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GREAT RIVALRY BETWEEN
NEXT QUESTION AND SUPERNOVA

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THE COMMODORE REPORTS:



Michael Jones
PDYC Commodore

So far, the 2015/16 season has been a great one. Our members have competed at various regattas around the state and further abroad with exceptional results. The local racing has also been hotly contested with man friendly rivalries forming. It has been pleasing to see the new navigation trial event re-starting this year. This event offers a fun and challenging way to see the river regardless of what type of boat you have.

We are sure we will see many more entries next year as well as some light hearted competition and excuses to spend some time in great company at the club.

This year it pleasing to see some new faces at the club. I hope that you all feel welcome and please make sure that if you have any questions or concerns, to ask someone as I am sure we can help. To our existing members, if you see some new faces, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome and part of PDYC.

Constantly I'm told about just how friendly, well organised and helpful visiting people find the PDYC. This is not new for us, it is a culture and attitude that has

been there from our foundation in 1952. It is this sort of commitment and attitude that sees PDYC at the top of the list for competitors and classes looking for a venue to run events.

Recently we were approached to hold both the 2017/18 National and World Championships for the B14s at the request of the sailors. We agreed to be put forward as part of the mix of clubs the national and world committee was looking at, and it is very pleasing, and a credit to all those who have been involved in previous events that we were accepted and awarded this prestigious regatta. More information will come out and we will be looking for support to make this a great event and something to help the club in the future.

As all of you would be aware, the club has been running without a handyperson and secretary/treasurer since late last year. During this time many of you have kicked in and helped out to do whatever was needed to ensure we continued to operate and keep things on track.

Fuel has been served, boats have been slipped, lawns mowed, ramps cleaned, accounts prepared and so on. This occurred through the volunteer work of our members to keep the place ticking over with little interruption.

After advertising, conducting interviews and working through a selection process, we are please to announce that we have appointed both a new Secretary/Treasurer, and Handyperson for PDYC.

Ray and Gislene Hefferon have recently joined us in March filling both roles. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome as they come to grips with the club,

their roles, as well as (I am sure) becoming part of the fabric that makes PDYC what it is.

With the Tamar Marine Two Handed, and The Bokprint Winter Series the last remaining events for this season let's make them good ones. Grab a mate or two as crew, sweet talk the handicappers (if Necessary) and come and enjoy the last of the warmth before we bed into winter for a few months.

As always, we look to develop our activities at the club to provide opportunities for all of our members. The PDYC is well know for our racing but we are also looking at options around the cruising/social type activities to enhance what we have to offer our members. If you have any thoughts on this, or even better, if you feel you could help to put something together, then please let us know and we would look forward to working with you to make it happen.

Winter is a good time before we get in the thick of the activities to start to develop new concepts for the up-coming new season.

On a final note I would like to thank all those who continue to donate their time and skills to keep the club ticking over and making sure we have a great facility. So much of the work happens quietly behind the scenes, with maintenance and repairs on the club infrastructure, the upkeep and maintenance of the rescue boats and the start boat, The Dalrymple, just happening by members willing to give back to the club. It is very much appreciated and not always noticed immediately, but does show the depth and interest shown in Port Dalrymple Yacht Club by many.

Kind Regards, Michael Jones.

MORE BUTTONS (MIS)-ADVENTURES

By JOHN HEPHER:

Now, TooManyButtons is a nice little boat and one that Doug-gie and I have had immense fun in and some success, but every now and again an opportunity comes along to do something different and when Spanner offered Red-back-The Etchells for sale.....

So here we go on another adventure.

Spanner had replace a few ropes and added a coat of paint since he had purchased the boat and resurrected it from the mouldy mess it was, having sat for about eight years forlornly in the Siberia of the far end of the trailer park.

He and Bob Turnbull raced Redback in the Twilight Series.

Doug-gie and I had our first outing in the first round of the Tamar Marine Two Handed Series and in very light air, had a great sail for a toe in the water outing.

