

# SEMAPHORE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT DALRYMPLE YACHT CLUB



NOVEMBER 2020



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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

## NOVEMBER 2020

I am very pleased to report on our season to date, which by the time of print will have been up and running for around six weeks.

Opening Day on the 4th of October was a particularly memorable day. As a sport and a club, we were able to emerge from our COVID hibernation in relative safety with required protocols and protection measures in place. This has been an achievement in itself. We had a great turnout of members and guests to enjoy the day in glorious weather, if not much wind.

The opening ceremony included the delayed presentation of the major awards from last season; congratulations again to all recipients. I also had the privilege of presenting special Life Time Achievement awards to two icons of our club, Bob Silberberg and Eric McCormack. Both these gentlemen have continued volunteering and contributing to our club, and sailing in general, right through their eighth decades. The awards also included the naming of the club control tower and rescue RIB respectively in recognition of their contributions. It was fantastic that both Bob and Eric's grand-daughters were present to undertake the naming.

During the sail past I had an opportunity to speak with our local and state government guests about our club activities and future plans. It was pleasing to see their interest in our club and expressions of support for plans ahead.

Vice-Commodore Barrie McIndoe will report on sailing but I must note the excellent numbers across all events to date including the pre-season overnight regatta, Sunday pennant races, offshore race, Friday night twilight and Sunday morning Learn to Sail & Tackers. Thankyou to Barrie, the sailing committee, and many volunteers for making it all happen and also to the competitors for supporting these events.

The Infrastructure & Works Committee have undertaken many tasks under the direction of Rear-Commodore Glen Cornish to get things ready for the season and beyond. Often these jobs fly under the radar as they may be undertaken during the week or just seem to happen. Once again thanks to the works team and everyone who has helped out in any way. Our next big project is the slipway upgrade with a sub-committee already working on the planning and approvals.

In the clubhouse, the social committee chaired by David Allan has been busy with catering and organising events. Thank you to Margaret Dargan and her team in the canteen and Terina Ennis and helpers in the bar for keeping us all well fed and refreshed. By now you will all be familiar with our COVID Policy and requirements on entering the clubhouse and partaking in food and drink. It is imperative we all continue to abide by the rules.

In mentioning the above areas of club activity, I must again highlight the importance of volunteers. This is what our club is based on and everyone has a role to play with many areas requiring support. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to get involved this season, then I encourage you to have a chat

with one of our flag officers who will be more than happy to find an area in which you can make a contribution.

Our Secretary, Rob Mantach has advised the committee he will not be renewing his contract which expires shortly. On behalf of the Club, I thank Rob for his contribution over the past four years.

The committee is now seeking to appoint an Office Administrator and I refer you to the notice in this Semaphore. Please contact me if you wish to discuss or are aware of any potential applicants.

The season is off to a flying start with a full program ahead. I look forward to seeing you down at the club over the coming months. PDYC is truly "The Place to Race or Simply go Boating". We should probably also add, the place to come and even just have a coffee and catch up.

Greg Rowsell

Commodore





# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Season 2020/21 has literally hit the road with a bang, our annual warm up regatta, the Shakedown Series to Rosevears was an outstanding success with 10 entries enjoying a challenging race upstream at night on the Friday night before a pursuit race; Saturday; on the narrows at Rosevears and the return to Deviot Sunday, Christo Bayne sailing Alice (aka Busta Move) took the honours from Jason Harriss in Relentless and Teresa Badrock and Anton Bezemer in Big Pup.

Opening Day saw a very light, sail/motor past of the Club jetty, taking the salute from the Commodore, Patron and invited guests,. Racing got under way slowly, with the twenty Division 1 and 2 boats and six dinghies making their start to the season.

Big thank you to Riverview Landscapes for their race sponsorship of Opening Day, in the dinghies Liam Jones took the win in his Sabot Crude Oil, from Ellen Hillcoat in her Laser Cheeky with Briana McElwee and Holly James third in the NS14 Indecisive.

There were no Div 2 finishers, in Div 1 the win went to Ian White in his SB20 Meant to Bee, with Kevin Lloyd's Next Question second, and Mick And Mel Jones' Ambition third.

Opening Day celebrations provided much deserved recognition of two great volunteers to the club. Bob Silberberg and Eric McCormack were both acknowledged for their tireless support of the club, many thanks to you both.

