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THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

## What's In The Wind

*2 June 2023*



**Wargames Crew. Photo: Michael Vincent**

## FROM THE BOARD ROOM

In early May it was my pleasure to host the annual Past Commodores' Dinner. It was a great evening with terrific food and attention from the staff.

The Combined Clubs' Presentation night was hosted by BYC and well attended by RYCT sailors who were prominent in many events during the 2022/23 sailing season. Chairing

the Combined Clubs' Committee rotates annually, and the baton has now been passed to RYCT for the 2023/24 season.

Our own keelboat presentation evening was a success with the new format of a cocktail-style function rather than a sit-down dinner well received.

And to round it out, the OTB presentations were held last Sunday, following a sailing morning with over 40 boats on the water. Great to see!

Congratulations to all winners, participants, race officials and volunteers for your efforts throughout the season.

And lastly for season 2022/23 the 51<sup>st</sup> Pear Tree Cruise was a great day attended by around 45 people, despite a threatening forecast that didn't eventuate. Thanks as always to Suzanne and Martin Betts for their support and hospitality.

RYCT was well represented at the recent annual Australian Sailing "Sailing Summit". It was a good opportunity to get an update from Australian Sailing's Chairman Alistair Murray and CEO Ben Houston, as well as hear from other clubs, both large and small, about the issues facing sailing clubs around the state and country.

Following on from last year's very successful fundraiser for the floating pontoons, we have launched our 2023 OTB Container Canteen Project. More information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter on how you can make a fully tax-deductible donation to help support our burgeoning OTB activities.

See you at the Club!

**Richard Bevan**

**Commodore**

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## AGM

Preliminary notice is hereby given that the 142nd Annual General Meeting of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, 26th day of July Two Thousand and Twenty-Three at 6.00pm as follows;

- 4.45pm Registration for AGM opens
- 5.45pm 50-year Membership Presentation
- 6.00pm AGM commences

The business of the meeting shall include:

- Confirmation of Minutes from the 141st Annual General Meeting held on 27th July 2022
- Presentation of the Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, Balance Sheet, and the Auditors Report
- Declaration of any ballots for elections

- Appointment and re-engagement of Auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year
- Other business

Should any Member desire to have any matter included in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, the Member shall give written notice thereof to the Company Secretary not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting

Nomination of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore and One (1) Director and Two (2) vacant positions shall be made on the appropriate form that shall be available from the Company Secretary on and after Friday 2nd June 2023. Such nomination forms shall be lodged with the Company Secretary, together with a passport sized photo and short bio, by Noon on Friday 24th June 2023.

According to the Club's constitution to be eligible to vote in the ballot and at the Annual General Meeting you must be a financial member and in one of the eligible membership categories (Senior, Life, Fifty Year, Perennial, Veteran, Country, Intermediate).

NOTE: the ballot will close 12 Noon Monday 24th July 2023.

**How to Vote:** In the event of a ballot being necessary:

1) Clubhouse – You may vote at Clubhouse reception during the following times:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		12 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	13 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	14 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00
17 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	18 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	19 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	20 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00	21 <sup>st</sup> July 9:30 – 17:00
24 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00 – 12 Noon				

2) Postal Vote – You may apply in writing to the Company Secretary for a Postal Vote. The Company Secretary must receive such vote not later than 12 Noon on Monday, 24th July 2023.

3) Online True Vote – You may vote via the Online True Vote facility. This method will close 12 Noon on Monday, 24th July 2023.

