



MYCT Newsletter

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What do you think??? **Club Support through a No Cost Option.**

Over the past nine months The Board has been working hard developing a strategic plan and providing improved facilities for all members of the club.

These improvements cannot be funded from subscriptions alone, it is therefore necessary to raise additional funding through other sources such as social events, bar trade and trials. We also rely significantly on the generosity of many loyal sponsors.

We have 140 boats berthed in our marina and many of the boat owners and crews rarely grace the inner sanctum of the clubhouse or attend any social functions. It is disappointing for sponsors & organizers when the social activities are supported by the same few faces year in, year out.

The Board is looking at all avenues to encourage members to support the club and its activities. A number of suggestions have been made. For some time now we have worked hard on the premise that the social arm of the club should endeavour to offer the sort of functions which members will enjoy and support. This endeavour is dependent on members giving us feedback and making suggestions. So please let us know what will make you keen to participate.

A variety of suggestions have already come forward along the theme of finding ways for all to contribute to the growth and development of the club.

- Some members of the club have suggested that these members should be paying a premium for their boat parking space, as they are not contributing to the overall growth of the club.
- Another suggestion which has been made is that, as we have a waiting list of potential members interested in obtaining a berth, we should consider only offering berths to those applicants who demonstrate a genuine interest in the club.
- Another is to impose a levy on all members. On payment of the levy the member would be issued with a voucher that is redeemable at the club for goods or services other than subscriptions ie. Entrance fees to club functions, or trials, fuel, meals or drink purchases over the bar.

The Board is seriously considering the last of the three suggestions above. What is attractive about this suggestion is that those members who already participate in the club activities and use the bar facilities will not be disadvantaged because they will redeem their vouchers at the first couple events of they attend.

Members, who have not in the past been involved in club activities will be able to recoup the cost on goods and/or services that, in all likelihood, would have been purchased elsewhere.

It really is a no cost option and a great way to support the club.

The Board has been considering this proposal for some time and I would welcome your thoughts and ideas through the suggestion box, or by e-mail.

Rob Foale - Commodore

Around Bruny Pioneer Salute **Sponsored by** **Bennett's Petroleum Services**

On 26th January a fleet of 14 boats set off for our eighth Round Bruny Pioneer Salute.

The weather despite some early nasty forecasts turned out to be fine and the seas flat. The start was off Nutgrove Beach and proceeded past Long Beach to provide a spectacle for the crowds attending the Sandy Bay Regatta.

The first day's course was, with the exception of a dog leg over to White Rock, a fairly direct course to our first night's anchorage at the SE corner of Adventure Bay. Although there was no organized activity that night, judging by the noise emanating from some boats everyone had a great time. Placegetters in the navigation trail were Mike Geeves – *Canopus* 1st, George Chambers – *Brookwood* 2nd and Lou Garnham *Latura* 3rd.

The second day dawned overcast with 10 knot breeze from the northwest and less than 1m swell – almost ideal conditions for going around the bottom of Bruny. With no trial on, boats cruised at their leisure to our next destination, Dover. That night a fine time was had by everyone at the Dover RSL.

The next day the weather was again kind with virtually no wind and flat waters - ideal for a navigation trial. When planning the course our intention had been to get boats out of the southern channel quickly in case the weather was ordinary – as it was the fleet meandered up the channel. Unfortunately Mike Geeves on *Canopus* encountered gearbox problems and Bryan Rumley on *Waireka 2* kindly retired from the trial and towed Mike to Barnes Bay – a great pity because both were doing very well in the trial up to that point. Trial results for Day 3 were Simon Connor - *Sea Hawk 1st*, Rudi van Dort - *Impetuous 2nd* and Lou Garnham - *Latura 3rd*.

That night at Barnes Bay we were joined by several more boats and everyone thoroughly enjoyed a great meal and night aboard the *MV Cartela*. Everyone that is except the gentleman who, when going back to his boat attempted to step into a fourth dinghy tied alongside Cartela – there were only three!

Day four and everyone headed for home. Results overall for the navigation trial were Simon Connor - *Sea Hawk 1st*, Lou Garnham - *Latura 2nd* and Rudi van Dort - *Impetuous 3rd*.

I would like to thank my co-organizers Di and Patrick Petersen and Carol and Bernard Perriman. A big thank you to our sponsors particularly major sponsor **Bennett's Petroleum** – 1500litres diesel donated - and our other sponsors listed below.

Barry Woods - Chairman – Organizing Committee

Anchor Wetsuits	Bernie's Car Wash	Carpet Choice
Total Flooring	The Carpet Company	Ralph King
Petersen's Industrial Paint Supplies		Floyed Agencies

Coming Events

June 24th	Ozmas Dinner
June 25th	"Cougar Rum & Cola"
	Bridge to Bridge Time Trial
July 23rd	"Cougar Rum & Cola"
	Betsey Island Classic

Social Committee Report

Cray Bake

Our Annual Cray Bake held last November proved to be a very successful night. A big thank you to the helpers who collected the crays and spent most of the day cooking them and to the kitchen hands who prepared the meals and did the clean up.

