



MYCT Newsletter

April 2005

Club News

Marina Extension

The club has accepted a design proposal from Bellingham Marine for the construction of the Marina Extension. The plans have been submitted to the Clarence Council for Building Approval. The Piling Barge has been confirmed for late May and construction of the pontoons will commence in early June for transportation to the MYCT. We are hopeful of completing the works by the middle of July.

Marina Gates

New locks have been fitted to the Marina Gates on Arms 1, 2 & 3 which allow marina users to exit the marina without a key. The Gate to Arm 4 needs some minor repair work before the locks can be changed. As there are now no reasons for the gates to be propped open Members are asked to ensure the Gates are kept closed at all times, to ensure the safety of boats and equipment.

Dinghies on the Marina

Marina berth holders are reminded that the marina rules state quite clearly that no dinghies or fishing gear are to be stored on the marina arms. Berth holders would realise this regulation was imposed to ensure all marina users can use the facility safely and without hindrance

Fuel Jetty

Until further notice a load limit of has been imposed on the Fuel Jetty. The Committee is currently obtaining quotes to commence stage 1 of the rebuilding program to ensure the long term safety of the jetty and to increase the load limit. If members require to use the jetty to pick up or off load equipment, permission should be sought from the Bosun or the Manager

Access to the Boat Ramp

The Boat Ramp is for the exclusive use of **Full Members only**. Under the Rules of the Club only Full Members are permitted use of the Marina and Facilities. If you are a Social Member and have acquired a boat recently, you should apply to upgrade to Full Membership to allow full use of the Marina Facilities. Members are also asked to display their current Membership Sticker on their Trailer or Vehicle so that Club Officers are able to verify whether the user is a Member of the Club.

Marina No Wash Zone

A 50 metre No Wash Zone exists around the Marina. Members are requested to observe speed limits and abide by this rule. The No Wash Zone is necessary to ensure that no undue stresses are placed on the Marina structure and to protect the safety of other Marina users.

COMING EVENTS:

THE GRAHAM FAMILY FUNERALS

TIME TRIAL, FISHING COMPETITION & CAMPFIRE NIGHT

30 April - 1 May

The Graham Family Funerals Time Trial, Fishing Competition & Camp Fire Night is a fun event for members, held on the weekend of the 30 April, 1 May. Entrants will compete in a time trial over a designated course on the Derwent River & D'Entrecasteaux Channel. A fishing competition will be held, with points for the biggest or best fish counting towards the final results. The winners will be announced at the Camp Fire presentation.

The Tasmanian Boating, Leisure and Water Sports Expo 19 - 20 November 2005

Initial enquiries are that we will have the same difficulties as last year in accommodating all intending exhibitors for this years Boating, Leisure and water Sports Expo.

Two significant developments since last year are as follows:

- The Expo has now been registered by Events Tasmania which gives us added status as an event of State significance.
- The Clarence City Council has been consulted and has indicated a keen interest in supporting the Expo.

The process for Registration will be on a first in basis, as we believe that this is the fairest way we can endeavor to accommodate Exhibitors.

Coming Events and Club Calendar

April 2005

- 2-3 Australian Offshore Powerboat Series – Boats on display MYCT Friday and Saturday
- 2nd Powerboat Dinner – Clubhouse
- 5th Mens Probus Meeting
- 8th Private Function
- 9th Private Function
- 11th Womens Probus
- 16-17 Formula 1 Superboat Series
- 30th/1st May Graham Family Funerals Fishing & Campfire Weekend - Duckpond

May 2005

- 1st Graham Family Funerals Fishing & Campfire Weekend
- 3rd Mens Probus
- 4th Private Function
- 9th Ladies Probus
- 15th Commemoration Day Trial
- 18th Quiz Night – To be confirmed

June 2005

- 6th Ladies Probus
- 7th Mens Probus
- 11-12-13 Queens Birthday Weekend
- 11-12 Dinahs on the Derwent - Granton Circuit
- 17th Private Function
- 18th Private Function
- 19th Bridge to Bridge Trial

July 2005

- 3rd MYCT Sunday Brunch – To be confirmed
- 5th Mens Probus
- 11th Ladies Probus
- 17th Cascade Betsey Island Classic

August 2005

- 2nd Mens Probus
- 6th MYCT Beer & Prawn Night
- 8th Ladies Probus
- 16th MYCT AGM

MYCT BOSUN

Members are reminded that the Bosun is available to perform maintenance and minor repair work. A very competitive hourly charge out rate will be applied. Enquiries can be made through the Office.