**The following Flag Officers and Directors are retiring and eligible for re-election:**

Commodore Richard Bevan  
 Vice Commodore Stephen McCullum  
 Rear Commodore Phillip Jackman  
 Edward Fader  
 Robert Gourlay  
 Paul McCartney

**The following Flag Officers and Directors have indicated their intention to nominate for re-election for a further term:**

Commodore Richard Bevan  
 Vice Commodore Stephen McCullum  
 Rear Commodore Phillip Jackman  
 Edward Fader

**Please note: the 142nd Annual Report will be available from reception, posted on request and on the RYCT Website prior to the AGM. [www.ryct.org.au](http://www.ryct.org.au)**

**Please note these critical dates:**

9.00am	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Flag Officers and Director Nomination forms available from the Club
Noon	Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Flag Officers and Director Nominations Close
Noon	Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Closing date for receipt of notification of General Business
9.30am	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Voting commences; Clubhouse, Postal Votes & Online facility
Noon	Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	All voting closes
6.00pm	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Annual General Meeting

## MARINA

### Update A-Arm Marina Redevelopment

Dear Members,

We are excited to bring you an update on the redevelopment of A-Arm. We are pleased to inform you that work will commence in mid-June, and you will soon start noticing changes around the marina and Club premises.

The first phase of the project will involve demolition, which is scheduled to begin on the 23rd of June. This marks an important step towards the creation of improved facilities that will enhance your experience at our marina and Club.

As we prepare for the demolition and subsequent construction, there will be some temporary disruptions to power and water services. From the fourth week of June, there will be a five-day period during which power and water services may be temporarily unavailable. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and assure you that we will work diligently to minimise the impact on your activities.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you that there will be a disruption to the fuel dock in mid-August. We kindly request your patience and understanding during this period.

The redevelopment project is expected to reach practical completion during the second week of September, just in time for the opening of the sailing season. We are excited about the progress we have made so far and look forward to unveiling the revitalised facilities that will enhance your enjoyment of the marina and Club.

We understand that these temporary disruptions may cause some inconvenience, but we believe the end result will be worth it. The redevelopment will provide an elevated

experience for all members, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transformative phase.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the redevelopment and any further developments or changes that may arise. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff, who will be happy to assist you.

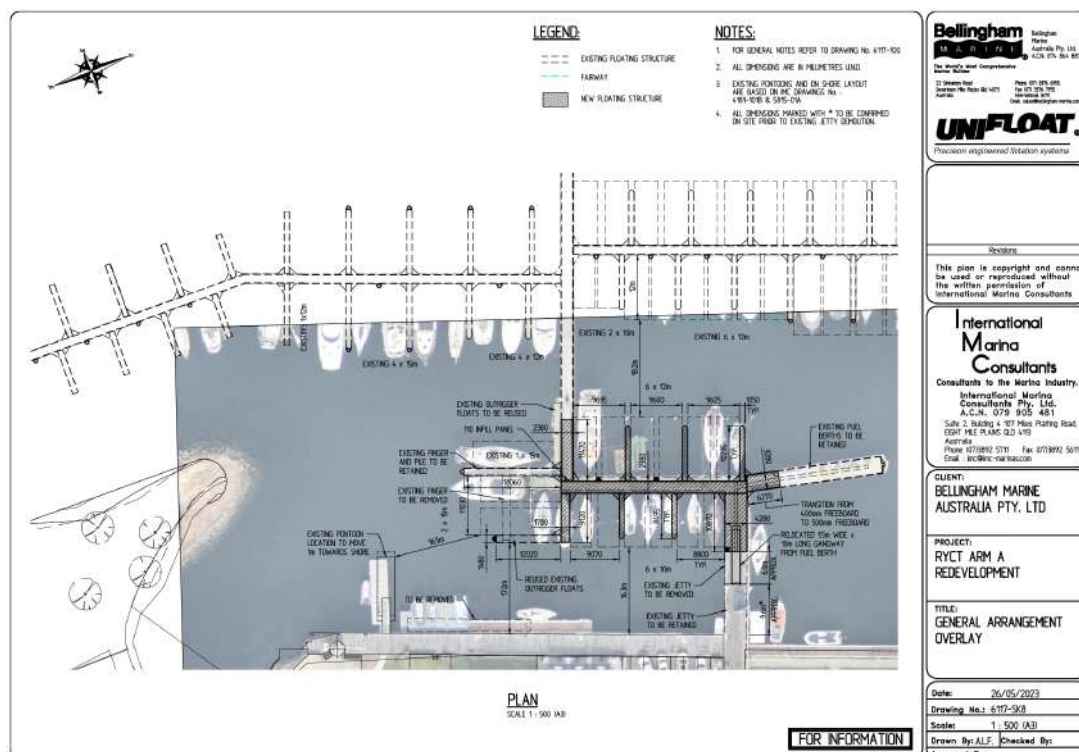
Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the redevelopment of A-Arm. We appreciate your understanding as we work towards creating an even better marina and Club for you to enjoy.

