

# SEMAPHORE

NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT DALRYMPLE YACHT CLUB



FEBRUARY 2020

Hansa States, hosted by PDYC Photo by: Theodore Somissich



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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2020

With the first half of the season completed Christmas and New Year celebrations over I welcome you all back for the second half and busiest section of the club program.

Over the Christmas period we had many of our members representing Port Dalrymple Yacht Club at various championships Regattas and Offshore events. Congratulations to all our sailors who participated in these events.

Two notable achievements to come out of the results and shine over the summer break were Mick Jones Ambition finishing in 1st place on PHS in the Launceston to Hobart blue water classic. Congratulations to Mick and Crew.

Our other achievement goes to Ruby Edmunds finishing as National Female Champion in the NS 14 Australian Championships and also the as the National Youth Champions NS14 Australian title with Magnis as crew.

The sailing season continues with many major Regattas and Championships planned throughout February and March with evening functions and entertainment organised for all members and visiting sailors and friends. You don't have to sail in the regatta to enjoy the evening meal and entertainment. We have the Blockbuster, Tamar Classic and Women on Water so get your crews together to create some hot competition for these events.

The Club ran a very successful Hansa class State Championships in conjunction with Sailability Tasmania in early February. A fleet of thirteen yachts lined up for the first start of six races with some close on water tussles. The colours of bright sails out on the water certainly drew your eye from what I would describe as our beautiful bay of paradise. Following Saturdays racing a lovely evening meal was provided to the sailors and friends on the lawns of the club house with plenty of postrace discussion. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out over the weekend both on and off the water to make this a great event for all concerned. Congratulations to Chris Symonds the State Champion for 2020 and to all the other competitors who participated. In Chris's victory speech he thanked the club for a well run event and our hospitality toward the Hansa 303 class and would like to see them sailing back here soon.

We are currently taking entries for the Blockbuster which will be run this coming week end. This is a major sailing and social function held at the club. I have been led to believe that the canteen will be feeding you all up very well and entertainment will be provided by Bootleg who entertained us all last year.

Women on Water will be run again in March. This is a great opportunity for all our lady sailors to skipper a yacht. This will be followed by a cocktail party and Tasmania's very own tattooed Tenor none other than Matt Garwood who will perform.

The sail training continues to be very popular with Greg Rowsell and his assistant trainers continuing to provide an enjoyable and fun day for our Tackers. The Club has taken the

next step in sail training with the introduction of Out There Sailing aimed at the youth 13 to 17 years. It's all about young people. If you fall into this age bracket and want to try sailing come along and join in.

Further acknowledgement must go out to our sponsors volunteers and life members for their generous support towards the day to day operation and functioning of the club.

Our Bosun Leigh has continued to maintain our club rooms and surrounding grounds to perfection while coordinating the slipway and serving diesel to the community.

Our Secretary Rob also continues to go over and above his call of duty in the office position.

The Secretary position will be put out for tender in September as Rob will be standing down to pursue a new venture. If there is a member who feels they are able to carry on from Rob please come forward and advise myself ASAP to discuss the position.

I would like to welcome New Members to the club they are

Christopher Ewbark Senior

Lauren Bird Sailing

So with plenty of activity programed for on and off the water please come along and support your club be it sailing or social it is all happening for you to enjoy. If you can provide assistance in any way either on or off the water please contact myself as we are always looking for help.

Good sailing

Stephen McElwee



*Lawless, Footlose (Hobart) & Ambition—Heading out the heads in the Launceston to Hobart Photo by: Colleen Darcey - DSS*

# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2020

Well what a ride the first half of the season has been.

With the sailing kicking off before opening day with the Inaugural Shakedown Series, then we just rolled into the Beams Bros Club Championships for Dinghies and The Harken Club Pennant for Keel and Trailable boats. Good numbers have prevailed and many thanks to those members who have helped out in the box and on the water in pickup boats. With only one round to go the heat is on

The Inshore champs again provided some close racing with Damon and crew in Smooth Cha Cha taking out Div 1, Peter Sluce in Cordon Bleu asserting his grip on Div 2 and Andrew Jones triumphant with Shrinkedge in the CBH Class and placing another plaque on the Elliot 5.9 States trophy.

The pre Xmas twilights struggle to pull regular numbers and with some discussion may need to be revamped for next season. I have some thoughts but look forward to other members input.