Long term Sponsor Harken are back again to support our Club Pennant for Div 1 & 2 whilst Beams Bros are back for a second year supporting our Off the Beach dinghies Club Championships.

With 3 races down in the Harken Pennants, Kevin Lloyd in Next Question has opened up a substantive lead in Div 1 from Meant To Be and Honey Pot (Nick McElwee). In Div 2 Peter Sluce in Cordon Bleu and Robin Tasker in Spindrift are tied on points for first whilst Eppopotamus (Reyer Boon) is hot on their heels. The Beams Bros District Dinghies have completed 7 races with Briana McElwee & Holly James in Indecisive holding a 1 point lead over Barrie McIndoe & Terina Enniss in Walk on the Wildside.

Our young Sabot sailors have commenced racing with some specially tailored courses under the guidance from Commodore and Discover Sailing Centre Principal Greg Rowsell. Sailing over a shortened course with on water coaching, these young sailors have progressed in leaps and bounds. Having successfully completed 3 races, Brooke Teehan in Natural High leads from sister Bridget in 2HT2TCH, Liam Jones in Crude Oil 3rd and Harry Frith in Fair Dinkum 4th.

Five yachts headed out to Barrenjoey for the opening round of the Combined Clubs Offshore Series. Starting from the Clubhouse in light conditions boats headed to the Island as the breeze freshened for a lively reach before turning for a solid beat back with the wind peaking at 32 knots. Nick McElwee and crew in Honey Pot led from start to finish with Tim White in Sassy hanging on to take the PHS and IRC handicap double.

PHS runner up was Honey Pot from Relentless whilst Ken Gourlay's Green took 2nd on IRC.

Round one of the Think Big Twilights has been run and one with a quality fleet of 13 boats making the line. Fresh sailing provided some close results with the honours going to Mike Breen in Scintilla from Leon Williams in Capriccio and Robin Tasker in Spindrift.

With one Trophy Race completed with support from Brierey Marine and Chandlery, honours in Div 1 went to Next Question and Div 2 Spindrift, whilst Ruby Edmunds and Magnus McIndoe in Fast Asleep lead home the dinghies.

The Doyle Sails 30th Inshore Champs saw a bumper fleet of 17 entries including 5 SB20s. With fresh conditions testing the fleet on Saturday afternoon, clever sailing with great crew work prevailed in the results with young blood in the SB20 fleet, Div 1 double winning out for Simone Wood in Short Circuit, in the Elliot 5.9s Kevin Lloyd in Next Question, Div 1 went to Simone Wood, Div 2, CBH double to Nick Richardson in his i550 Midlife Crisis.

All that, and the season is only 6 weeks young. Don't know about you but just typing all that has worn me out but there is still heaps to come leading into the Xmas break. Beams Bros Club Champs on the 22nd Nov and Harken Pennants on the 22nd Nov and 13th of Dec, two more Think Big Twilights on the 27th Nov and 4th Dec, Trophy Races on the 29th Nov and 6th Dec, throw in the Tasmanian State Sabot Association Regatta on the 28th Nov and the Tasmanian Electrical Sprint Series for Dinghies on the 13th Dec; and that's without leaving the Club. And if that's not enough you could enter the George Town – Deviot Safari on the 5th of Dec or the Pittwater Regatta 5th/6th Dec or a TYC midweek every Wednesday until the 9th of Dec.

Post Xmas there is plenty more for everyone, Confab single handeds, Tamar Marine two handeds, CNW Midweeks, Steves Liquor PDYC Regatta, Tamar Marine Block Buster, Women on Water, more Harken Pennants & Beams Bros Champs, Off-shore races, Trophy Races, Clean Up Australia event, TYC Regatta, Bok Print Winter Races and Club Cruise.



# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

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### Vice Commodores Report Cont.

None of this can take place without all the right pieces to the puzzle in place.

**Sponsors**—Here at PDYC we are very privileged to have some very fantastic and loyal sponsors. Our long term sponsors and supporters have been joined by some superb additions this season and I urge all members and sailors to consider our sponsors when making purchases.

**Volunteers**—Over the years we have had a small band of parents and members assist with the conduct of our racing program but as time progresses, these staunch group have dwindled in numbers and the time has come for a new group to step up. All sailing members should consider stepping forward to help on the water or in the start box. A whole-of-club roster is required to ensure that our club continues to prosper this season and into the future.