E- MAIL

If you want to be kept up to date with the happenings around the Club why not send us your email address. Maintaining our databases is a big job and we are asking for your help. If you are not on the clubs e-mail list and would like to receive notices and newsletters direct please either e-mail the club at myct@bigpond.net.au or simply phone them on

HAPPENINGS:

MISS MYCT 2005

Well !!! What a spectacular event, what entertainment, what laughter!

The Inaugural Miss MYCT 2005 was held on the 19th March and was a superb evenings entertainment. the standard of contestants was flawless, their attire stunning and their behaviour well not quite to the same standard!



The evening started with a gorgeous array of swimwear.



The stunning display included an interesting view of G-string bathers by Simone the very fashionable one piece, modelled with so much style by Bernadette and Nigella with the popular string bikini



The evening section was just as riveting.. with envious fashions gracing the catwalk. Pricilla with her "to die for 7 inch heels" and glittering presence Barry "Auntie Jack" holding the audience captive with her show as well as the Phantom with her interesting display

RSL entrant Geoff McMullen literally came dresses for the occasion, although we are not sure what the cab driver thought.



All Contestants were gracefully escorted by male model of one year Ken "barbies mate" Dobie

The very hard decision of the "best Girl of the night" was determined by the audience (who had spectacular views of some!)



And the Winners were:

**Miss MYCT Swimwear 2005 -
Simone Connor**

**Miss MYCT Evening Wear 2005 -
Priscilla Debnam**

A very big thanks to the other contestants without who the night would not be::

Bernadette Perriman
Jim 'Nigella' Cotton
Rod 'Paris Hilton' Matthews
Ernie 'The Phantom'
Greg Smith
Barry 'Auntie Jack Woods'
Geoff McMullen



A special thanks for all the tireless helpers, Carol Perriman, Vicki Connor, Mel Connor, Matt Debnam & Crew - All helping to raise \$550 to go towards furniture for the Club
Miss MYCT 2006 is in the planning with more fun guaranteed!
Can the boys keep the crown, who will fight them for it???

TASCON FUN RUN

13th February 2005



The Tascon Fun Run held on Sunday 13th February was one of the most successful family days, held by the club, in recent years. 20 boats and 130 people joined in the fun of the day which commenced with a game of boat poker on the way to Richardsons Beach. This was followed by egg & spoon races, father & son races and three legged races. Conditions were near perfect and first time trial entrants Jason and Anita Cubit family and friends on Wild Goose and the Russell family on Hindsight were awarded equal first place in the Poker Run and all entrants received rewards for participating in the beach activities.



AUSTRALIAN OFFSHORE POWERBOATS

Crew survives 185kmh Powerboat Crash



April 4, 2005 - 2:52PM



Tony Low was pulled unconscious from his upturned boat, Smorgon Steel, after it flipped during the third heat of the Australian Offshore Powerboat Championships.

The Dandenong businessman - the boat's throttle operator - was taken to the Royal Hobart Hospital after suffering head injuries in the accident.

His driver and fellow Melbourne businessman Simon Isherwood broke several bones including his collarbone and ribs.

Australian Offshore Powerboat Club Rear Commodore Russell Embleton said the accident was just "one of those things".

"They had reached the rougher end of the course and obviously just caught a wave or a wave's caught the boat and it rolled sideways and landed on its roof," he said.

The million-dollar Smorgon Steel was travelling at about 100 nautical miles per hour (185 kmh) when the accident occurred - almost halfway through the first lap of the 10-lap heat.

