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THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

What's In The Wind

4 April 2023



Combined Clubs Long Race Photo: Peter Watson

FROM THE BOARD ROOM

Well, that's pretty much a wrap for the 2022-23 sailing season with the last of the pennant races now completed. It was great to see such a large contingent on the last OTB sailing day as well; perhaps it's the attraction of Strutt's post-race BBQ's!

Thanks to BYC for chairing the Combined Clubs Committee for season 2022-23, with the baton now changing to RYCT for season 2023-24.

So we now look forward to the various prize presentation events; Combined Clubs, RYCT and OTB, and of course not forgetting upcoming cruising events including the Navigation and Seamanship Cruise and Pear Tree Picnic.

At its March meeting the Board approved expenditure of up to \$900k for the Entry Jetty and A Arm refurbishment project. The project will be funded through a combination of internal funds and additional borrowings. Construction will commence soon and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2023 at the latest.

To all our valued volunteers, I hope to see as many of you as possible on Thursday 13 April for our annual Thankyou function.

See you at the Club!

Richard Bevan

Commodore

Club Premises Working Group

With the Marina Entrance and “A” Arm upgrade being finalised it is now appropriate to review the land assets of the Club.

A “Premises Working Group” is being formed under Chairman Rear Commodore. **The Club Board is seeking members with diverse skills and talents to join the group** and provide a positive contribution to plan for the future in relation to the current maintenance and future capital improvements of the Club.

The plan is for group members to meet to develop a capital master plan for the Clubhouse for 2023 to 2028 and review current maintenance schedule. An initial meeting is proposed for mid-April.

I look forward to hearing from interested members who can contact the Rear Commodore to discuss options in joining the Group.

See you at the club!

Phil Jackman

Rear Commodore

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SAILING

Combined Clubs Long Race Series

Matthew Keal and his crew on Heatwave cleaned up all three Group 1 handicap divisions in Saturday 18th of March is final Long Race of the season.

Sailed in tricky, stop – start conditions, Heatwave was able to avoid the majority of the quiet patches and stay in touch with the larger, faster boats in Group 1. The first six boats to cross the line finished inside two minutes of each other after four and a half hours of racing.

Garry Smith's Fork in the Road took line honours narrowly from Chris Sheehan's Assagai and Gary Cripps' Guilty Pleasures VI.

But Heatwave's brilliance on the day was not enough to seal overall wins, with Ian Johnston's Zephyr Insurance Masters pipping her for first on countback in PHS. Heatwave finished second overall by a solitary point to the Calverts' Intrigue in IRC, and third, also one point behind Zephyr Insurance Masters, in ORC Club, a division also won by Intrigue.

Rounding out Group 1 overall handicap divisions was Assagai in third on PHS.

Phil Soley's Mako took PHS in Group 2 from Peter and Karen Davis' Jiyuu. Footloose, skippered by Stewart Geeves was third overall.

In Group 2 ORC Club Footloose held on to edge Jiyuu on countback with Mako making a late run for third overall, knocking Justin Barr's Rumblebeat off the podium. In IRC, Footloose once again prevailed from Mako and Ambrose Coad's The Dog House.

In Group 3 Ian Smith and Dean Aberle sailing Innovator came from third place overall going into Saturday's race to win overall honours on countback from Peter Bosworth's Astrolabe, leapfrogging Steve Mannering's Camlet Way who took third overall in this very tight Group.

For full results click [here](#).

Words: Nick Hutton

Photo: Peter Watson



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J. Boag's Navigation & Seamanship Cruise 2023

Cruise Dates: 28 April - 30 April 2023

The 64th edition of the Boags Navigation & Seamanship Cruise will be set by the crew of last year's winner No Limitation.

Starting from RYCT at 1900hrs the Friday night stage will finish in the upper Channel.

Saturday morning and afternoon stages will continue in the Channel and Huon River and finish near Cygnet around 1630hrs.

The Saturday evening function will be hosted by the Port Cygnet Sailing Club where results will be announced around 1930hrs. Dinner will be available at the Club for \$25 a head with drinks available at the bar (no BYO). Please come and support this local club.

On the way home the traditional Sunday raft-up will take place at a convenient anchorage and crew question winners will be awarded.

Please contact Claire Cunningham directly if you wish to participate as a control vessel – 0450 038 114 or cunningham.claire@yahoo.com.au.

