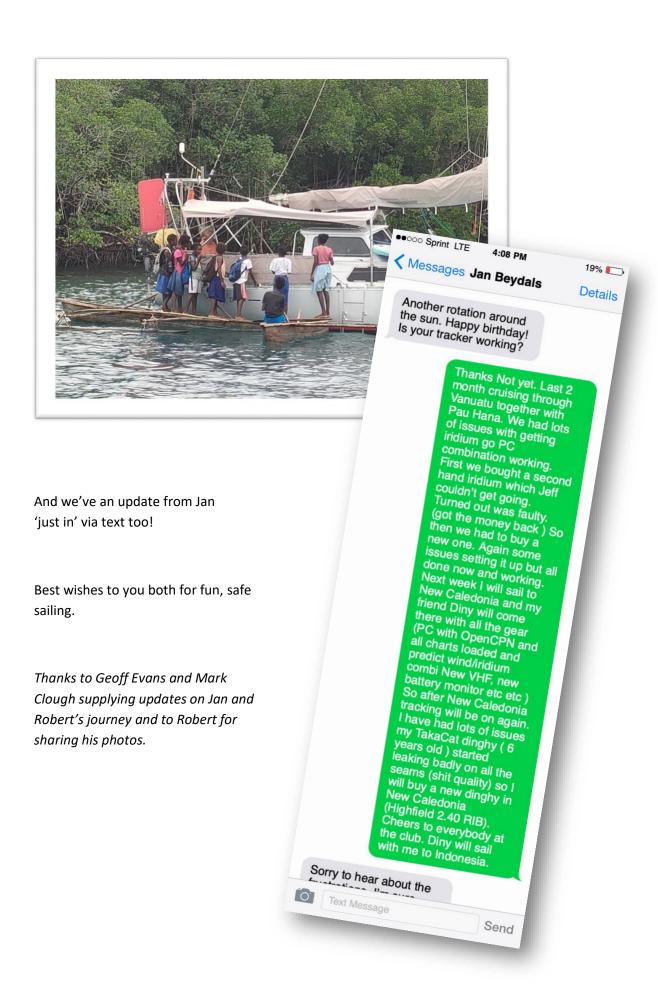
UPDATE FROM JAN BEYDALS AND ROBERT KEYWORTH'S TRAVELS

Fred Norris Bluewater Memorial Trophy winner, Jan Beydals, had a major set-back on his latest bluewater adventure. In June, not long after setting off on his way to Vanuatu, he "got pooped and despite having 2 of the 3 washboards in got quite a bit of damage to my electronics including iridium go and PC with predictwind / OpenCPN on it ."

Despite this, Jan reported, "we are enjoying life in Port Vila. Robert Keyworth is here as well with Pau Hana. He survived the trip over with no problems."

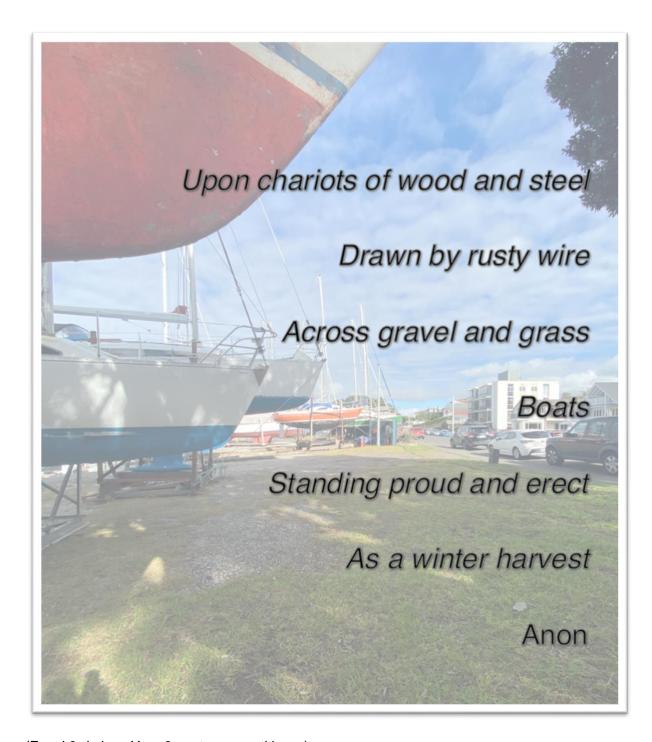
Robert's provided us these pics of the trip so far:



