

# QUARTERDECK

## *Newsletter of the Devonport Yacht Club*

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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

### A REPORT FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

MARK SIGGLEKOW

Spring has arrived and as I write there are severe gales and the prospect of an El Nino summer with its westerlies. Hopefully we will get through our sailing season without as many cancellations and postponements as last year.

Our club is run by a strong and capable volunteer force. Yachting New Zealand visited us in 2021 and was amazed that there are unpaid positions for the Haulage Master and the like. Kirsty and her dedicated team are contracted to run the bar and events, and they always go the extra mile. We have fifteen elected persons on the management committee, including the flag officers, together with another thirty volunteers on subcommittees. These sub-groups include flag-raising, advertising, social, sailing, haulage and member-wellbeing support.

Our new membership continues at a stable rate of around four per month with a good proportion of the newbies seen on Friday nights.

Ever since I became a member some 20 years ago there have been concerns re the age profile of our membership. However this profile has not changed over that time. One of the events booked for December is a dinner for a Tourism Academic Conference. I understand that the hot new research topic in tourism is '*active aging*'; I think that perfectly describes Devonport Yacht Club. The fun, exercise and camaraderie of sailing is certainly a tonic. So please participate and enjoy your club. The quiz nights have been well-patronised this winter. It would be good to see more members at the post sailing BBQ events, and Friday night dinners are a great opportunity to catch up with acquaintances, old and new.

Recently we renewed our annual affiliation with Yachting New Zealand and also the Auckland Yachting and Boating Association. These are important organisations supporting the boating community and the marine environment. We pay levies based on the number of all our members. Given this affiliation and the spectacular marine views from three sides of our clubhouse, I think that our Associate Members can describe themselves as boaties.

All the best for the summer season.

*Mark*

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## SAILING NOTICES

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### SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

This season's Skippers' Briefing will be held on Thursday 12 October, 7pm at the clubhouse. Everyone intending to race this season is encouraged to attend for their own good!

Volunteers interested in helping on the Start or Finish teams are also welcome, as are any crew wishing to impress skippers with their availability and general handiness.

### RACING PROGRAMME 23/24 SEASON

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

## 100 ENTRIES FOR THE 2023 PIC COASTAL CLASSIC

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FROM THE NEW ZEALAND MULTIHULL CLUB

29 September 2023

**With entries closing on 6 October for the 2023 PIC Coastal Classic, 100 boats and crews have already committed to the race and more are flowing in every day.**



“The fleet is looking good,” says New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club Spokesperson Adrian Percival. “We are welcoming boats of all sizes and shapes, from all around the North Island. And with El Nino weather patterns in place there is a better than normal chance of fast downwind conditions.”

The PIC Coastal Classic is the biggest coastal yacht race in New Zealand, and one of the biggest in the world. It started life 41 years ago as a drag race between Auckland and Russell for just a few boats, and over the years attracted a bigger and more diverse fleet, ranging from grand prix racers to smaller family cruisers.

**The race starts off Devonport Wharf** in Auckland on the morning of **Friday 20 October** and finishes off Russell Wharf in the Bay of Islands.



The sail up the coast is spectacular for the fleet, but wind and conditions can be changeable which means that fortunes can change quickly.

While in 2019, the giant trimaran Beau Geste completed the course in five hours, the smallest boats can take 24 hours or longer to finish.

“The big question on our minds as the day gets close is whether a multihull or a monohull will take overall victory. In the last 14 years only two monohulls have taken the honours, and last year’s winner V5 is entered and will be back this year.”

Organised by the New Zealand Multihull Yacht Club, it is a race designed for speed: except for at the beginning and the end of the race, there are few opportunities to use tactics to overtake, and success can often depend on getting a good tactical start.

As well as welcoming back long term supporter PIC Insurance Brokers, the Coastal Classic is supported by some of New Zealand’s pre-eminent marine brands: B&G, PredictWind.com, 36° Brokers. Line 7 and Doyle Sails.

For those watching the race start from ashore, prime vantage points are Devonport Wharf, North Head, Orakei Wharf and the race website, [www.coastalclassic.co.nz](http://www.coastalclassic.co.nz) which will be updated regularly with photos, commentary and radio positions throughout the race.