NOTE TO NAVIGATORS: Exercises have been designed to be within the capabilities of most navigators. There is a prize for the highest-placed first-time (Novice) Navigator.



Pear Tree Cruise

Cruise Date: Sunday 28 May

Join us for the RYCT's annual Pear Tree Cruise.

BBQ & open fires on site.

BYO BBQ or picnic food.

From 11AM onwards.

Enquiries: sailing@ryct.org.au or directly with Cruise leader David Bowker



CYCT Cruises in April

RYCT members are invited to join the CYCT events below. Please see the CYCT website

for more information (www.cyct.org.au) and to register your interest please email the CYCT Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson (Vice.commodore@cyct.org.au).



FRI 07 – TUE 11 APRIL

Easter Cruise

Taking advantage of the Easter public holidays we can set sail to either the east coast of Bruny Island or the west coast of Tasman Peninsula depending on which way the wind is blowing... Bull Bay, One Tree Point, Variety and Adventure Bays on Bruny or Lagoon Beach, Sloping Main or White Beach over on the Tasman Peninsula. With a full moon to light up the night sky (daylight saving has now finished), combined with the more settled weather that often comes in April this cruise will give members a good break away without going too far from base. Cruise Contacts are Derek and Marion Stoneman onboard *Ariadnes Clew* on 0418 991 162.

SAT 22 APRIL

Donald Sutherland Memorial Navigation Rally

The annual event that gets the brain into gear whilst spending time going around in circles, or following a track accurately, or observing and recording something interesting along the way. Winners from the 2022 Rally, Scott and Rachel, will be sorting out the questions. Don't be put off by the thought of what you could be asked to do, it's bound to be a doddle around the bay! Planned to be held in the Missionary Bay area. Cruise Contacts are Scott and Rachel Poulter onboard *Gradiva* on 0419 513 983.

MON 24 – SUN 30 APRIL**Tasman Peninsula Cruise**

Take a break for a week, including Anzac Day public holiday, and join Scott and Rachel heading to the Tasman Peninsula with White Beach, Nubeena and Port Arthur on the horizon. If conditions allow, Fortescue Bay is an option too. Depending on the location, participating in an Anzac Day service ashore could be possible but listen out at dawn for a club member surprise. Cruise Contact Scott and Rachel Poulter onboard *Gradiva* on 0419 513 983.

More details on Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania [website](#)

OFF THE BEACH



Off The Beach Sailing

Great last day to the season for RYCT OTB with the running of the family Pacer race on the morning of Sunday the 26th of March.

There was strong competition with 22 family teams competing. After 4 heats and 2 semi-finals, it came down to 6 teams in a very hard-fought final. Coming out on top was Indy & Jacinta Cooper followed by Ollie Hugo with Tackers 1 sailor Edith Chuter and third the McQuillen boys Henry & Archie with their father David. Great fun for all involved.

After lunch was the last pennant races with a strong fleet of lasers 17 and a good fleet of Opti's 11, fun was had by all on the water.

Winter races will start mid-May program coming out in early April.