Low and Isherwood had about 50 years' combined racing experience and Rear Commodore Embleton said they were "giving it a good crack" when the boat flipped.

The accident forced organisers to cancel the remaining heats of the championship's third round.

"We contemplated restarting but obviously when something like that happens that involves the rescue boats and the rescue divers to set things up again and make sure that everyone's got a fresh mind and total concentration," Rear Commodore Embleton said.

"I judged that that was probably unlikely to be able to be the case."

Extract from the Log Book

Stephens Bay



The Gorge – Davey River

WAIREKA 11

PORT DAVEY TRIP 06/03/05 – 20/03/05

Captain – Bryan Rumley

Crew: - John Behrens, Cyril Butters, Paul Wignall, Graeme Fitzpatrick, Graeme Rumley.

Barry McCann will fly in and join us next week

6th March, Sunday

1045 hours: - We have departed the MYCT jetty after finishing loading the last of our food, etc. (we sure won't go thirsty or hungry). Forecast not really good for the next couple of days so we will just have to wait and see. Current weather – Mild with S.W winds around 10 knots.

1230 hours: - Rounded Pierson's Point, wind picking up to around 20 knots but we are still maintaining our 8 knots. Crew all well.

1530 hours: - Arrived Partridge Island. Wind S/W. Cool, with rain to the West over Dover and Recherche. John and Cyril set net.

1930 hours: - Wonderful meal of fresh trumpeter caught off the point at Partridge as entrée and scallops for main. A very enjoyable way to start the trip. Forecast is not great but very quiet here tonight

7th March 2005, Monday: - Partridge Island.

Weather cool, overcast, S/W wind 5-8 knots. Crew had a quiet night's sleep and we plan to go to Recherche if all are well.

8.30 hours: - Depart and head for Recherche. Weather pretty ordinary, rain and showers around the hills, N/W wind 5-8 knots, 7/10 cloud. Off the top of the Island we caught ½ dozen couta – great stuff! All's well until we get to around Southport area where we encountered S/W winds on the nose 25-30 knots. Sea's picking up with plenty of rain – not much of a day. Arrived Recherche 1030 hours and put our pick down in the Coal Bins. The latest forecast is for SSW to 35, swell 3-4 metres. Renewal of strong wind warning. Doesn't sound good for the next few days. Later in the day Bryan and Cyril went to the abalone shop and returned with a good selection for a meal. John and Cyril set a couple of craypots around the corner of the bay.

2130 - Crew in their bunks after a nice dinner of fresh abs,couta and a few ports.

8th March 2005, Tuesday - Recherche Bay.

0700 hours: - Weather cool, overcast, N/W 5 knots in the bay, light showers, not real bright day. Blind Reef is breaking very heavily so there must still be a big sea running up the coast. Cyril and Graeme pulled the pots for nil. Breakfast, then a walk along to Cockle Creek to fill in a couple of hours. Visited the cemetery, information centre etc. and talked to the ranger and some of the locals. Had a good tourist guide amongst us anyway – Cyril gave us a very knowledgeable commentary on the history of the area. Returned to ship at 1150. 1600 hours:- Have been ashore again, lit a fire and just all sat around and had a couple of cold ales, was going to cook corned beef for dinner but got out the wrong meat out (roast pork) so will just have a scratch meal tonight. Bryan and Graeme set the pots again.

2200 Lights out

9th March 2005, Wednesday – Recherche Bay (The Bins)

0900 hours: - Weather mild, S/W 5 knots, overcast. Graeme pulled the pots and caught 2 size crays. Uncertain as to our future plans as forecast uncertain but we shall wait and see. All went ashore and walked to Catamaran and Glen Moss, good walk with interesting shacks, thick bush and a surprising number of tourists. Returned to ship at 1220 in bright sunshine, a very pleasant time of the day although there are still some good scuds passing through. Cyril went visiting his snobby mates (yachties) – left the pork cooking in the fry pan. Returned 1610, hit brain on rail, yelled as if deaded, and has whined (not wine) since... All crew have been previously well warned in regards to the hatch over the main entry i.e. if it is raining we lower the hatch to prevent water coming into the boat and making the stairs wet, all persons entering or leaving the cabin must lower head sufficiently so as to avoid contact between hatch and head, failure to do so will result in severe pain. Bearing this in mind at about 2200 hours Cyril said ***...?! the door. We seem to have been here before. Crew appeared very sympathetic and offered words of thoughtful encouragement. Cyril appeared sceptical as to the degree of empathy displayed by crew. Very astute is our Cyril!