**Boats and Sailors**—Welcome to all our new members and I hope you embrace the program and facilities of our marvelous little yacht club. I encourage all members to make them welcome and in particular support those seeking crew positions for racing and casual sailing. There appear to be many new boats arriving at the club from near and far plus a few changing hands. The original Chutzpah is now in the hands of Rob Mantach and Syndicate, Big Pup (S111) Teresa Badrock and Anton Bezemer, Meant To Be (SB20) with Ian White, Busta Move (SB20) with Christo Bayne, Rip it up (Sports Boat) with Phil Solley, Think Big (Magic 25) with Scott Lovell, Blew (Etchell 22) with Rob Mathews, Coronella (Elliot 5.9) with Barrie McIndoe, Patience (S111) with Bill & Margaret Dargen, Hickup has been renamed Honeypot in the hands of Nick McElwee and Damon Wecker, Uluka Bayne has leased Pussy Galore. There are a few more new boats lurking around along with the return of Don't Panic (Jaimie Cooper) to home waters and the imminent return to the water of Andrew and Michele Jones refurbished Inglis 47 Advantedge.

**Safety**—This last season has seen the club take a more positive line on safety and its administration. Having lost a brother at sea, had a couple of near misses/incidents at sea, I have a personal drive to see that our club conducts its events with best practice and our competitors are prepared to the minimum standard and encouraged to take a proactive role in their welfare at sea. Tim White and myself have both been accredited by Australian Sailing as Equipment Auditors, previously known as Safety Inspector/Officer and Tim has now taken the lead as our Club Equipment Auditor. World Sailing, and thus Australian Sailing provide a framework for race classification and matching safety equipment requirements and it is within these guidelines that we are obligated to conduct our events. In Australia, the safety equipment requirements are officially referred to as the Special Regulations, providing 7 categories of uniform minimum equipment, accommodation and training standards for racing boats and as a guide for cruising boats. These Special regulations do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of Mast, the Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of class associations and rating systems. Most sailors would be

familiar with the audit forms for the various categories. These forms provide a record of a completed audit and should be applied in conjunction with the Special Regulations (Part 1 for Racing Boats). This document can be downloaded from the Australian Sailing website and provides more detail on the audit criteria. Tim and I are both here not only to audit members' boats, but to assist members in interpreting the Special Regulations and provide guidance on how to achieve compliance.

Our club is endeavouring to support our members by presenting and offering relevant training as it becomes available. Recently, we have facilitated courses and assessments in Safety & Survival at Sea and Radio Operators Certificate. We have some members desiring to complete the Power Boat Handling course and would like to hear from any other members who would also like to participate.

**Barrie McIndoe,**

Vice Commodore



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The major project this year is to bring the slipway up to meeting the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency. The concept drawings have been completed by 6ty0 and pre-

There is much work to be done and we are proceeding as quickly as possible in these difficult times.

Rear Commodore





# LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## CITATIONS FROM PRESENTATIONS ON OPENING DAY

### ERIC MCCORMACK

Eric has made a lifelong contribution to the sport of sailing, particularly through teaching children to sail in the Sabot class and progress through racing.

He initially became an instructor under the old AYF scheme and held various instructor qualifications over a period of almost 40 years. Eric only just relinquished his certification with Australian Sailing last season.

He has worked tirelessly over that period, encouraging kids to start sailing and always looking out for those of limited means. Over the years he has acquired and maintained his own “fleet” of older Sabots for use by kids unable to afford their own.

In the Sabot class he has been a strong contributor on committees, as a coach, mentor, and facilitator in getting young sailors to intrastate and interstate events. He has written instruction notes and guidance for use within the Sabot class.

Over a number of decades, Eric has always been there to reinvigorate junior sailing at times of low numbers when the parents of the day may have moved on.

Within our club, Eric has made a significant contribution in just about every role – instructor, rescue boat operator, race officer, works volunteer and more. During his sailing life, Eric has also built a number of keel boats and provided sailing opportunities on those boats to people of all ages. I note that Eric is:

- Past Vice-Commodore of PDYC
- Life Member of PDYC
- Life Member of TSSA and ANSC
- In 1998 was named Patron of the 35th Sabot Nationals at PDYC

Over the years, Eric has been known to whisper the words, “I am only here for the kids”. There are many current sailors who can thank Eric for that and for getting them started in sailing.