### Key Dates:

Start of demolition works - 23rd June  
 Disconnection of services - 22nd June  
 Disconnection of Fuel - Mid August  
 Practical completion – Mid September

**Please note that these dates are indicative only and are subject to change as required.**

[Download full plan here.](#)





## Expressions of Interest for Ten-Year Berths now open

Expressions of interest are now open for the highly sought-after ten-year berths at our prestigious club. This limited offering has consistently garnered popularity among our boating community, and we are delighted to provide this exclusive opportunity once again.

As members of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, you are already familiar with the exceptional facilities, breathtaking waterfront location, and the warm camaraderie that defines our club. Securing a ten-year berth will not only grant you unparalleled access to these amenities but also solidify your place within our vibrant and inclusive boating community for the years to come.

To express your interest in securing one of these coveted ten-year berths, we encourage you to contact our General Manager, Sue Ball, who will provide you with all the necessary information.

Contact: [s.ball@ryct.org.au](mailto:s.ball@ryct.org.au)

Telephone: 6223 4599



## 'Test and Tag' of power leads

Marina staff will soon undertake a routine check across the marina to ensure 'test and tag' of all power leads has been completed.

It is a requirement that your leads must be tested and tagged (as pictured below) by an

electrician or certified person every 12 months. If your lead is identified as not meeting the minimum safety standards, we will contact you and disconnect the lead to avert safety issues.

Test and tagging must be completed by end of June 2023.



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## SAILING

### Winter Series 2023

Attention all competitive cruising sailors! It's time to put your cruising/racing skills to the test in this year's DSS/Ryct Winter Series.

Join our additional cruising non-spinnaker division and challenge yourself. Experience the

camaraderie of like-minded sailors who enjoy racing, without spinnakers, and showcase your sailing prowess!!

With dedicated cruising courses you will enjoy a more leisurely race format, enjoying the beauty of a winter morning on the River Derwent.

To opt into cruising PHS non-spinnaker tick the box for non-spinnaker in your race entry. Racing starts on the 18 June 2023.

[Enter here.](#)





**ENTRIES  
OPEN**

welcoming  
cruising non spin  
entries

DERWENT  
SAILING SQUADRON



**DSS/RYCT  
WINTER  
SERIES**

18 Jun | 9 Jul | 30 Jul | 20 Aug | 3 Sept 2023

### **RYCT Prize Night 2023**

On Friday 19 May, Vice Commodore Rowdy McCullum presented the RYCT Prize Giving for the 2022-2023 sailing season.

It was great to see the sailing community turn up in big numbers to celebrate the pennant

and perpetual prize winners.

We also want to make a special mention to all the volunteers that contributed to making it a very successful season, including Peter Holmes and PC Tracy Matthews (recipients of the Past Commodores' Trophy for Service to Yachting) and Edward Fader (recipient of the Lesley Cooper Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Service to the RYCT).

[See list of winners here.](#) Congratulations to all!





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## CRUISING

### Time Trial for Powerboats and Yachts Under Power

Looking for an excuse to get out on your boat over winter? Interested in a friendly competition with some nice prizes and a catch-up at the Club after the event?

The RYCT Cruising Committee is planning a Time Trial on 2 July for powerboats and yachts under power.

The format is simple. The Cruising Committee will present a route around buoys in the Derwent, all within a few miles of the club. You and your crew will estimate the time it will take you to complete the circuit and your average speed.

Each boat will start from off Castray Esplanade at 1-minute intervals, in order of slowest nominated speed to fastest, and finish back at Castray having rounded a series of turning marks from near Government House to near Droughty Point. The crew which finishes at the time closest to their estimated time will receive a handsome prize!