2230 Weather calm, light rain. Crew enjoyed a nice baked dinner and a game of cards and are now going to their bunks.

10th March 2005, Thursday – Recherche Bay.

0500 hours:- Weather cool, wind N/W 10 knots. We are underway for a try at Davey.

0630 hours we are only at Whale Head, Wind 20 - 30 knots S/W and we are returning back to Recherche as there is still a good sea making we reckon it will be worse on the South Coast.

0715 Anchored back at what has been home for the past 4 days, weather mild, light rain. Bryan has been for a walk to Cockle creek and has returned with three couta given to him by one of the campers. These went down great for lunch.

1400 hours: - Have moved over to the beach for a change of scenery. Wind now N/W-W 20 knots. Have loaded dinghy and made ready for another try for Davey in the morning. Had a water problem with the Onan (blockage – would you believe a crab in the sea cock fitting); Bryan and Paul had a bugger of a job fixing it. Had a nice dinner of Corned beef and vegies. Crew will have an early night I think.

11th March 2005, Friday - Recherche Bay.

0620 hours:- Weighed anchor after an early breakfast in preparation for the long day ahead. Weather is looking good and we have made good progress in light conditions. Whale Head abeam at 0715.

08.45 We were off South Cape with 15 knots and 2 metre swell.

1230 Abeam of SW Cape – breeze has picked up to 20+ knots and a very confused sea off the headland.

1430 Off the Carolines, have passed the very spectacular Pyramids. Most impressive part of the coast, there is a good sea running and lots of white water about. Wind now 20 - 30 knots from the west with a 1.5 - 2 metre sea. Occasional rings of bell with the violent boat motion.

1500 Entering Port Davey after travelling 8.5 hours and now proceeding at a steady 5+ knots. At this point there is a break in the weather with bright sunshine which we haven't seen all day. The surrounding hills and mountains are very spectacular. The crew are all well and looking forward to some quiet water in Bond Bay for the night.

12th March 2005, Saturday - Bond Bay.

0900 Fresh trumpeter for breakfast after a successful short set of the nets before dusk last night. Following breakfast we put both dinghies in the water and emergency rations for a run up the Davey River. This is a most spectacular place with wonderful gorges and steep rock formations. A most enjoyable experience and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the magnificent scenery. Weather overcast but quite warm, light S/W wind up to 5 knots.

1415 - Underway to pick up the pots and nets then over to Schooner Cove for the night. On the way we checked out Waterfall Bay and the facility for taking on fresh water - a very good set up.

2200 - Crew in bed, weather fine, NE wind 5-8 knots.

13th March 2005, Sunday - Schooner Cove.

Weather lovely, clear sky, light NE wind, looks like a perfect start to the day. Pulled the pots for 1 cray - not real good. After breakfast Bryan, Paul and Graeme Fitz decided to climb Schooner Hill. What a fantastic outlook over Breaksea Island and the surrounding landscape. We will head up toward Melaleuca Inlet when they return.

1030 - Left Schooner Cove for an exploration of Bathurst Harbour. A wonderful morning with blue skies and no breeze, wonderful reflections of mountain ranges, especially Mt Rugby. Called into Claytons Lagoon, tied up to the **new** jetty and spent a wonderful time at the old home. Great to see National Parks doing a great job of maintaining this special part of the history of this area.

1300 - Arrived at Melaleuca Inlet and moored alongside Rallinga, Peter Wilson's boat, which carries the tin he mines here to Hobart. (we were later asked to move from this location to the public jetty as this is a privately owned facility)

1400 - Graeme Fitz. was flying out so we walked the snake track to the airstrip, a walk of about 30 mins. Rough going and as Albert, the National Parks ranger, later advised us that he was staggered that we had not met with at least 5 or 6 snakes as the track is little used these days and avoided by the locals.