It became apparent during the first two races that day that much

needed replacing. As I had expected.

The Etchells is a very different animal to the very simple Timpen-ny. There is many strings pulling many things that no doubt we will begin to understand as we get more experience on the vessel.

The following weekend presented an altogether different set of circumstances. It was a bit blowie-er. Well, in fact a great deal much more blowie-er. In fact, it was quite blowie-est!

At the One Minute hooter the boom vang parted from the base of the mast.

Bugger says we. And Doug-gie jerry-rigged it to a workable state and in the confusion we missed the start by two minutes.

Bugger! Says we, but headed off into the gale dead last.

And bugger me if we didn't start to make up ground on the beat to X. We actually weren't going too bad.

And then about two boat

lengths from X, and just as we were preparing for a down wind run to Y, I felt something let go under the floor boards.

Next thing, the backstay was trying to strangle me and the mast was looking decidedly uncomfortable, (after the race Peter Sluce did make mention of the bending rig).

Now, going down hill with no backstay in reasonably wild bullets can only end in great expense, so with an already long shopping list, dropping the rig was just not an option.

Down came the main in a mostly controlled drop and we headed home on the headsail to retire for the day.

But out of all that, we now know a bit more about BigButtons and look forward to when it has as much new gear on it as TooManyButtons.

I think I made the right decision. It is yet another challenge in my adventures on the water.

Pictured Left:

BigButtons on the somewhat quieter first day.

Photo: Mick Jones



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THE VICE- COMMODORE REPORTS:



Peter Sluce
Vice-Commodore

We are running into the final leg of the 2015-16 sailing season with PDYC sailors again making their presence felt across the state at major regattas and State Championships. These great performances continue on from the solid flag flying from members over the Christmas Nationals.

Details of members results are detailed on the ODYC webpage in the PDYC Nationals Wrap, take the time to have a read there are some great results there and one of the standouts that can't go unmentioned is Steve McElwee and the Lawless crew taking a Performance Handicap win in the Launceston to Hobart.

A well deserved victory.

At the club we have had a great start to the second half of the local season with the CNW Midweek Series continuing to be one of the must-do series of the season with 21 boats contesting the six race series.

This year it went down to the wire with a results countback needed to decide the winner between two of the Elliott 5.9 fleet with Kevin Lloyd's Next Question taking the win from Andrew Jones' ShrinkEDGE.

Great racing, great series and big thanks to CNW Electrical for their support.

Late February saw the season roll into regattas and Stater Championships with Bellerive's Crown Series first on the schedule, in the 11 boat trailable fleet PDYC had 6 entrants. The PD crew copped some dramas

during the series with two rigs and hull damage the low side of the regatta.

The upside saw Andrew Jones' ShrinkEDGE taking out the trailable division and the Elliott 5.9 intergalactic with Kevin Lloyd's Next Question third.

The good news continued at the presentation with ShrinkEDGE also winning the Don Rust Memorial Trophy for outstanding racing performance during the regatta.

Our sole entrant in the dinghy class was Josh Harriss sailing in the Laser Radials. Josh was right in the running in an incredibly close battle for the top three places. Never out of the top 3 Josh ended up third overall on 12 points with the first and second placings decided on a count back with Angus Price taking the win from Josh Ragg. Both were on 11 points.

Moving onto the State Championships the Sabots were first to get underway, sailing out of the Royals at Sandy Bay. It was another close series with PDYC's Bailey Edmunds taking third place behind Nick Smart and George Scott respectively after a count back.

From 4th to 6th was all PDYC girl power (a sign of things to come), with Lucy Cooper 4th in Mini-Cooper, followed by Ruby Edmunds at the helm in Starter Kit and Taylor Edmunds 6th in Cool Change.

Go Girls!