  
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## SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

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### OKAHU BAY MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARING – 28 SEPTEMBER, 2023

from AYBA, 30 September 2023

Janet Watkins attended the Okahu Bay Management Plan Hearing on behalf of AYBA and this was her submission:

#### **Introduction:**

On behalf of the Auckland Yachting & Boating Association I lodged a submission with the Orakei Local Board re the Management Plan for the Okahu Bay Landing. (The full submission is printed on page 485 of the Hearing Report.)

Today, I had the opportunity to talk to that submission and highlighted the AYBA's main points as below:

#### **The AYBA recognises the hardstand as an essential Regional Marine asset.**

In 2013 in a statement from the then Chairman of the Orakei Local Board, the Board confirmed the on-going need for The Landing haul-out operation and associated hardstand use. The Board acknowledged the demand for haul-out and maintenance for all craft, the emergency operation services and the International Blue Flagged Environmental Accreditation. Since 2013 demand has increased and is forecast to increase further as Auckland continues to grow. KIWI back yards are vanishing daily!

#### **The Orakei Domain and the beach and foreshore provide expansive "green space" for the public.**

The Landing is designated in the Auckland Unitary Plan as a Marine Precinct. The Auckland Unitary Plan recognises the hardstand as a sub-precinct of the Okahu Marine Precinct. The Unitary plan states that the purpose of the precinct is to provide for marina, marine-related and recreation activities in an integrated manner across land and sea. The Orakei Local Board's decision to change a designation in the Unitary Plan is significant.

#### **The Landing at Okahu Bay is a Regional asset that provides Coastal access to the Marine Environment for all Aucklanders and visitors.**

Auckland City has no Regional Plan for our Parks and Reserves nor the Coastal Foreshore and Environment.

Half the population of Auckland enjoy the coastal and marine environment for their sport and recreation and their health and well-being. Many access this world via Okahu Bay.

With the Infill and apartment housing, and the population growth, the Future Proofing and planning of our foreshore and marine environment for the ongoing use of all of Aucklanders cannot be governed by isolated communities and Boards or by the residents of those communities.

Planning must be done with a coordinated aim for the best use of our valuable coastal areas. Planning should be the responsibility of the Auckland Council who is in a position to consider how changes will affect all of Auckland not just the local board areas. This will also ensure that the maximum benefit and value can be achieved to ensure the continued ongoing access for all to Auckland's most valuable sport and recreation area.

Okahu Bay, it's marine and coastal environment is a part of that greater recreation area of which the haulout area is an essential part!

Biosecurity Laws in the Northland, Auckland and Waikato Bay of Plenty Regions are serious — Auckland Council must ensure that facilities are available to enable keelboats and launches to comply with these laws. Sufficient haul-out facilities are essential and Auckland is under supplied.

The Orakei Local Board should not take a position contrary to the Unitary Plan that may jeopardise future plans and hinder Auckland Council's regulatory and leadership role under its biosecurity obligations. The Management Plan must include the facility for the haul-out area for the purpose of hull cleaning, anti-fouling and emergency repairs.

AYBA acknowledge that long term boat maintenance and restoration projects are not essential at The Landing, but the ability to haul-out for onward transportation should be considered.

**In summary:**

The AYBA wishes to work with Council to identify and protect all the regional marine assets in Auckland for everyone.

The AYBA recognises the hardstand as a Regional Maritime Asset that needs the protection of the Orakei Local Board.

The Closing date for submissions for the rehearing of the concept plans for the Landing and Okahu Bay was 24 September, 2023. The AYBA asks that the Orakei Local Board give an assurance that points raised today will also be taken into consideration in the final concept plan proposal. And that they be referenced in the revised Management Plan.

Thank you

**Janet Watkins**

For the Auckland Yachting & Boating Association Inc.

(In the Council Information Notice for this hearing and the "Processes" which will follow I note this Hearing Panel will report to the full KAIPATIKI Board for a decision.)

*Devonport Yacht Club is an affiliated member of the AYBA. The Commodore also made a submission on behalf of DYC supporting the retention of the Landing Hardstand as a haul out and boat maintenance facility.*



## DYC VOLUNTEERS

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### VOLUNTEERS' DAY BBQ

The Managing Committee have decided to celebrate our many volunteers with an annual DYC Volunteers' Day centred around with a slap-up BBQ at the club. In 2023, the Volunteers' Day BBQ will be on Sat 28 Oct, immediately after the Icebreaker Race finish.

All volunteers are invited – so that means everyone who volunteers at the club in any capacity at all – you know who you are!