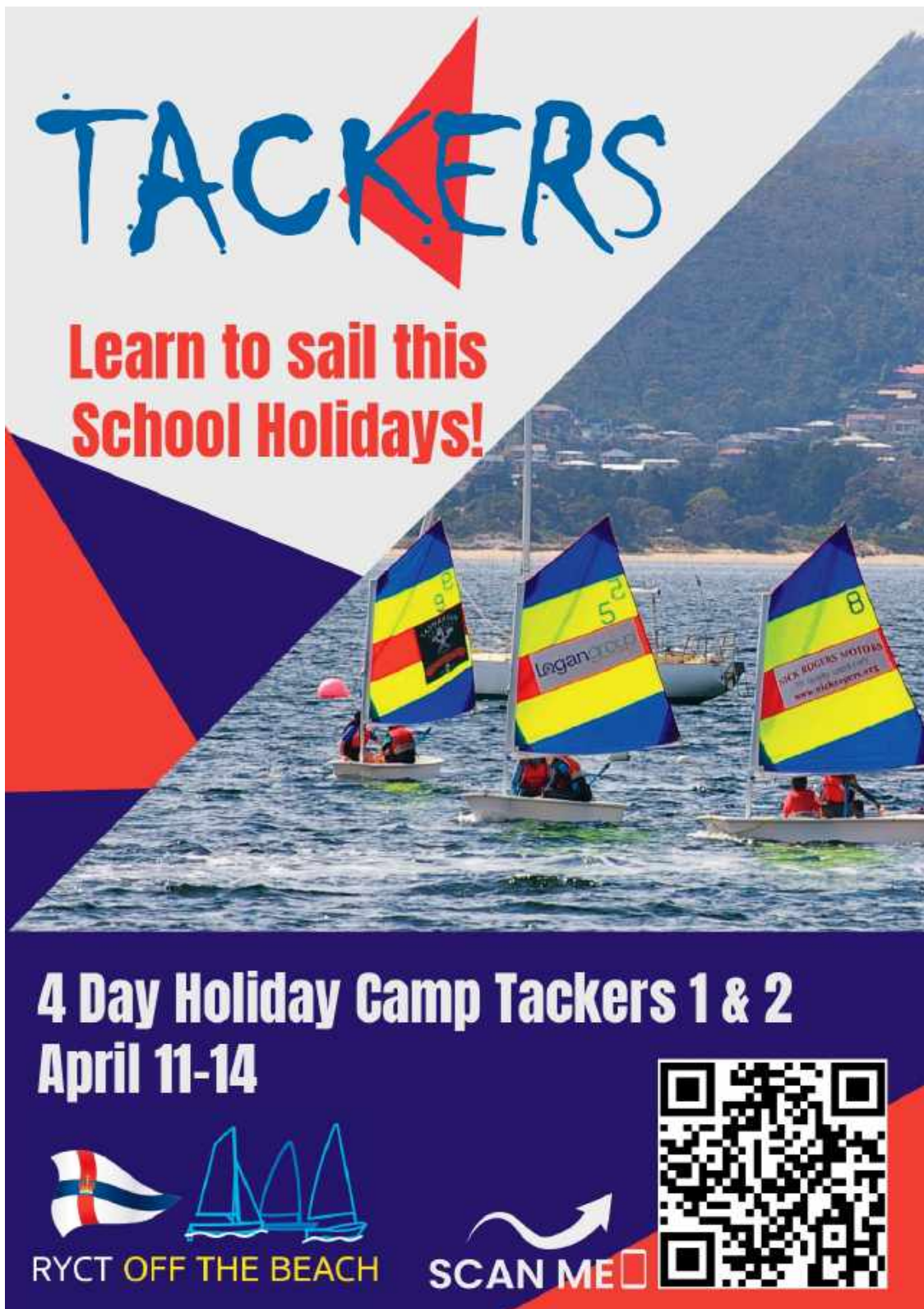
Tackers Learn to Sail Courses

With the Easter Holidays only around the corner, we are getting ready to provide some more learn-to-sail courses at our Discover Sailing Centre in Sandy Bay.

Children aged 7-12 can join The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's Tackers One and Two learn-to-sail programs over the coming Term 1 School Holidays.

The 20-hour courses will be held from 11 – 14 April.




For more info and registration visit our website: <https://www.ryct.org.au/tackers/>




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**Learn to sail this
School Holidays!**

**4 Day Holiday Camp Tackers 1 & 2
April 11-14**

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TRAINING

MAST Powerboat Courses

In Tasmania, a motorboat licence is required to operate a vessel 4hp or more (except for a

hire and drive vessel).

The RYCT is an accredited provider of the MAST Motor Boat Licence which is valid for a three-year period (pro-rata) and all licences have a common expiry date.

The cost is \$130 per person.

PROVISIONAL COURSES

The MAST Motor Boat Provisional licence for children 12-17 years can be offered during all courses.

The cost is \$100 for a provisional licence.

Click [here](#) to register.

For more information please contact our sailing administrator Michael Vincent at otbtraining@ryct.org.au



Australia Sailing Courses

With the sailing season finished, it is now time to think about the next season and what we need to do!

We need more qualified Assistant Instructors and Instructors to help our clubs run their learn-to-sail programs!

Please find below information about our up-and-coming Australian Sailing Assistant/Dinghy/Revalidation Instructor courses to be held at Sandy Bay Sailing Club on April 17th and 18th.