The NS14s headed west with Wynyard hosting their States. Under the Radar was not the case for Nick McElwee and Isobel Cameron who were crowned 2016 NS14 National Champions with Peter Cameron and Clair Cameron third. On a yardstick handicap, the reborn Magic and Loss took the win for Barrie and Magnus McIndoe.

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club hosted the 2016 PSA Laser Tasmanian Championships with Sam King from the Royals taking the overall yardstick win along with the Radial title. Port Dalrymple sailors had a great regatta with Josh Harriss and Ryan Moreton finishing second and third

respectively overall on yardstick, and matched those results in the Radial titles.

In the full rigs, Zac Pullen from the Royals took the win with PDYCs Thomas Cooer second, despite breaking his boom on the first beat of the last race and sailing another 2 runs and a beat with a broken boom. Jock Calvert from the Royals took third.

In the 4.7 class RYCT sailors dominated taking the top three places. Max Gluskie taking the win from Will Sargent and Thomas Males.

The Tasmanian Veteran title went to Tony Tate with Port Dalrymple's Lucy Cooper having a great first Laser regatta, taking home the 2016 Women's Championship.

Locally we have a new King and Princess of The Tamar crowned at the PDYC Regatta with Commodore Mick Jones taking out the King of The Tamar and line honours, Cock of the Tamar, and Chris and Rani Wells the new Princess of The Tamar. The regatta saw the sailing of the final race of the 2016 Bart Hutton Series with the trophy returning to PDYC.

We are currently in the middle of the Tamar Marine Two Handed Series with some challenging sailing so far.

The final races in the PME Club Championship for dinghys is on and the 2015-16 season ends with the running of the Bokprint Winter Series.

Peter Sluce.

Vice-Commodore.



Introducing Ray and Gigi.

By John Hepher:

It is new a few weeks since Ray and Gigi Heffron started their new life at Port Dalrymple Yacht club. Ray has taken on the role of Caretaker/Handyman and wife Gigi as Secretary/Treasurer.

Ray is known to some of the longer serving members, having been a Beauty Point boy from many years ago.

Ray followed many paths during his time away from our neck of the woods and has had a solid career around the world of yacht-

ing. He has travelled extensively and met Gigi in her homeland, Brazil.

Ray and Gigi were living in Victoria until moving back to Beauty Point and PDYC.

Ray said, "I always wanted to come back and saw the positions advertised and it was a perfect way for us to move here and settle into a more laid back life-style."

Gigi loves it here and both are quickly settling into their tasks, and the cottage.

Welcome aboard Ray and Gigi.



FOGGY MORNING PDYC



Photo: John Hepher

FOR SALE

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PH. JOHN HEPHER 0401 622 292



PDYC CLUBHOUSE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

By **JOHN HEPHER**

Do you have a wedding, 21st, or other such family celebration looming?

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club is available for private functions such as these. The committee has been working out various levels of costs for the use of our facilities. The venue can be formatted for func-

tions such as basic meetings with the use of tea and coffee facilities, right up to wedding receptions or events such as other sporting club's presentation nights or annual dinners.

Your committee is formulating a list of charges for such events. These could be as little as \$50 for PDYC members or \$100 for non members to hire the club for a basic meeting. If the kitchen is re-

quired for preparation of food by those hiring the venue a further charge of \$100 would apply.

If full catering facilities are required the charge could be \$500.

All bookings will of course have to be approved by the committee.

Committee member, Ross Edmunds has been appointed to run the events diary and will have a list of available dates.



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



**Rear Commodore:
Craig Titmus.**

Through the new-year period, maintenance at the club has been quietly ticking along.

It is amazing how I drive into the club planning to do some mowing and it has been done from one end to the other!

So, to the “Mowing Elves” and lots of other persons doing so many other things, thanks for everything that just happens without any fuss.

Sunday 28th February was a big working bee at the club with well over 20 willing members attending. There was a huge backyard blitz operation happening at the club cottage.