With no Sabots heading to the nationals this summer the club ran a scaled back regatta for the TSSA with some of our Tackers sailors hitting a race track for the first time.

NS 14 sailors used the Tasmanian Electrical Sprint Series as a shake down for the Nationals with Myself and Max Edmunds in Walk on the Wildside finally getting a win over Ruby Edmunds and Magnus McIndoe in Fast asleep.

Post Xmas we had the single handed series for the big boats along with Single handed series for the NS 14s. An event that tests competitor's ingenuity and skills, congratulations to our winners Ross Edmunds in Hot dog and myself in Walk on the Wildside.

The CNW midweek series is well underway and looks like going down to the wire with consistent sailing from Nick McElwee in Lawless, Kevin Lloyd in Next Question and Greg Rowsell in Maeve II, putting them all in the hunt going into the last round.

Our Members make up some of the most journeyed sailors in the state with boats and sailors going in all directions at any time, from coastal races like the L2H, crewing in Ocean races like the S2H, regattas in North Queensland, National Championships and Youth Regattas, State Championships at all corners of the state and major club regattas around the state such as Pittwater, The Showdown, Deviot's High Performance Regatta and the Crown Series; many sailors covering many miles dragging boats all over the place.



Ruby Edmunds with her National Ladies Skipper Trophy

This season has seen a number of boats on the Tamar measured for IRC. This being the current rating rule been used for major keel boat yachting events worldwide. The IRC rule is a secret rule who's formula has not been published, discouraging designers and owners from "bumping" their boats (like the old IOR days), the rule is all about creating a handicap based on the potential speed of the hull and rig taking into account but not limited to hull measurements, weight, sail and mast measurements, interior design. It would be great if we can get a few more craft measured for IRC and possibly have an IRC division in next year's Inshores? Contact me for more Info .

This season Tim White from Tamar and myself have been appointed Club Equipment Auditors , sounds technical but in old speak we are Safety Inspectors. The name change comes about in the desire to put the onus back on the Owner to supply a boat for auditing that complies with the necessary regulations. So far I major tasks have involved the boats preparing for the coastal races over Xmas. However we did do a spot inspection on boats for the Inshore Champs, this was more about getting owners thinking about the safety regs for the various categories and not being the policeman. In the past we have settled for a declaration from competitors that their boat complies, (this was primarily because we did not have a safety inspector available in the north of the state). Tim and I will continue in our attempts to educate skippers about the process and will be encouraging our clubs to put the procedures and requirements in place to implement compliance.

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Team Tassie training on Lake Burley Griffin ACT prior to the NS14 nationals



# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2020

### Vice Commodores Report Cont.

More recently thanks to the support of the Club and Australian Sailing I was privileged to attend the International Measurers Seminar at Victoria's Australian Sailing Centre at Albert Park in Melbourne. An intense 3 days of training on the methodology and interpretation of the Equipment Rules of Sailing. These rules are the overriding rules to the Class rules for all international classes incl IRC and are also used to provide clarification to any non-recognised classes (ie Sabot, Lightweight Sharpies, NS 14). International measurers are a small, almost elite group of administrators upholding some very high standards, A pass in the exam at the end of the seminar would allow you to join their ranks and fulfil the role of Chief Measurer at international events worldwide. Unfortunately I was not successful but having attended the seminar places me in a position to be part of the measurement team at such events or chief measurer at National Championships within Australia or by invitation elsewhere. It was an educational opportunity that I really enjoyed and the networking opportunity with measurers from many classes from all over Aus and NZ was a worthwhile endeavour.

Elsewhere in this edition are details of the many events coming up at the club in the back half of the season. There are many old and new events to choose from so I look forward to catching up with many of our members over the next couple of months. I am always open to your thoughts on our program and events so feel free to have a chat.

See you on the water

Barrie

This year we have a full agenda of projects to be completed and undertaken.

The list at the beginning of the season will include: -

Main Jetty- install galvanic protection and paint new steel piles. Remove the remaining old railway posts and timber piles. Realign the walkway to the fuel berth and complete the installation of the final solar light & power point.

Extend the dinghy shed with an enclosure on "Bobs Nob" to allow storage of rigged dinghies.

Continue the upgrade of existing cradles & scrap those beyond salvaging.

Commence major refurbishment of the "Dalrymple".