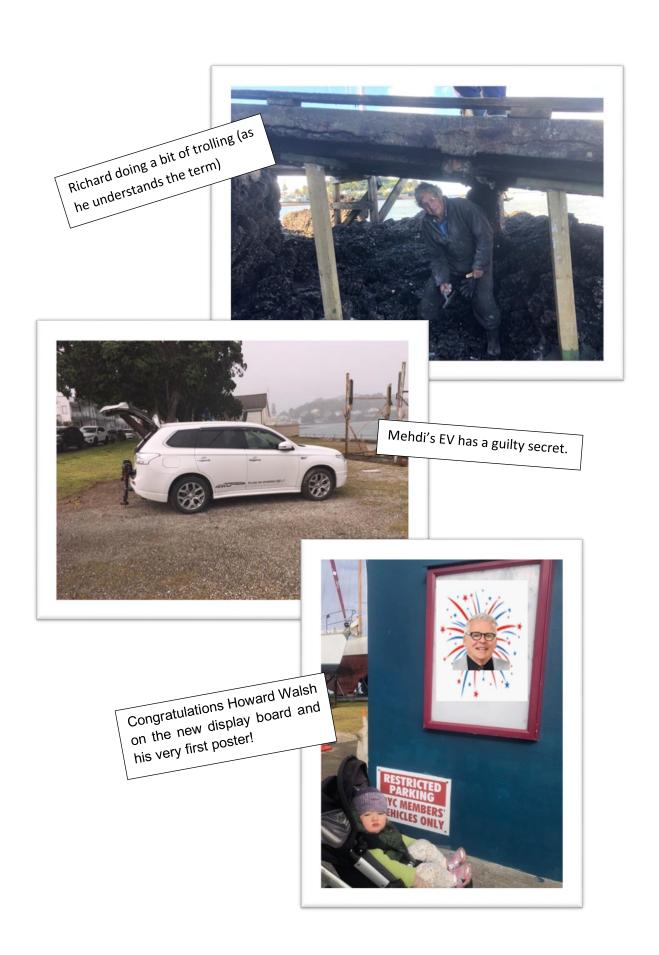


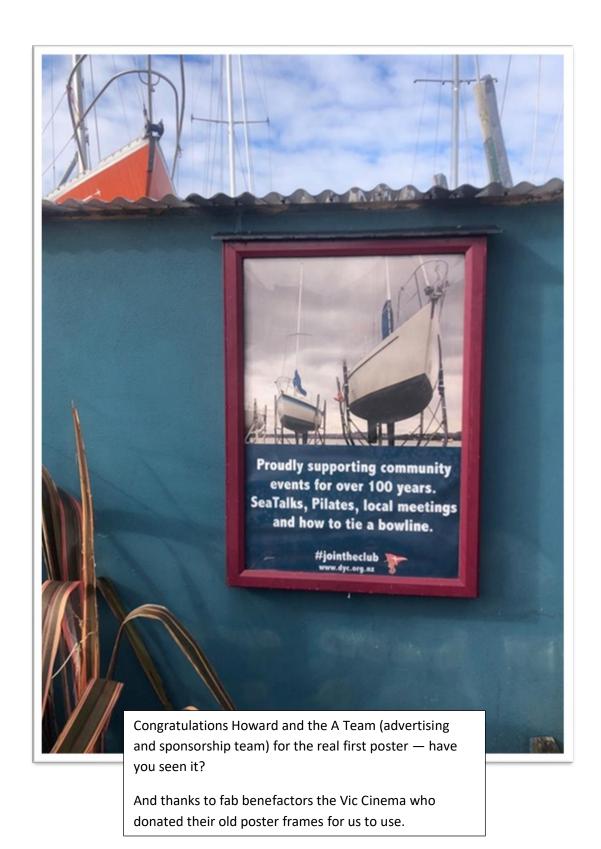
FROM KEN SMITH: SITEMASTER

A poem-ette:



(Equal 3rd place Year 9 poetry competition...)