As we had been without a handyperson on sight for many months the garden had very quickly become overgrown. In only a few hours it was all cleaned out. Timber and old pavers gone, rotary hoed, new clothes line fitted, sowed with grass seed and the soaker hose was running.

Fantastic.

Others banded together as a ‘Green Army’ and were in full

swing behind the clubhouse.

A huge volume of overgrowth, leaf litter, weeds and junk was cleaned out and removed from the site.

Elsewhere, localised sea wall undermining has been sealed with concrete and lots of other small jobs tackled as well.

A big thanks to Leah and other helpers in the canteen for the great lunch to power the workers on through the afternoon.

It reinforces what a great club Port Dalrymple Yacht Club is, with everything getting done by our member volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who put in such a mighty effort.

Craig Titmus

Rear Commodore.

PDYC Clubhouse looking pristine thanks to the many members who volunteer their time



TRAILER PARK MEMBERS:

IT'S MOWING SEASON

Owners of boats in the trailer park are reminded that it is their responsibility to keep the area under their boat mown and tidy.

The trailer park is mown during working bees and we try to mow under boats where it is possible. However, we can't move boats that have flat tyres or locked hitches.

You have a couple of options:

Leave a key for your hitch with trailer park manager, Dave Blazeley.

Or mow it yourself. The club has a couple of mowers so you won't have to bring one from home.

If the crew can't get under your boat, you may be billed.

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



MOORINGS

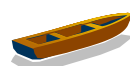
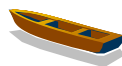


Members who would like to have a mooring position in the PDYC controlled area should apply in writing to the committee. A position will be allocated by our Mooring Officer, Craig Titmus (0438 820 124) if available.

The POSITION ONLY is allocated. 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. The mooring SITE will revert back to the club for further allocation. The tackle should be removed within 14 days unless otherwise arranged with the mooring officer, before your resignation is accepted.

CLUB COURTESY DINGHY



Once again, a reminder to members about the use of the club's courtesy dinghy. The dinghy is provided for members use to retrieve from, and deliver boats to and from their moorings.

The use of this dinghy 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 while working on boats for extended periods.

If such work is required please bring your boat into the pontoon, or use your own dinghy.

Please be aware that others want to use the dinghy and having it alongside your moored yacht inconveniences others who have every right to expect that the dinghy will become available for their use after a short period of time.

All people using the courtesy dinghy MUST WEAR PFDs at ALL TIMES.

Please remember to winch the dinghy onto the pontoon when you are finished.

SLIPWAY

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club has a number of cradles and slipway facilities for hire.

The slipway is always busy so it is a good idea to make plans and book your haul out and cradle well in advance. Please be aware that if you have not cleaned up you can be charged.

Bookings can be made with the club.

Call Ray 0437 072 181

DIESEL FUEL

Available from the club's main jetty.

Prices at current retail rate per litre.

Please ring Ray on 0437 072 181

To arrange your refuelling.

CAMPING CODE OF CONDUCT

CAMPING IS PERMITTED IN THE TRAILER PARK FOR PDYC MEMBERS
UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.

All members have the right to be/stay in the trailer park at any time but respect **MUST** be shown to others who are staying in the trailer park.

Also. Respect for neighbours in private residences close to the yacht club is expected.

There is a 10.00pm curfew and no loud noise or music to be played after this time.

The location of tents or caravans should not inhibit other trailer park users.

No fire pots to be used in the trailer park at anytime.

PDYC Committee.



Our Laser sailors are getting more competitive with each regatta.

See Vice-Commodore's Report for more details.

Friday Nights

**YOU ARE WELCOME AT YOUR CLUB
ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.**

**PDYC Club Rooms are always open on Friday nights from about
6pm until 9pm.**

**Cosy fire in winter, or sit out on the deck with a relaxing coldie
during the warmer nights.**

Happy Hour

The drinks are cheap



OH WHAT A WONDERFUL CLUB WE HAVE