Our club has a long and proud history of operating self-sufficiently, powered by volunteers. A few take a role in the lime-light, while many others work tirelessly behind the scenes. And the club would not be here today if it were not for the many hours volunteered to keep the operation ticking over for social and sea-loving members.

EVENT: DYC Volunteers' BBQ

DATE: Saturday 28 October

TIME: approx 5pm, after Icebreaker Race finish



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## SOCIAL SCENE

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### QUIZ NIGHT — ROUND TWO

FROM EMMA CLIFFE, SOCIAL OFFICER

Our second Quiz Night of the 2023 took place on Saturday 16 September, with Quizmaster Murray Forbes once again bravely taking the helm.

Eighty quizzers gathered around the tables in variously themed teams to enjoy the head-scratching fun, interrupted with everyone's favourite dollar-rolling game at half time.





COMING UP SOON...

#### FITTING OUT SUPPER — SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

Marking the start of the sailing season, the Fitting Out Supper is a bring-a-plate, casual evening from 6pm onwards. A super-casual affair, the emphasis is a meet-and-greet for the sailors and an opportunity for new members to get to know possible skippers etc.

#### LIVE MUSIC — TAINUI TUESDAYS ON SUNDAYS

Local band Tainui Tuesdays continue their immensely entertaining performances at the club on Sunday 29 October and Sunday 26 November. Open the public, fully licenced bar. Free entry for DYC members; \$20 for guests and visitors. Freshly made pizzas available on the night.

DYC members Debbie and Brian Stewart are members of the band.



Devonport Yacht Club

# FITTING OUT SUPPER

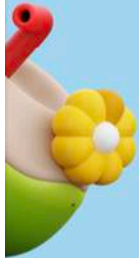
& 'meet & greet' pot-luck dinner

JOIN US ON...

**Saturday 7th October 2023,  
6pm onwards**

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

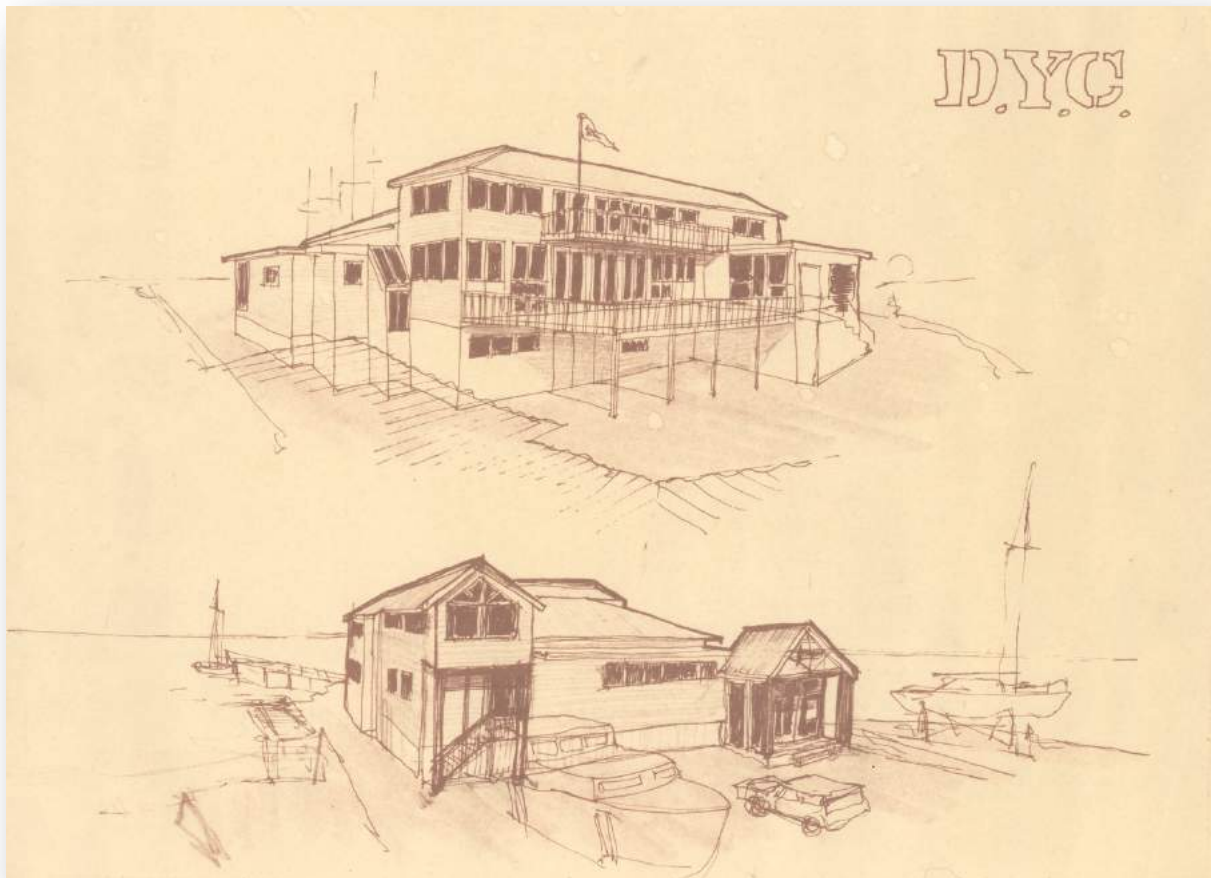
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### FROM CHRIS LEECH