Entry is via the online entry on the website and will cost you the princely sum of \$20! Prizes are courtesy of our event sponsor Boat Sales Tasmania.

This link will take you to the online entry system and Notice of Time Trial with all the details.

[Time Trial Entry and Details](#)

The event Sailing Instructions will be published soon.

And we all get to enjoy a barbecue and a few convivial drinks back at the Club.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact David Bowker, Matt Pilkington or Nick Hutton.

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**TIME TRIAL**

**DATE: JULY 2**

**FIRST BOAT: 1400 HRS**

**ENTRY: \$20**

**RYCT BBQ TO FOLLOW**



**MORE INFO**

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### **Pear Tree Cruise 2023**

A group of about 45 cruisers met at the Pear Tree Property down the channel for a great Sunday afternoon.

The first boat arrived on Saturday afternoon and the last boats left on Monday morning.



The weather gods were kind to us and there was lots of chatter and mixing around the BBQ's. The floating pontoon was well received to steady the tenders.

Here are some snapshots of the day. The date is already set for next year and we hope everyone will come along again to keep this great tradition alive!

[See all the photos of the day here!](#)











## CYCT Cruises in June

RYCT members are invited to join the CYCT events below. Please see the CYCT website for more information ([www.cyct.org.au](http://www.cyct.org.au)) and to register your interest please email the CYCT Vice Commodore Mark Stephenson ([Vice.commodore@cyct.org.au](mailto:Vice.commodore@cyct.org.au)).



## DARK MOFO IN CON DOCK

With the shortest day approaching and with Dark Mofo in full swing it is a super time to head into Constitution Dock for two nights and enjoy all the festivities available right on your doorstep. Well, maybe on your fender step?

Be well warned.... boat decorations are required and the good old bunting will not do as

you need to be seen at night. Red lights are required - en masse! So go shopping early before stocks run out. There is a prize for the best-dressed boat.

Please register and only one registration per boat is required. Allocation of mooring spots will be made in advance but this could well change on the day. Cruise Contact is Andrew Boon onboard Juliet on 0400 651 532.

**When:** 16 June 2023, 13:00 until Sunday, June 18, 2023, 15:00

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

## OFF THE BEACH



### RYCT Off The Beach Prize Giving 2022 - 2023

The Winners are:

**Indy and Jacinta Cooper** - Family Pacer Race

**Lachlan Barr** - Gibson Perpetual Trophy

**Dhara Thani** - Scott Price Perpetual Trophy

**Sophie Robertson** - Bill Graham Perpetual Trophy

**Archie McQuillen** - Off The Beach Trophy

**Henry McQuillen** - Tim Gourlay Trophy

**Thomas Pitt** - Makepeace Perpetual Trophy

**Nicholas Schoe** - Les Speakman Perpetual Trophy

**Adelaide O'Donoghue** - RYCT Vice Commodore Trophy

**Harry Pilkington** - Peter Fitzgerald Perpetual Trophy

**Haran Thani** - A Hargreaves Trophy Encouragement Award

**Frederica O'Donoghue** - Outstanding First Year in a Youth Class

**Tom Fader/Tom Hugo** - Oh Bugger Award

**Daniel Maree** - Off The Beach Chairman's Award Achievement Award

**Shane and Anna Underwood** - Ross Muir Trophy Outstanding Club Member

**Eddie Reid** - Michael Desmarchelier Memorial Trophy

**Lola Mennitz** - Bugg Family Forward Hand Trophy

Congratulations to all competitors, parents, and prize winners. A special word of thanks to all our volunteers and generous sponsors.

Photos of the prize giving can be seen on the RYCT Off The Beach page - [click here!](#)



## Container Canteen Project

End of Financial Year Tax Deductible Donation Opportunity!

Last year your generous donations funded the RYCT Floating Docks Project which has made a huge difference to the operational efficiency and safety of managing our OTB rescue boats.

This year we are seeking your support for our RYCT Off The Beach Container Canteen project! This exciting initiative will bring a whole new level of fun and convenience to the RYCT sailing community. With your help, we can raise \$30K to purchase and transport the kiosk to site, connect power and water, install signage, and add extra equipment inside for food storage and heating.