LIVE MUSIC AT DYC — WHO ARE TAINUI TUESDAYS ANYWAY?

We've been delighted to have local band Tainui Tuesdays playing at the club in the early evening on the final Sunday of July and August. Both events have been very well attended by the band's loyal following and by members who have enjoyed the eclectic mix of old favourite tunes and new material.

DYC members Debbie and Brian Stewart are part of the band. They recently featured in a Devonport Flagstaff story, reproduced here:

Local couple finds musical

Plenty of people nurse a desire to develop their unexplored musical talents in later life, but few end up as bandmates of some of the country's most highly regarded gigging musicians.

That's what has eventuated for Devonport 60-somethings Brian and Debbie Stewart, whose talents have in recent years been developed and showcased in collaboration with a group of accomplished music professionals, including virtuoso guitarist Nigel Gavin.

This weekend, they, Gavin and the other members of covers band Tainui Tuesdays – named for the Stewarts' Tainui Rd address – play at the Devonport Yacht Club, in the second of four Sunday-night performances at the venue over winter.

Brian will be bringing his guitar and vocals and Debbie her keyboards and accordion to a couple of eclectic, crowd-pleasing sets from the group's wide-ranging repertoire.

Having lived in Devonport for more than 30 years, raising their family of four and living in First Ave and Albert Rd before landing in Cheltenham, the Stewarts will have plenty of friends and supporters in the audience.

But music lovers generally will also

be attracted by a line-up that includes French-American folk singer Sonia Wilson, veteran musician-of-all-trades Mal McCallum on bass and seasoned drummer Sean Rundle, who's well-known in Devonport.

How did the Stewarts, grandparents-of-seven and still with their day jobs – Brian as a lawyer and mediator; Debbie as a counsellor – come to be part of the group?

Brian had played guitar off and on since his university days, "but not particularly well," he hastens to add; Debbie learned piano growing up in Horowhenua, and came from a musical family – but the couple hadn't ever gelled as a musical duo.

Though they wanted to play together, "we could never quite get it together," says Brian.

About a decade ago, Brian began playing with a local friend, who suggested he take some lessons with Gavin, whose credits range from playing with guitar legend Robert Fripp to founding multi-guitar ensemble Gitbox Rebellion.

It so happened that Gavin was playing a regular slot at Corelli's in Devonport, which the Stewarts began to attend, meeting Rundle among others. Talk turned to the possibility of a jam session at Tainui Rd.

"We weren't thinking of forming a band

niche among accomplished

or anything," says Brian, but from what became fortnightly jams, Tainui Tuesdays was born. "It just grew," says Debbie.

The musicians enjoy food and wine together, along with the pleasure of playing music. "It's a little bit like a family," says Debbie.

Performances have followed over the last six years or so, with Debbie along the way taking up the piano accordion, an instrument perfectly suited to a French flavour embraced by Wilson and Gavin in their work as a duo, and the French selection included in Tainui Tuesdays' typical setlist.

She and Brian have found their playing lifted by their encouraging professional bandmates, and Debbie has even been called on to perform with Wilson and Gavin at gigs around New Zealand.

Fitting around the other commitments of its members, Tainui Tuesdays have played at various venues, including Devonport's Harmony Hall and a regular Saturday afternoon spot at the former Hemingway's restaurant in Rattray St, along with fundraisers and private birthday parties.

"Debbie and I are good enough now not to let the side down," says Brian.

The set list for this Sunday includes favourites by the likes of Bic Runga, Bruce Springsteen, Neil Young, Van Morrison, the Pogues and the Rolling Stones – along with a trio of French numbers.

Debbie says she still has to pinch herself about having the opportunity to play with such accomplished musicians. "We are spoilt, the talent that we get to play with," she says.

"It's just magic," says Brian.

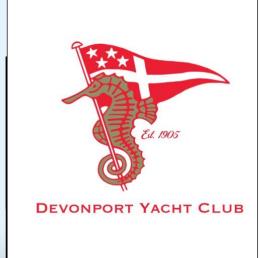
• Tainui Tuesdays, Devonport Yacht Club, on 30 July, 27 August and 29 October, 5-7pm. Entry \$20 (DYC members free with membership card).

performers



Musicians Brian and Debbie Stewart at their home and rehearsal room in Tainui Road, Devonport.