Finally, we are commencing the redevelopment of the slipway to bring it up to compliance with the current Environment Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines and have formed a subcommittee to facilitate this process which will be a complex undertaking. The Club has previously signed a Lease with Crown Lands which stipulates we must start the work by March 2020. The first work that needs to be done is, of course, the planning stage to ensure we will, at the end of the project, be compliant. The cost of the project will be beyond the capacity of the Club to fund and we must look to grants and fund raising to complete it. The aim is to be the first slipway on the Tamar River to be environmentally compliant. Watch this space.

As you can see we will be busy this season improving your facilities and your assistance will be required.

We will keep you informed.

Glen Cornish

Rear Commodore



Photo by: Theodore Somissich

# OUT THERE SAILING PROGRAM

LAUNCHED AT PORT DALRYMPLE YACHT CLUB ON SUNDAY 16TH FEB



## **THE OUT THERE SAILING PROGRAM IS A NEW INITIATIVE OF AUSTRALIAN SAILING ESTABLISHED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 THROUGH 17**

It is all about young people:

- Having fun and getting active on the water
- Socialising with friends and making new ones
- Going sailing and also an opportunity to have a go at SUP's and windsurfing
- Learning team skills

PDYC is pleased to be an early supporter of this fantastic program introduced by Australian Sailing and has adopted it as a pathway for youth to get involved on the water with their peer group.

The launch session on Sunday afternoon saw an enthusiastic group of young people including both experienced sailors and newcomers having fun. Working together as a group to get the boats ready and out on the water set the scene. A freshening breeze saw some lively sailing including some unexpected capsizes. However, the group looked out for and helped each other to get everyone safely back to shore. The afternoon

wrapped up with a relaxed wind down and pack up.

The Out There Sailing Program is being implemented by Australian Sailing via accredited Discover Sailing Centres and qualified Instructors. All equipment is provided by PDYC.

The program is flexible for what the daily environment presents and also flexible on the social element in the club environment, be it on the water, on the beach, or in the clubhouse.

Out There Sailing is a great introduction to a variety of sailing sports and skills, with the focus on fun with friends. Participants learn these skills through exciting exercises and put them to good use in fun on water activities. The program offers flexibility to come for a day, or come for four.

Greg Rowsell  
**Principal Instructor**

Port Dalrymple Yacht Club - Discover Sailing Centre  
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# EVENTS

## SUMMER SEASON 2020



### TAMAR MARINE BLOCK-BUSTER WEEKEND

22nd—23rd February 2020



### CLEAN UP AUS DAY

29th February, 10am

Join us for Clean up Australia Day, on the 29th.

We'll be at the club from 10am with the canteen open for lunch.

We have been doing the clean up for the past 2 years and over that time have removed approximately 600kg of rubbish from our shoreline.

### THE CLASSIC

21st March 2020

### WOMEN ON WATER DAY

14th March 2020

### PDYC REGATTA

29th March 2020

### HANSA STATES

The 2020 HANSA Class Tasmania Championships have been run and at Port Dalrymple over the 8th—9th Feb.

With Chris Symonds taking the win with 5 wins and a discard OCS on 5 points.

Rod Viney from Hobart took second on count back from Wynyard's Nichole Symonds, both on 13 points.

On handicap Hobart's Ten Moule took the win, on 19 points from PDYC's Rob Eadie, with Nick Jones from Wynyard, third on 22 points.

Huge thank you to Wynyard YC and Sailability Tas for their support in supplying the HANSA 303 boats for the regatta.



Photo by: Theodore Somissich

### INSURANCE W/ McKILLOPS

Your Club has entered into a sub agent agreement with McKillops Insurance Brokers whereby any Club member can request an obligation free quote for insurance, both personal and commercial (excluding life assurance). In relation to Boat insurance if your craft is over 20 years old you will be required to obtain a condition report as no underwriter will accept a new client without one. Should the Member elect to insure through McKillops the Club will receive a payment equal to 20% of the commis-

sion McKillops receive from the policy. The payment would be on-going for each renewal with McKillops not just the first year. The key is that they would need to mention that they are a Club Member. This is a win-win situation, the Member would pay less for their insurance requirements and the Club would receive a share of the commission from the broker.

So when your next insurance policy falls due contact McKillops on 6331 2066 and ask for Mark Alford for an obligation free quote.