The RYCT Off The Beach program offers top-notch training and racing options for various centreboard classes on Sundays, as well as learn-to-sail programs during the school holidays. With the support of Australian Sailing qualified instructors and the excellent



facilities of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, sailors have access to a fleet of training boats including Optimist, Sabot, Pacer and Laser.

The project will create a family-friendly environment for the off-the-beach program and families, ensuring that everyone can enjoy sailing in comfort and style. The Container Canteen will not only provide a place to grab a bite to eat, but also a fun and social atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of young sailors, promoting diversity and inclusivity within the sailing community. Help us make this project a reality, and join us in supporting the RYCT Off The Beach Container Canteen project today!

Your donation will be fully tax deductible if made through the Australian Sports Foundation, accessible by [clicking here](#).



RYCT OFF THE BEACH



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**SCAN QR CODE  
TO DONATE!**



## 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](mailto:otbtraining@ryct.org.au)



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## MEMBERS





## Member Feedback Survey

In the next week, you will receive a membership feedback survey by email. We would like to know your opinion on your current membership and the perceived benefits received from the Club.

We encourage everyone to participate as your opinion matters!

Every entry goes in the running for a \$100 dining voucher.



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## From the RYCT Kitchen

Every month we share with you our favourite recipes.

This month it is the ultimate **pasta carbonara** recipe by Tahlia Cantwell.

This quick and delicious pasta dish is sure to become a regular on your menu. Don't forget to pair it with a glass of bubbles for the ultimate mealtime indulgence.



## INGREDIENTS

Extra virgin olive oil (a few generous glugs)  
Good quality flaked salt  
Cracked black pepper (about 1 tablespoon)  
Smoked paprika (a pinch)  
Mushrooms ( about 10, chopped into decent-sized chunks)  
Pecorino Romano (finely grated, about 1 cup)  
Cream (about 1/4 cup)  
Eggs (3, but just the yolks; bonus points for duck eggs)  
Prosciutto (about 100g, torn into pieces)  
Pasta (something long and flat)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Whisk together the cream and egg yolks in a small bowl. Set aside.

In a large pot, bring salted water to a rolling boil. Add your pasta and cook until almost al dente.

Heat the olive oil in a large, heavy pan over medium heat. Add pepper, paprika, and a



generous pinch of salt. Cook until the pepper becomes fragrant.

Add the mushrooms to the pan and stir until they are coated in the oil and seasoning. Cook until they are just tender.

Take a couple of cups of pasta water from the pot and add it to the pan. Drain the pasta and add it to the pan as well. Simmer and then reduce the heat.

Create a well in the centre of the pan and gradually stir most of the pecorino into the pasta, saving some for garnish. If the sauce gets a little lumpy, don't worry - it will still taste great.

Turn off the heat and add the egg and cream mixture to the pan. Stir it in well.

Serve the finished pasta in a bowl. Top with the torn prosciutto, a sprinkling of extra pecorino, a pinch of salt flakes, and another crack of pepper.

Enjoy!

## MEMBER BENEFITS

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



### ABOUT THE BUSINESS:

The Kieser Method

Strengthening your body can help promote an active, pain-free and healthy life. The Kieser method is a fusion of health science and exercise science. It is an approach based on the key principles of exercise science and grounded in decades of results from over 100 centres worldwide.

[www.kieser.com.au](http://www.kieser.com.au)

**Offer:** 50% off an initial assessment with a physiotherapist or an exercise physiologist plus special member rates for all future appointments.



### ABOUT THE BUSINESS:

Established in 1986, we are a Tasmanian family-owned and operated boutique wine retailer in the heart of Hobart. We specialise in the finest Tasmanian and Australian wine, as well as imported, with an ever-expanding portfolio full of quality wines, spirits, liqueurs, and more. We have something for every budget and every taste.