Brian and Debbie are DYC members.



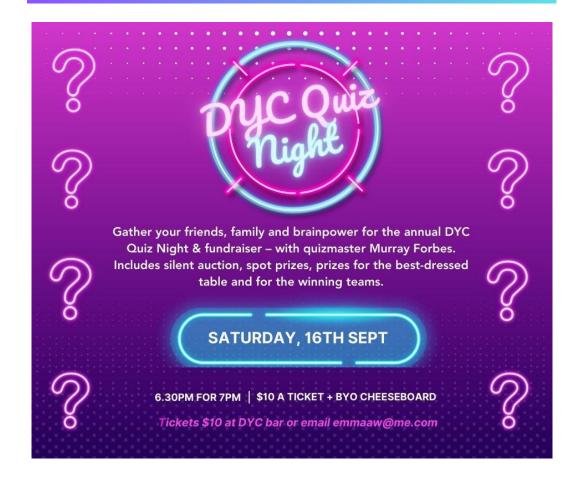


Tainui Tuesdays LIVE

AT DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB
25 KING EDWARD PARADE, DEVONPORT

Tickets **\$20** on the door

FREE for DYC Members on presentation of membership card



FROM CHRIS LEECH

You'll have noticed that we've named the bi-monthly newsletter Quarterdeck. We hope this gives the newsletter more presence and recognises the enduring popularity of the 'From the Quarterdeck' preface to every edition in latter years.

But the past is never forgotten, and in that spirity, here's the front page of the July 1985 issue of Devonport Yacht Club News that past-Commodore Chris Leech has shared from the archives. The font is miniscule in this photograph, so I'm guessing the Devonport Yacht Club News was published as a broadsheet. I recommend you expand this page as much as possible in the online version we have now to make it legible!



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

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.



DYC – Seatalks





Dr Matt Rayner - Auckland Museum

Matt Rayner is a seabird biologist and environmentalist who has spent a lifetime cruising on and studying the wildlife of the Hauraki Gulf. He will speak on the current state of the gulf, its impacts on seabird populations and the immediate need for whole ecosystem protection to prevent the collapse of food webs that we all depend upon.

7.30pm Thursday 10th August 2023

All are welcome - visitors please sign in at the door. The club bar will be open. Aim to be there early to secure your seat.



DYC - Seatalks









Viki Moore - Pacific Cruising 2024

Have you ever dreamed of sailing your boat up to the Pacific? Join Viki from Island Cruising for the launch of the 2024 Pacific Rally and hear about the plans for the South Island Rally this summer too. Learn about how to prepare your boat for a long passage, and what it looks like to spend next winter cruising in the Pacific.

7.30pm Tuesday 22nd August 2023

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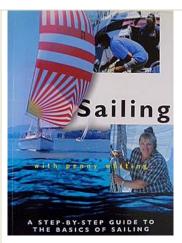
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PENNY WHITING

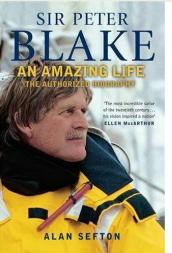
This book is based on the authors famous sailing course. It is a practical guide to gaining sailing skills and confidence, a step by step approach to more enjoyable sailing whether you are a beginner or an experienced sailor.



SIR PETER BLAKE: AN AMAZING LIFE

ALAN SEFTON

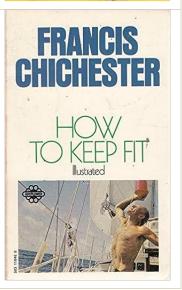
The author traces Blakes extraordinary life from the young boy crazy about the sea to the rigours of ocean sailing and the high dramas of the Americas Cup racing and its controversial aftermath to the decision to saving the world's oceans and finally to his tragic death on the Amazon River.



FRANCIS CHICHESTER: HOW TO KEEP FIT

FRANCIS CHICHESTER

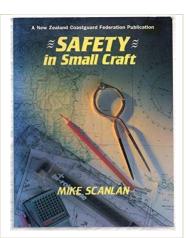
This book chiefly describes a set of exercises which have been invaluable in keeping me fit or in helping me regain fitness following an accident or illness. He has written this keep fit regime in the hope that it will help others to improve their health and achievements. If a further advertisement is needed he can add that he still has the same vital statistics of thirty years past.