Here's an interesting sketch from around the '80s proposing developments to the DYC clubhouse on a fairly grand scale. Chris believes Dr Grant Smith was involved as Commodore at the time.

If you know more about this sketch and the times, Chris is keen to know!

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



## PICTURES FROM THE PAST

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BY CHRIS LEECH

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: [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 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PHOTO QUIZ



Photo 1: Two fine Boatbuilders at work inserting some new planks into Dawn Star. In the photo are the late Robbie Roberts and John Mitchell.

Photo 2: A fine collection of Past Commodores assembled at the DYC in 1983.

Photo 3: The crew of Hope before her Pacific Cruise. Bert Woollacott is at center in suit, with Fred Norris to his right.

Photo 4: The aftermath of the big storm of 1917. With the Takapuna Rowing Club building in the background, now the Calliope Sea Scout "Ship".





# DYC Seataalks

**Harcourts**  
Cooper & Co



## **Allan Wetherall - Autonomous Vessel Technology**

DYC's Allan Wetherall will describe some VERY CLOSE encounters with autonomous vessels in Belgium that he and wife Sue have experienced whilst on their canal boat!!! He'll explain how totally unmanned vessels could possibly comply with the IMO Collision Regulations, such as 'at all times maintaining a proper lookout' and, who's in command? Then Allan will share with us some updates on the 8 Billion Euro Canal Seine-Escaut Europe project and some amazing European Inland Waterways Engineering Masterpieces. Not to be missed. See you there.

**7.30pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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

## TUG "WILLIAM C. DALDY"

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISMANTLE OR SCRAP A HERITAGE VESSEL IN AUCKLAND N.Z.**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT DUE TO RECENT COVID AND WEATHER EVENTS, THE CURRENT LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT, PORT OF AUCKLAND OR MNZ, PLUS A LACK OF CERTIFICATED CREW AND EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEERS, THE 1935 COAL FIRED, TRIPLE EXPANSION STEAM TUG "WILLIAM C. DALDY" IS CURRENTLY LAID UP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ( AUCKLAND COUNCIL PROVIDE FREE BERTHAGE AT DEVONPORT BUT NO MONETARY SUPPORT.)

ALL OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED BUT UNLESS A SOLUTION IS QUICKLY FOUND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DISPOSE OF THE VESSEL AND FITTINGS WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THIS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 AT 11am IN THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB. VISITORS WELCOME WITH PAID UP MEMBERS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

SHOULD THE HULL BE SCRAPPED IT IS HOPED THAT PERMANENT HOMES CAN BE FOUND FOR THE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS SUCH AS ENGINES, PUMPS, WINCHES, WHEELHOUSE, FUNNEL ETC.

ALL FEASIBLE SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME PREFERABLY WITH OFFERS OF MONEY OR VOLUNTEER TIME. PLEASE FORWARD THIS NOTICE TO ALL YOUR MARITIME CONTACTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA. FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [WWW.DALDY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.DALDY.CO.NZ), OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. OR CONTACT [royswan45@gmail.com](mailto:royswan45@gmail.com) Mob.+64272469461



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Except the vang and wind vane, everything has been in a very dry boat and protected from the sun. Make me an offer for the lot, or separately.