2300 - John is flying out tomorrow so we had a few farewell drinks before retiring for the night.

14th March 2005 - Melaleuca Inlet.

John safely on his way home and Barry McCann has now joined us for the rest of the trip. Weather cool, overcast, NW wind. A light shower this morning but not too bad.

1700 - Underway for Clayton's Corner after a coffee with Albert a look around Denny King's home and Peter Wilson's tin mine, etc. Tied to the jetty and topped up our tanks with fresh water another good night and all are going to bed. We have Warren Aird and crew next to us at the jetty, his boat "High Fibre".

15th March 2005, Tuesday - Clayton's Corner.

Weather cool and overcast, calm, had a shower or two overnight. Some of the crew going for a walk up the hill behind Clayton's house, then we may go out into Bathurst Harbour for the night.

0945 - Bryan, Barry and Paul climbed Mt Beattie (955 ft). Good track with small pockets of rainforest punctuating the button grass. Large eucalypts, myrtle and celery top pine were evident in deeper gullies along with minor species. The view from the top was panoramic in the extreme with the Bathurst Channel and beyond into Port Davey making up the western vista, Mt Rugby and Bathurst Harbour the Northern view, and Melaleuca Channel and Inlet in the foreground of the Eastern and Southern panorama. The return was capped off nicely with a hurried coffee before partaking in more appropriate refreshment at around 1130 hours.

1400 - Underway for Bramble Cove and a bit of fishing perhaps. Weather cold, showers, NW 5-10, overcast. All's well. Crew morale very good.

1640 - Cyril's door has claimed Barry and Graeme in last 10 minutes. Cyril gave a small chuckle. Perhaps the previous display of concern at Cyril's misfortune was misplaced. Skipper appears to have also run aground on Cyril's door. Crew exchanged furtive glances and quiet chuckles but were reluctant to brave issue with skipper. Skipper advised that he hit door intentionally with hand not his head. Jury is out on that one.

1715 - Cyril announced he was going to venture outside 3(three) people reminded him to mind his head on the door.

1716 - Cyril belted his head on the door not sure what to say!

2300 - Weather cold, light winds. After a great baked lamb dinner its now lights out.

16th March 2005, Wednesday - Schooner Cove.

Weather mild, calm, 7/10 cloud. Finished breakfast and will leave for Bond Bay shortly to set the nets and take Barry up the Davey River. All's well.

1030 - Anchored at Payne Bay, crew having a coffee before Barry, Bryan and Paul go up the Davey River for a look. Cyril and John will set the nets later. On this occasion we carried the dinghy above the rapids and continued further up the river for about another mile. The views are breathtaking with more gorges, rock formations and pristine scenery. We have taken some great photos and I hope that the camera can capture the serenity of the area as it really is.

1600 - Underway for Bond Bay, weather cool, light NW wind.

2300 - Have finished dinner (BBQ T-bones, etc) and crew going to their bunks.

17th March 2005, Thursday - Bond Bay.

0845 - Weather cold, light showers, N wind 5 knots. Forecast good with light winds. Pulled pots for nil, had breakfast and underway for Spain Bay.

1600 - Weather warmed up a bit, light sea breeze. We have all been ashore for a walk around the beach. Met up with Warren and his crew off "High Fibre" again. Bryan and Paul had a successful dive for abalone. Pulled nets for 6 nice trumpeter and reset pots.

2230 - Lights out after a very enjoyable abalone entrée and roast chicken dinner.

18th March 2005, Friday - Spain Bay.

Weather fine and mild, clear sky, light SE wind. Barry and Cyril pulled pots for 4 crays, reset. Today we will go for a walk over to Stephens Beach which is on the ocean side of the coast and looks out over the Pyramids. It is about 45 minutes walk each way and the walk along the beach is about 3 miles long, this walk is well worth the effort and makes one feel privileged to have had the opportunity to see such untouched natural beauty.