SAFETY IN SMALL CRAFT

MIKE SCANLON

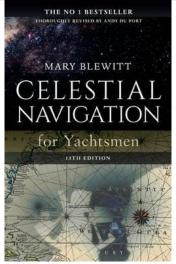
This book will be of value to those who for pleasure, those who boat professionally and those who are about to take up boating for the first time. It is an ideal study manual for those attending boating courses and studying for commercial boating certificates



CELESTIAL NAVIGATION FOR YACHTSMEN

MARY BLEWITT
Text about the book

In the foreword to the first edition, Captain JH Hillingworth RN (RTD) stated that having studied the text he is satisfied that it satisfies the very real need for an up to date work based on the use of simplified tables and written entirely from the yachtsman's point of view. The result is a lucid and practical, with just sufficient theoretical information included to indicate the knowledge that is necessary as a basis for this subject

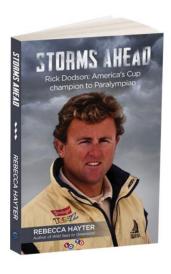




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STORMS AHEAD:

RICK DODSON: AMERICA'S CUP CHAMPION TO PARALYMPIAN

By Rebecca Hayter

Paperback, 0.494kg, 154mm x 230mm, 224 Pages. Colour Photographs. Published 2023.

\$40.00

In 1997, Americas' Cup-winning strategist Rick Dodson thought he was invincible. He had a happy marriage, a stack of wins in national and international sailing, and was part-owner of one of the world's most technically advanced sailmakers.

But a diagnosis of MS (multiple sclerosis) threatened his world. He kept it secret and was strategist in two more America's Cups. In 2012 Rick co-founded Kiwi Gold Sailing to compete at the 2016 Rio Paralympics Games.

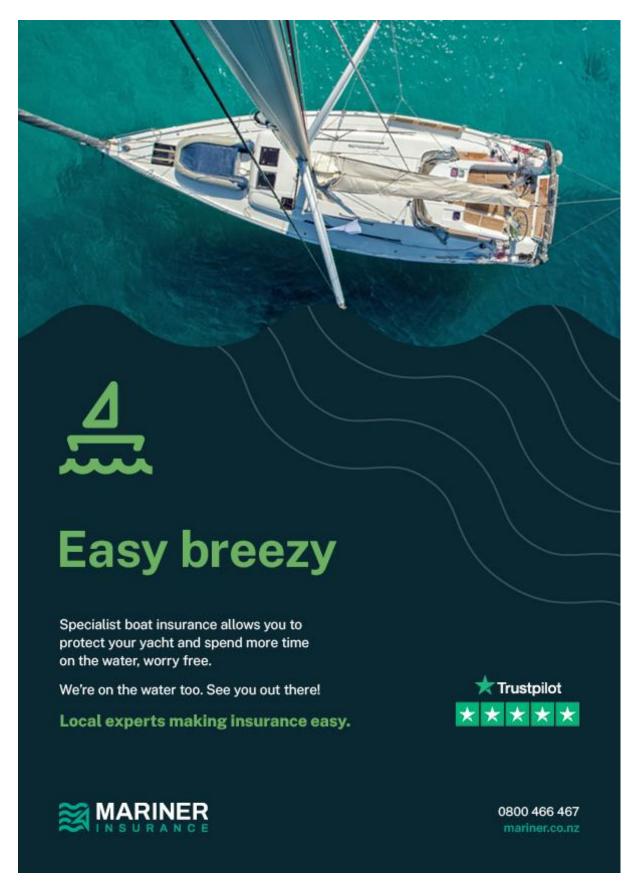
Storms Ahead – Rick Dodson: America's Cup Champion to Paralympian is a story of determination and relentless optimism, written by award-winning yachting journalist Rebecca Hayter. Including interviews with Sir Russell Coutts and other members of Team New Zealand, it captures the extraordinary mate-ship that won the America's Cup in 1995 and 2000, and was a major factor in Rick Dodson's Paralympian campaign.





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