# DISCOVER SAILING REPORT

GREG ROWSELL, PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTOR

## UP-COMING DATES:

Session 4	Sunday 1 March	10.00 – 12.00
Session 5	Sunday 15 March	10.00 – 12.00
Session 6	Sunday 22 March	10.00 – 12.00



## PDYC DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE & JUNIOR SAILING

The main action for the first half of the season has been our pre-Xmas Learn to Sail Program encompassing Tackers and also Youth sailors. This has again been a success with 27 registered participants. The program has been held across six Sunday mornings once a fortnight. It has certainly been busy with a number of newcomers starting.

Each session has been held despite some days being windier than we would have liked. Fortunately, our training area in front of the club is still relatively sheltered in the westerly frontal weather.

The final session was on held on Sunday 15th December followed by a sausage sizzle and certificate presentation.

With our increased numbers, all our Optis and Sabots are being put to good use. At the start of the season we acquired three more used fibreglass Sabots to meet demand. We also acquired another Pacer dinghy giving us two for use in youth and adult training.

On Saturday 30th November, PDYC hosted a one day Sabot regatta on behalf of the Tasmanian Sabot Sailing Association. Competitors travelled from Hobart and the NW coast to join our local sailors. The regatta included a “Green Fleet” for new sailors and it was very pleasing to see five sailors from our Learn to Sail group compete in this division. This was a fantastic effort in what was a fairly windy day and augers well for the future.

Thanks to all those who have helped out so far this season, either behind the scenes with boat maintenance, launching and retrieving safety/instructor boats, manning the boats, registration and finance, coffee and food, and of course instructing. In particular our youth assistant instructors who are now taking a lead role in program delivery.

Newcomers are most welcome.

For more information please contact:

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# NOTICE BOARD

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS, FEBRUARY 2020

### SAILABILITY

Don't forget Sailability is always looking for help , running every second week out of Launceston Seaport.If you are interested in helping out you can contact me on the details below and I can let you know more about how we operate.

**Bob Silberberg OAM**  
Northern Coordinator  
Sailability Tasmania  
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Phone :- 0417 583 866

### 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. The position only, is allocated, with the mooring tackle 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.

### TENDER BAYS

We're doing an audit on our records and would request that anyone using the tender bays call or text Ben Greatbatch on 0427 040 280 or email bgreatba@gmail.com with the bay number they are using.

Also a reminder that all equipment is required to have either owners or boat name clearly displayed. If the owners don't come forward to claim their spot we may need to look at removing or locking the dinghies.



# THUNDERSTORMS

Most of us that sail will at some point find ourselves on the water in or near a thunderstorm.

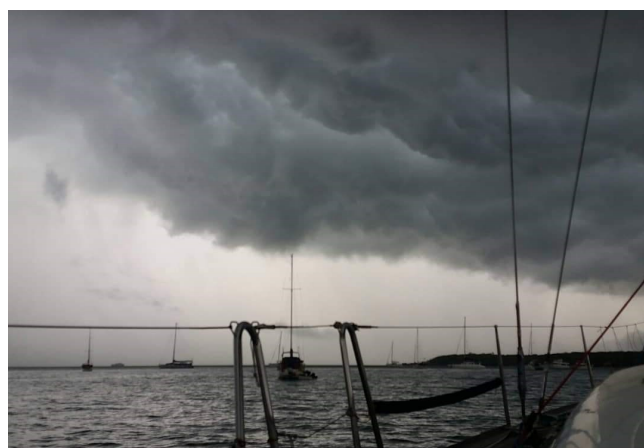
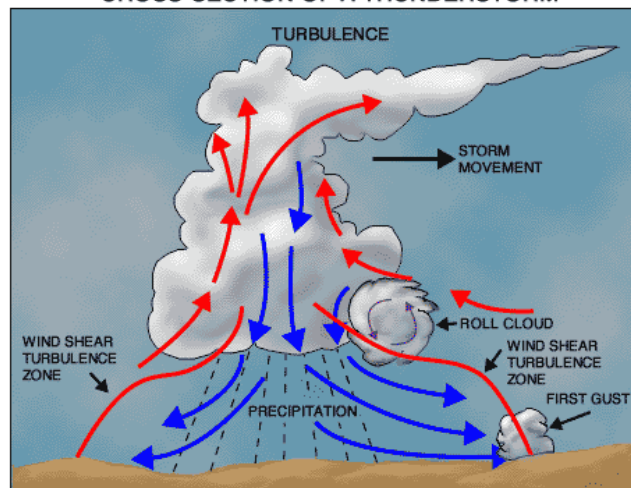
Thunderstorms result from the rapid upward movement of warm, moist air, sometimes along a front. As the warm, moist air moves upward, it cools, condenses, and forms a cumulonimbus cloud that can reach heights of over 20 kilometres. As the rising air reaches its dew point temperature, water vapour condenses into water droplets or ice, reducing pressure locally within the thunderstorm cell. Any precipitation falls the long distance through the clouds towards the Earth's surface. As the droplets fall, they collide with other droplets and become larger. The falling droplets create a downdraft as it pulls cold air with it, and this cold air spreads out at the Earth's surface, occasionally causing strong winds that are commonly associated with thunderstorms.