[www.tasmanianwinecentre.com.au](http://www.tasmanianwinecentre.com.au)

**Offer:** Purchase any product from the Tasmanian Wine Centre and receive a 10% discount showing your RYCT member card. Discount also applies for online orders using the RYCT code (call the office for confirmation of code).

Delivery fees might apply.

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## SOCIALS

### **Dark Water**

Join us at The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania for DARK WATER, a mid-winter celebration of all things cold and dark!

Embrace the chilly season with an unforgettable evening of live music featuring the talented Yesterday's Gentlemen.

Indulge in a delicious Spit Roast and other dinner specials while savoring enticing drink specials. Warm up by our cozy open fires as you enjoy the festive atmosphere.

This family-friendly event welcomes everyone to bundle up and join the party. Don't miss out on this fantastic gathering - entry is free!

**Friday 23 June 5pm**



### **RYCT Celebrates Christmas in July**

On Saturday 22 July, join us for a two-course a la carte menu with a hot drink upon arrival. Eat, drink, and be merry!

Saturday 22 July 6pm

\$75 per person

Call or Book Online

6223 4599 [membership@ryct.org.au](mailto:membership@ryct.org.au)

A festive green background with gold stars, pine branches, and Christmas ornaments. The text is in bold, colorful fonts. A QR code is provided for booking, along with a phone number.

# Christmas in July

**At The Royal Yacht  
Club of Tasmania**

**Saturday 22nd July**

**From 6pm**

**\$75 per person**

Full Christmas style dinner party  
Includes two-course choice dinner  
and mulled wine on arrival.  
Bookings essential.

**Scan to book:**



**or call 6223 4599**

## CLUB NOTICES



## MAST - Winter is here, which means cold water!

Cold water immersion is more frequently talked about these days, especially since boating is no longer just a summer pastime and people are now boating all year round. "Cold water", from research in Canada, is typically from 15 degrees or less.

Generally, these are the water temperatures in Tasmania for approximately 60% of the year. Over the last 23 years, 38 fatalities in Tasmania (or 66%) have occurred in water temperatures of 15 degrees or less. It has been well-documented that wearing a life jacket will considerably increase your chances of survival in cold water.

Professor Michael Tipton from the UK, an expert on cold water immersion, is quite clear in his advice. Don't fall in to start with. In the UK, 60% of fatalities in cold water are due to short-term responses from the initial immersion. Professor Tipton says the most dangerous response is the loss of control of breathing in the initial seconds of immersion, which is part of the cold shock response.

Again, the quick answer to avoid cold water immersion is, of course, to not fall in! But, if you do, there are a few tips Professor Tipton recommends. MAST has written about all these previously, but a reminder never hurts, considering the number of fatalities we have had in cold water:

- wear specialised clothing as an outer layer to slow the rate of water entry to the skin
- wear a life jacket
- once you are in the water, try and stay still and float to get your breathing under control.

Once you are in the water your skin cools rapidly, and this causes a big gasp of air which can be up to 2-3 litres. The lethal dose of water in your lungs for drowning is around 1.5 litres. After that initial gasp, there can be uncontrolled hyperventilation. You don't need to be under the water for this to occur. You can be at the water's surface with waves breaking over your face and you can easily take in water at this time. It is important you protect the airway in those first few seconds. Also, during the first seconds of immersion, there is significant



stress on the heart which causes an increase in blood pressure. Professor Tipton believes that a considerable number of people have a problem because of the cardiac response in those first seconds of immersion, resulting in heart attacks.

It is vital that you rest and relax and get your breathing back under control. This is why it is imperative you wear a life jacket.

The secret is of course having the

life jacket fit snugly and using a crotch strap. A loose-fitting life jacket will have you fighting with it to stop it from floating above your head and this results in energy consumption and a loss of body heat leading to hypothermia. Whilst a good-fitting life jacket will help, so will the correct type of clothing you wear when boating in cold weather in the event you end up in the water. Just don't fall in, as the good Professor says. 🙏

## Tas Ports Letter of Thanks





17 April 2023

To:

Bellerive Yacht Club  
 Derwent Sailing Squadron  
 Lindsfarne Yacht Club  
 Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania  
 Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania  
 Sandy Bay Yacht Club  
 Marine and Safety Tasmania

#### Letter of Thanks

The TasPorts Harbour Master would like to express thanks on behalf of TasPorts Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) and TasPorts Marine Pilotage Team for the cooperation of the sailing and motor Clubs participating on the River Derwent within the Port of Hobart over the summer of 2022/2023.