### BOB SILBERBERG, OAM

Bob joined PDYC in 1966 after moving to Tasmania from Sydney, where he trained as a shipwright. He has been part of the sailing and maritime community locally and in Tasmania for over 50 years.

He has had a long record of contribution to our club through many roles including committee member, race officer, instructor, examiner, safety officer, and much more. Likewise, his overall contribution to the sport in general has been truly impressive.

To record Bob’s full history would see us here all afternoon, but providing the highlights will give you an indication of his contribution and service to this club and the sport of sailing in general (and forgive me Bob if I have overlooked something):

- Long term PDYC committee member
- Past Vice Commodore & Commodore
- Life member of PDYC
- Yachting Tasmania Northern Vice President
- Yachting Tasmania Honorary Executive Officer
- Instrumental in establishing Sailability in Tasmania and undertaking many roles within that organisation and is currently still Northern Tas coordinator
- Volunteer with the Australian Three Peaks Race for 24 years
- Served locally with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol
- Involved with the conversion of two tall ships (including the Defender for the bi-centennial tall ships race)
- Author of two books chronicling commercial shipping in and out of the Tamar River

In 2016 Bob was awarded an OAM for his services to sailing.

I am sure you will agree, this is an impressive record.

# NEW MEMBERS 2020-21

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED SINCE THE LAST AGM

### Senior

Johannes Schonborn  
Tim White - **Returning**  
Alex Coram  
Aidan Macrostie  
Manny Mizzi  
Bob Turnbull - **Returning**

### Family

John Murray & Rowena Lennings

### Sailing

Rob Dawson  
Lynn Dawson  
Josh Clark

### Junior

Finlay Richardson  
Henry Lovett  
Thomas Lovett  
Ava Cross  
Ryan Tehan  
Benjamin Webb  
Oscar Koch  
Flynn Koch  
Kobe Honeychurch  
William Honeychurch

## PDYC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

### POSITION AVAILABLE

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club is a vibrant club with a forward outlook.

The committee is seeking to appoint an Office Administrator to support this vision.

This is a part time position involving approximately 48 hours per month.

The appointed person will have experience in office administration.

Knowledge of club and boating activities will be an advantage but is not essential.

Accordingly, it is envisaged the successful applicant may not be a member of PDYC.

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested then please encourage them to apply.

For further information and a detailed job description please contact:

Greg Rowsell  
Commodore - Port Dalrymple Yacht Club  
Ph 0400 342 308

# DISCOVER SAILING REPORT

GREG ROWSELL, PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTOR



The pre-Xmas Learn to Sail & Tackers Program commenced on Sunday 11 October with 28 registered participants across the various courses. This is certainly a great take up making Sunday mornings a buzz at the club. The new coffee machine in the canteen is also getting a good work out.

As well as first timers in Tackers 1, it is fantastic to see the young sailors progressing with a season or two of experience. Their confidence is rapidly growing with capsizing and recovery now mostly fun rather than something to avoid.

The club took delivery of six new Sabot "Spark" sails just before opening day thanks to the great work done by Nick Dineen and the crew at Doyles in Hobart. These are now a standard sail for the Sabot class nationally and feature a reduced sail area but higher aspect design with centre of effort moved forward. An excellent option for lighter sailors and those transitioning out of the Ozi Optis.

On Saturday 28th November we will be hosting a one day regatta on behalf of the Tasmanian Sabot Sailing Association. This will include a "coached division" and will be a great opportunity for kids just starting to race to ease into things slowly.

Once again, thanks to everyone who has helped out to date with Sunday mornings. Much to do and many hands make it all happen.

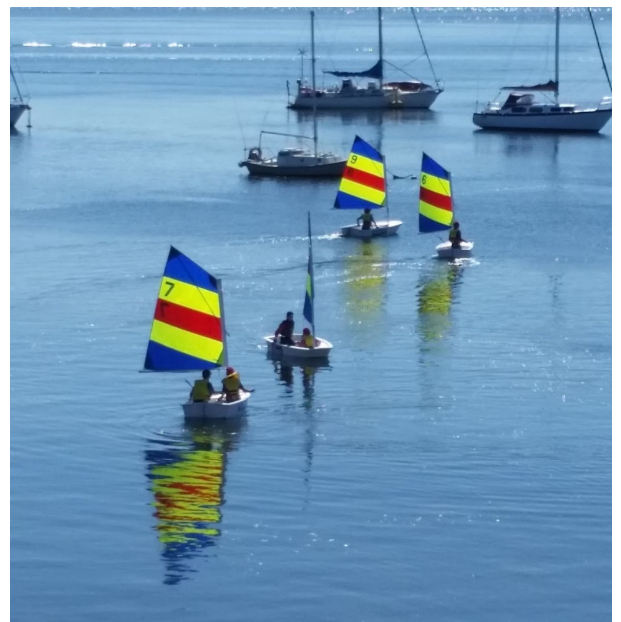
The pre-Xmas program runs through to Sunday 13 December which is the wind-up day with sausage sizzle and certificate presentation.