Richard Loseby: 021 514 077



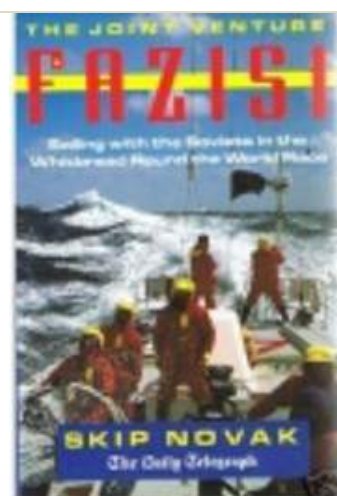
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### **FAZISI: THE JOINT ADVENTURE**

SKIP NOVAK

Fazisi's American skipper tells how East meets West and recounts their adventures in the toughest race in the world.

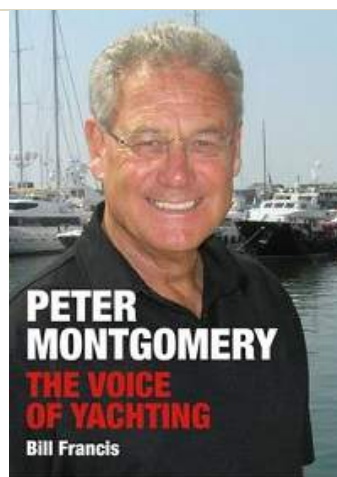
So frantic was the rush to prepare the boat for the start of the 3400 mile 8 month race that the first leg from England to Uruguay constituted her sea trials..



### **PETER MONTGOMERY: THE VOICE OF YACHTING**

BILL FRANCIS

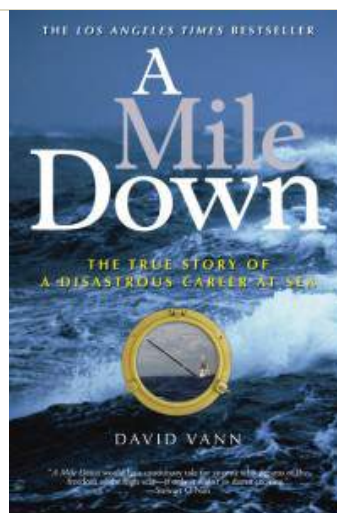
This is a biography by an author who knew his subject for 40 years of his working life. During that period he got to understand Peter's strengths and weaknesses, as well as his personality traits as a thoroughly likeable, decent and vibrant person. Described by many as a gentleman, memorable Peter Montgomery sayings include "liquid Himalayas" referring to big seas and the 'America's Cup' is still New Zealand's Cup' when we retained the cup in the year 2000..



### **A MILE DOWN**

DAVID VANN

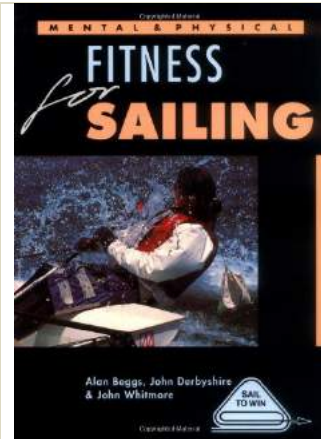
This is a true story of a disastrous career at sea. Part high sea's adventure, part journey of self-discovery this book is a gripping and unforgettable story of struggle and redemption by a writer at the top of his game.



## MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR SAILING

ALAN BEGGS, JOHN DERBYSHIRE, JOHN WHITMORE

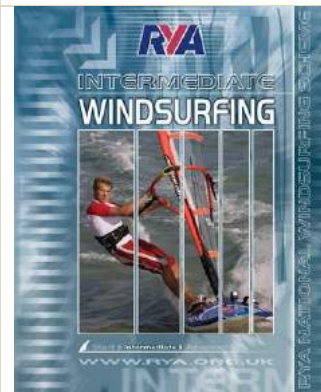
Racing today is really tough and one really needs to reach the peak of one's mental and physical potential if one is to be successful. This book shows you how.



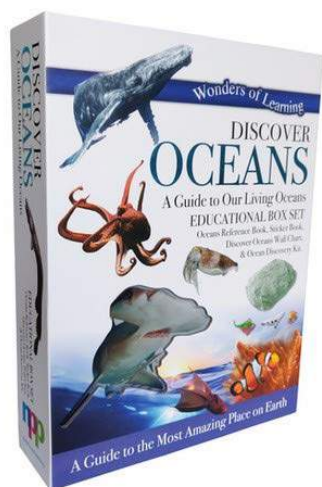
## RYA INTERMEDIATE WINDSURFING

SIMON BORNHOFT, AMANDA VAN SANTEN

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