Late 2022 saw the resumption of cruise shipping to the Port of Hobart, and with it the inevitable higher level of interaction of commercial shipping and recreational craft through organised club activities.

TasPorts acknowledges the efforts that Clubs have undertaken to manage and particularly minimise their interaction with commercial vessel movements through the Port of Hobart.

The obvious efforts from the Clubs have included:

- pre-race engagement with Hobart VTS to appreciate shipping movements,
- adjustment to yacht race start location away from Sullivans Cove,
- the considered setting of yacht racecourses,
- the timing of race starts,
- the engagement with vessels under pilotage and Hobart Pilot boat
- maintaining safe separation from TasPorts towage fleet when under duty
- the efforts to educate the yachting community with respect to safely engaging with, or avoiding commercial vessel operations.

TasPorts would additionally like to acknowledge the proactive efforts of the **Marine and Safety Tasmania** Recreational Boating Officers in facilitating the engagement with waterways stakeholders, particularly the engagement between Combined Yacht Clubs and TasPorts.

Regards & Safe sailing,

Capt A. Michael (Mick) Wall  
 TasPorts Harbour Master

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## Snap Hooks on tethers

The Special Regulations changing snap hook requirements have been amended and may need crews to replace equipment.

Snap hooks are an essential part of the personal protective equipment on board an offshore racing yacht. The purpose of the equipment is to work with the tether and harness to keep the crew attached to the boat.

A recent interpretation confirmed that the requirement for a snap hook at each end of the tether is exactly that; a snap hook. The interpretation confirms that snap shackles or other quick or easily released mechanisms are not compliant equipment. Whilst these other mechanisms have crept into the offshore space, the requirement that the tether have snap hooks at each end has always been the case and the interpretation only serves as a reminder. The reason why snap hooks are required is because the arrangement's purpose is keeping crew attached to the boat and not be left astern at sea.

The amendment to the Special Regulations concerning snap hooks and tethers was published in November 2021. The change is that after 1 July 2023 flat plate snap hooks won't be permitted and that they must be of the variety that has side-wall support. This means that some crews will need to replace some tethers, depending what they are carrying on board.



The reason for the change is important. Incident reports demonstrated that flat plate snap hooks will deform under certain loads and detach. The snap hooks are excellent under a drop test resulting in a straight line shock, but yacht racing in strong winds and a decent sea state doesn't offer such controlled conditions, and in November 2017 a sailor went overboard while at the bow assisting with a headsail change and lost their life. The most obvious contributing factor was the failure of their snap hook.



There have been articles published on websites shining a spotlight on this important and sometimes fatal safety issue:

- The website 'Practical Sailor' published an interesting article about tethers and snap hooks back in May 2020. The article can be [read here](#).
- Sail-World also produced an article back in January 2018 on the same safety issue. The article can be [read here](#).

Australian Sailing is currently working with Standards Australia, and through them the International Standards Organisation to see standards concerning safety lines, tethers and snap hooks reviewed and changed to reflect the position taken in the Special Regulations.

We're also excited to let you know that Australian Sailing has reorganised all of its safety resources to make it easier for you. Check out the new [Safety Hub here](#)!

To view the Special Regulations [click here](#).

Amendments to the Special Regulations [are here](#).

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## Boat Sales Tasmania

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We'll be showcasing some of our most outstanding brands this year. We're extremely excited about the Australian debut of the Integrity 47CE PLUS - a must-see - plus we'll be displaying a range of other Integrity Motor Yachts, Jeanneau Sail and Jeanneau Powerboats.



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Monday  
June 5



At the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania,  
Marievile Esplanade, Sandy Bay  
6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

\$25 per head, includes BBQ & refreshments -  
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