Greg Rowsell

**Principal Instructor**

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club - Discover Sailing Centre

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# GAINING AN ... ADVANTEDGE?



PDYC Members Andrew & Michelle Jones have been hard at work over several years on a major re-fit on their Inglis 47 AdvantEDGE ahead of this years Launceston to Hobart yacht race.

The redesign was by Fred Barrett, with Salters doing the hull work lead by Julian, Almasts re-rigging, new foresails by Doyle, and deck gear by Harken.

The extensive re-fit list includes:

- New vertical drop centreboard and bulb (standard Inglis 47 is angled back).
- Rig moved back in the boat and shrouds moved out to gunnels.
- Rig changed to four spreader
- TP52 prodger
- Transom and cockpit altered.



- New rudder, moved to through-hull, from transom-hung.
- Interior gutted and rebuilt.
- Complete deck gear refit.
- New motor, think that is where the refit all started.
- Complete repaint inside and out.

Huge amount of work by extended Jones family, centre-board being built by Mick and Dewy Jones assisted by Mel and the kids, Andrew and Josh did the mast rework, lots of work and sanding by Michelle and Abbey, with the sailing crew helping throughout the refit and with the fitting of all the new deck gear.



# NOTICE BOARD

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS, NOVEMBER 2020

### CLUB COURTESY DINGHY

It is timely to remind members about use of the club's courtesy dinghy. The dinghy is provided for member's use to retrieve and put boats back on their moorings, and use should be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes only.

It is not acceptable for members to take the dinghy out to their moored boats and keep it there for extended periods of time while maintenance or other work is carried out. If such work is required, then bring your boat back to the pontoon or use your own dinghy.

Extended periods of use can inconvenience other members who have every right to expect that the dinghy will become available for their use after a short period of time.

It is also appropriate to remind members of the safety regulations for the use of the courtesy dinghy.

All people in the courtesy dinghy **MUST WEAR** PFDs at all times. Unless these safety rules are complied with, the Committee will have to consider withdrawing the courtesy dinghy facility in order to reduce the risk to the club operations. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

### TIME TO MOW!!

It is mowing season again in the trailer park. Owners of boats in the trailer park are reminded to keep the area under boats mown and tidy. The trailer park is cut during working bees and we try to mow under boats then if we are able to. We can't move boats that have flat tires or locked tow hitches. So if your boat falls into either of these categories, you have a couple of options:

1. Leave a key with Dave Blazley.
2. Mow it yourself. The club has a couple of mowers so you won't have to bring one from home.

If we can't get under the boat you may be billed.

Having the trailer park looking neat reflects well on the whole club and avoids damage to the mowers from hitting objects obscured in the long grass.

### MOORINGS

Members who would like to have a mooring position in the PDYC controlled area should apply, in writing, to the committee and a position will be allocated to them by our mooring officer, Glen Cornish mobile 0419305490, if available. Only the position allocated, not the tackle. The tackle is the responsibility of the member.

Current mooring owners within the PDYC controlled area are reminded that in the event of resignation from the club or vacating the mooring site, the tackle only may be sold, with the mooring site reverting back to the club for re-allocation. The tackle should be removed within 14 days, unless otherwise arranged with the mooring officer, before your resignation will be accepted.





# EVENTS

## SUMMER SEASON 2021



### TAMAR MARINE BLOCK-BUSTER WEEKEND

20th—21st February 2021

### PDYC REGATTA

21st February 2021

### WOMEN ON WATER DAY

13th March 2020

### CNW MIDWEEKS

1. 13th Jan
2. 20th Jan
3. 27th Jan
4. 3rd Feb
5. 10th Feb
6. 17th Feb

### SINGLE HANDED SERIES

Sun 10th & 17th Jan 2021

### SB 20 TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sat 30th—31st Jan 2021