Children's Christmas Party

Santa arrived at the MYCT on Patrick & Diane Petersons boat "Encounter". He was immediately swamped by 35 children and was very busy handing out the presents and entertaining the children. Well done to Santa Long who coped admirably with the ambush.

Progressive Boat Dinner

The Progressive Dinner was held on March 6th. Lindisfarne Sailing Club was the venue for appetizers and all participants enjoyed the hospitality provided by John Mills and his crew. Next stop was the Derwent Sailing Squadron for Entrée and then back to the MYCT for main course and sweets.

Thursday Night Club night is becoming more and more popular with current and new members alike. The Members jackpot is proudly sponsored by Paul Rafter's Barber Shop in Lindisfarne. Currently the jackpot stands at \$380. Come along, enjoy a good night and have the opportunity to win the jackpot.

More helpers are needed for Thursday night's raffles. If you would like to become a helper please contact me or the Office and put your name down.

Diane Peterson Rear Commodore

House Committee Report

Since the last newsletter there has been a number of committee meetings and a wide range of initiatives identified and

prioritised.

The no smoking regulations came into place 1st January 2006 and so far have been accepted well by all members. Plans are in place to provide a covered external smoking area before winter.

There has been approval to replace the existing dining chairs with up 80 new chairs.

The function room lighting has been upgraded to provide lighting that creates a far better atmosphere for functions.

Other areas improved are the Riviera Office area re-furbished, upstairs toilet repainted and new bar divider installed.

Further projects for action are as follows: clubhouse air-conditioning, extension of top car park, increased storage, Commodore Room barrier wall and pantry relocation, downstairs toilet refurbishment.

If you have any ideas that will improve the clubhouse and its services, please do not hesitate to come and chat to us.

Victor Ernst , Graeme Floyed, Barry Harding, Tim Hull (Chairman), Carol Perriman, Bryan Rumley, Douglas Walker, Andrew Weston, Barry Woods.

Two Years For Free

In the near future subscription accounts for 2006/07 will be rendered.

These accounts are due to be paid by 1 July 2006.

Financial membership status, apart from anything else, is a prerequisite to vote in any election at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

It goes without saying that early payment greatly assists the club in managing its financial affairs, and reduces follow up administrative costs, to the benefit of all members.

As an added incentive for early payment, all financial members as at 1 July, both Full and Social, will be eligible to win two years annual membership subscription.

The winning member will be drawn at the AGM.

Anchor Wet Suits - 10-80 Cruise

18th 19th February



Once again, this years cruise to the "valley of love" New Norfolk was a resounding success, with a capacity crowd at the Bush Inn hotel and with 18 boats on the river.

Over \$1200 was raised from the event. The proceeds are going towards the purchase of new chairs for the dining room. The weather was perfect, again, and by all reports, everyone had a wonderful time, both on the Saturday night at the Bush Inn and the BBQ breakfast on Sunday morning. We have had many comments from participants that they will be coming along next year.

The participating boats were

BAREEBA, DUBBO, GEORGIA, HAPPY OURS, HINDSIGHT, IMPETUOUS, JOYSUN, KAPEL KITA, LATURE, MIRRABOOKA, NIBBSIE, QUARTET, TAMARE, TON O FUN, VA KA TION, XPONENTIAL, ZARLU.

There were many highlights and a few adventures to recall. A couple of groundings, a couple of rescues, No names will be mentioned suffice to say that the guilty parties were reminded constantly of their adventures by the other participants.

Thanks to Stuart and Nicki Prosser for their kind donation for the auction of a dinner for two (food and wine) at Prosser's On the Beach.

On behalf of Rudi and I, we wish to thank all participants in the 2006 10/80 Fleet Cruise to New Norfolk, and look forward to having you all join us again next year. As you all know, numbers are limited, so it will be first in best dressed.

Rudi & Leonie Van Dort



WELCOME TO THE MARINA



And Bar,
5-Year Marina Lease Extension Available

An important aspect of the club's financial management plan is maintenance of the balance between annual and long-term marina leases.

The rationale is quite simple. Revenue from annual and casual leases is directed towards recurrent operating expenses.

Revenue from long-term leases is used to pay down debt and/or invest in infrastructure.

Bookings Essential.

In the current year a number of five year leases will roll over with the leaseholders being offered the option to extend for a further five years.

Please phone the Club to reserve your table.

In the event that any berth holder chooses not to renew for five years, it is open for any other berth-holder to opt for a five-year extension; thus maintaining the balance referred to above.

The up front cost is the existing annual berth rate multiplied by five. Please contact General Manager Mark Chivers for details.

The advantage to the berth holder is that future annual cost adjustments are avoided, and, perhaps more importantly, the value of the asset is locked in at a price many would argue is significantly below market value.

Berth holders are invited to register their interest on a strictly "*first in, first served*" basis.