Thisgirl sails at Peel Island, Brisbane Qld captured and shared some great images of the passage of a Thunderstorm, she writes

We get these EPIC thunderstorms where we are in Queensland. This one tonight was stunning to watch. We were just on the outside but still got a bit of rain, wind, thunder and lightning. There was no wind, then a cold breeze came through the anchorage and it was on! Crazy . #thisgirl sails @ Peel Island, Brisbane Qld

In this image the roll cloud is clearly visible, shelf cloud above that, with downdrafts bringing squally rain to the headland in the distance. Note the lack of wind at the sea surface.

CROSS-SECTION OF A THUNDERSTORM



The underbelly of the storm cloud, dark and foreboding, with the scrappy downward dappling called Mammantus. Common in thunderstorms the mechanisms behind Mammantus are not totally clear, but there is sinking air behind it. Some breeze now evident on water, with a hard black line on the horizon.



# THUNDERSTORMS CONT.

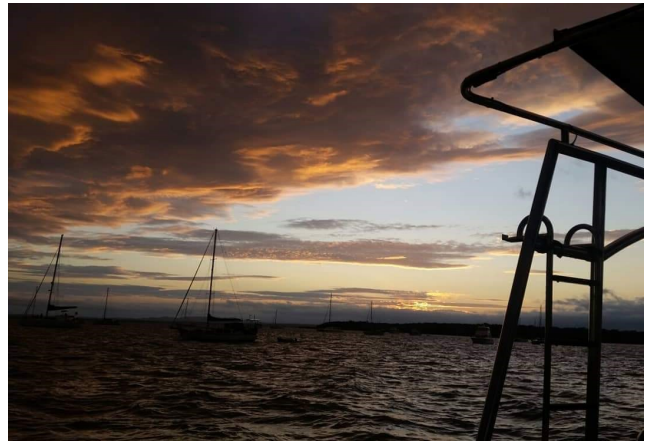
Moments later, the growing wind quite visible with the squall and gust front approaching



This picture probably shows the border between the warm air being ploughed up by the gust front and the cold descending air carrying the rain.



Its on! Straight up to 60 knots plus! Visibility drops. Temperature drops. Rain and or hail bangs down. The sea state changes rapidly. You most certainly don't want to be caught out unawares in this.



Aftermath. You can be excused for thinking whats all the fuss about? The Thunderstorm moves on or morphs to another state, leaving traces in the high clouds on sunset. The moored boats take up a new line into a new breeze and things turn to a peaceful state.

I would like to thank #thisgirlsails @ Peel Island, Brisbane Qld for her inciteful pictures and invite anyone that has any sailing weather pictures to get them to the Editor of Semaphore. We love them!

## CANTEEN

The canteen has been running along nicely. Numbers have been around the 40 mark each Wednesday night for our BBQ following the CNW sponsored mid week series. Our final night is this coming Wednesday night with the return of the McRymple burger with a couple of enhancements.

We conducted a meal on the Saturday night of the Hansa State Titles downstairs on the lawn. The weather Gods looked upon us favourably and we received some amazing feedback from our visiting guests.

Our next big function will be the Blockbuster weekend with a meal on the Saturday night. I guarantee no one will walk away hungry. However we are looking for some more assistance in the canteen so if anyone is available please contact me even if it's only for an hour or even during the evening.

Lastly I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped me out so far this season.

Amanda McElwee  
Canteen Co-Ordinator  
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