The course links and information are below;

AS TAS Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/AustSailTasmania>

AS website page - <https://www.sailing.org.au/courses/&cat=3/>

AS page about the Instructor Qualification

Pathway - <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/instructors/>

MEMBERS



Member Spotlight

Every month we are asking one of our members some questions, so you get to know your fellow comrades a little bit better. This month, meet **Brian Watchorn!**



Photo: The Watchorn family

Member Spotlight

1. How long have you been a member?

First joined the RYCT in 1984, Veteran member

2. What do you enjoy most about the Club?

Catching up with friends, Friday night dinners and the fantastic conveniences of the Marina and slipway.

3. What is the best memory you have of being at the Club?

Sailing in the Thursday night Twilight pennant series, Navigation trials and Pear tree picnics just to name a few.

4. What do you do for a living?

Retired Real Estate agent and Auctioneer.

5. What could other RYCT members always ring you for?

Real Estate buying or selling how to present your property for sale.

6. What would you name your boat if you had one?

Our Beneteau Oceanis cruising yacht was well known as "Pretty Woman". We recently purchased an Alaska 45 motor cruiser and have named it "Midnight Sun". I worked in Alaska, USA on commercial King Crab fishing boats back in the early 1970's (Deadliest Catch). Summer fishing involves 24-hour working days as it barely gets dark. Alaska is known as the land of the "Midnight Sun", hence the connection to the naming of our boat!

7. Would you rather spend the rest of your life with a sailboat as your home or an RV as your home?

Having sailed "Pretty Woman" to the Whitsundays, Magnetic Island QLD and back and driven around Australia in an RV for the past two winters it is pretty much 50-50 for me. Both offer amazing experiences and adventure.

8. Would you rather give up all drinks except for water or give up eating anything that was cooked in an oven?

I would reluctantly have to give up the drinks, rather than risk being homeless, my wife cooks everything in the oven!!

MEMBER BENEFITS

See two of our many membership benefits below! Click [HERE](#) to see our other membership benefits!

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CLUB NOTICES

Safety Memo

We wanted to remind our members about the importance of appropriate footwear when entering or working in the slipyard.

As a safety measure, it is a requirement that closed-toed shoes be worn in the slipyard. This means that thongs, sandals, and bare feet are not permitted. This policy is in place to prevent injuries that can occur from dropping heavy equipment, chemicals or sharp objects on bare feet or toes.

We kindly ask that all members adhere to this policy for their own safety and the safety of others around them. Those who do not comply will not be permitted to remain in the slipyard.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and wish you a safe and enjoyable month ahead.



Let's band together to save lives - join our Lifeblood Team.

We're proud to be part of Lifeblood Teams, the group donation program from Australian

Red Cross Lifeblood.

Aside from saving lives through blood donation, Lifeblood Teams is about friendship, a little healthy competition and being part of something bigger than yourself. It's a unique opportunity for all of us to band together and give something more powerful than money.

Donated blood can be used to help people in all sorts of life-giving ways. The need is constant and the person receiving it could be fighting cancer or going through a difficult pregnancy, or they could be someone who relies on regular transfusions to stay healthy — or even, stay alive. Now that's something worth uniting for!

There's nothing like knowing you've genuinely helped someone, and we'd love to share that amazing feeling with you.

Register and join The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania Lifeblood Team [here](#), or find out more from Tahlia Cantwell, our Lifeblood Champion, on 6223 4599 or t.cantwell@ryct.org.au

Useful links

- [Register and join](#) The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania Lifeblood Team.
- [Check that you can donate.](#)
- [Find your nearest blood donor centre.](#)
- [Book a donation.](#)
- [Track](#) how many donations The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania has made .

About giving blood as a team

- 1 in 3 people will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donate.
- Donated blood can be made into 22 medical treatments.
- About a third of all donations help people with cancer.
- You can donate together, in smaller groups or individually.
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EASTER OPENING HOURS

Thursday 6th April 2023

9:30am until late

Bistro open for lunch and dinner

with 1 child's meal free

(1 child per 1 adult)

Good Friday 7th April - closed
Easter Saturday 8th April - 10am – 7.30pm bar only
Easter Sunday 9th April - 11am – 7.30pm bar only
Easter Monday 10th April - 2pm – 6pm bar only

OFFICE

MON, WED & THURS 9.30am to 5pm
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