1800 - Have pulled the gear and reset pots for 1 cray and a dozen trumpeter.

2230 - In our bunks after a very enjoyable meal of fresh fish.

19th March 2005, Saturday - Spain Bay.

Weather mild, 10/10 overcast, light NW wind 5 knots. Pulled pots for 5 size cray, had breakfast and underway for Recherche Bay. All's well. Departed Spain Bay 0745. Abeam SW Cape 0945 – great conditions, light wind NW, almost calm sea. 1345 - Abeam SE Cape and soon after catching a feed of couta (we pulled the pin at about a dozen or so) – great to see full size couta in our waters again. Anchored at the Bins 1645 hours after a very pleasant and peaceful cruise around. 2230 – Crew getting ready for their bunks after a very enjoyable couta and crayfish dinner.

20th March 2005, Sunday - The Bins (Recherche Bay).

Weather - showery, 10/10 overcast, windy. Have had breakfast and are on our way for MYCT.
1000 - Police boarded ship at Southport to check our licences, fish and gear. All okay.
1100 - Abeam Partridge Island. Weather now fine, cool with light N breeze.
1515 – Back at the MYCT marina.

SUMMARY

A very good trip, the weather was great after the first three days with some very good days at Port Davey. The natural scenery and ambience of the entire area was spectacular. The trip up the Davey River to the Gorge was without a doubt one of the highlights of the trip. The boat and all equipment operated OK, the fishing was good. Catering and comfort on "Waureka 11" first class. Morale was great – all in all, perfect. Many thanks to Bryan for the opportunity to share in a very enjoyable cruise on a great boat and a happy crew of many and varied talents.

Tales from the Engine Room

Sailing to a Sale

A young lad applied for a salesman's job at a local Boat Chandler's store. the boss liked him and gave him a try out in the Chandlery Shop.

At the end of his first day, the boss came to the young lad and asked

"How many chandlery sales did you make today?"

"One" replied the young lad.

"Only one?" blurted the boss, "Most of my staff make many sales in a day. How much was your one sale worth?"

"Two hundred thousand dollars" said the young lad.

"How did you manage that?" asked the flabbergasted boss.

"Well" said the young lad, "This guy came in and I sold him a shackle and some rope. I chatted to him about his sailing and he said he wanted to sail down the river over the weekend. I said he would probably need a boat, so I took him over to the boat sales and sold him a new trailer-sailer with all the extras. Then he said his car probably wouldn't tow it, so I sold him a u-beaut 4x4."

The boss took two steps back and asked him in astonishment " You sold that to a guy who came in for a shackle and rope?"

"No" answered the young lad, " He had been sent out by his wife to buy some aspirins. They had been in a heated argument and as a parting shot she had shouted after him "I've got a headache now that's going to last all weekend, your weekends shot with me, you might as well go sailing."

Weddings, Parties.....Anything

The MYCT Clubhouse is ideal for all styles of functions from corporate seminars to birthdays, special occasion celebrations and weddings.

The MYCT are pleased to announce that we are now handling all booking enquiries for the Lindisfarne Sailing Club House. We are now able to offer clients the option of catered or self catered events.

We can also arrange Catering and supply of beverages for functions held at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club should you wish.

Our function, sales and catering team can tailor any function to meet your special requirements.

Want to know more? Please contact the Clubs Function Coordinator Rachael on 62439021 to assist you with the arrangement of your special event.

MEMBERSHIP

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:

February Full Members: Peter Sellers, Murray Cooke, Nick Osborne, Geoffrey Clapp, Jason Cubit, Michael Krause, Simon Thomson, Alan Cook, Bryan Denny, Ronald Ratcliffe, Kerry Fleming, Brian Anning, Phillip Banks. Family Members: David Grafton, William Patmore, Anne Foale, Bernie White. Social Members: John Hebbink.

March Full Members: Timothy Rose, Bruce Apted, Stewart Allwright, Stephen Lawn, Peter Jones. Social Members: Dale Mitchell

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