



MYCT Newsletter

September 2005

COMMODORES REPORT

At the recent Annual General meeting several changes to our constitution were adopted, the most significant being the change from a Committee to a Board. I am pleased to report the following members were duly elected to the 1st Board of Management of the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania.

Commodore: Rob Foale
Vice Commodore: Tim Abey
Rear Commodore : Diane Peterson

Directors: Barry Woods, Simon Connor, Carol Perriman, Tim Hull & Ken Dobie.

Since the AGM there has been a flurry of activity and it is pleasing to report, Board members have been willing and eager to take on a more active role in the running of the club and have embraced their new roles as Directors with gusto.

The first Board meeting was held one week after the AGM and the following were appointed Chair-persons for the various sub committees.

Special Committees

Marina Extension	Rob Foale
Boat Show	Simon Connor
Opening Day	Rob Foale
Around Bruny	Barry Woods

Assets & Services

Marina & Facilities	Rob Foale
Club House	Tim Hull

Administration & Strategy

Finance & Administration	Tim Abey
Strategy & Marketing	Executive Committee
Communications	Tim Abey

Club Activities

Boating Events	Barry Woods
Social Events & Club Night	Diane Peterson

Many of the sub-committees have already commenced business, however, if you would like to participate, please contact the Chair of the sub committee.

I am particularly pleased to report that the first event on our boating calendar, The Opening Day on the 25th September, has been expanded to include The Lindisfarne Sailing and The Geilston Bay Boat Club. I believe this will enhance the spectacle of the Opening Day Celebrations and I extend a warm welcome to all members and members of neighboring clubs to turn out on the 25th of September for the grand parade. The governor, the Honorable William Cox, will be aboard Impetuous and taking the salute from all boats in the sail-past.

It is pleasing to report that the Boating and Leisure Expo Committee, chaired by Simon Connor, has made great progress with organization of this major event and they have been able to get the event registered with Events Tasmania as a premier event of its type.

The Clarence Council also recognize that the Expo has the potential to lift the profile of Lindisfarne Bay and the MYCT and the City of Clarence is actively supporting the event at the planning stage.

I congratulate our boating neighbors up the bay. The Lindisfarne Sailing club is this year celebrating 50 years of service to the young sailors in the community. Over the years many Australia Champions have been trained and raced at the club. Likewise the Lindisfarne Rowing club is celebrating it's 100th birthday this year and has served the Tasmanian community well by introducing many young people to rowing and several members have represented Australia. Congratulations to both clubs and we look forward to many more years of harmonious activity in our shared bay.

Around the club

Slipways

Many of you will have noticed the activity around the slipways. The slipway renovation project was approved by the previous committee. Following an underwater inspection of the slip rails, the marina sub committee recommended the replacement of the rails or closure of the slip. It was also decided to upgrade the slip as well as the cradles and the area around to create a safer work environment. This project should be completed by Opening Day and I am confident members will be pleased with the finished product.

Clubhouse Furniture

New lounge furniture has arrived and is earmarked to create a comfortable, relaxed and inviting area for members and visitors near the entrance to the lounge. A pleasant alternative to being out on the river, join a friend or two and have a leisurely drink, either hot or cold, and enjoy the view out over the boats and down our beautiful river.

Working Bees

My thanks go to John Robson for his assistance to Rob Young with the slipway project and to the small band of willing volunteers who turned up on Saturday 3rd September to help demolish the concrete wall around the slipway. It was great to see Col Jose and his "little digger" Other diggers in the trenches were Greg Fannon, Peter Wren and Graeme Floyed. A great deal was achieved and the task was made easier with assistance of two life members, Carol Perriman who turned up at the appropriate moment with morning tea and Stan Haward who supervised proceedings from behind the broom

Volunteers

There are many small and large projects that need an extra pair of hands around the club. If you have the time and skills available please offer your services to Rob Young or Mark Chivers. Your assistance in making improvements around the club will get the jobs done more quickly and keep the costs down.

We need volunteers for selling raffle tickets on Opening Day, and we need volunteers to man the gates on the day of the Boat Expo.

Security Lighting

Power to the security light pole should be restored in the near future. The section of damaged underground cable has been located and the power will be routed through the work shed.

Bitumen patching

The damaged sections of bitumen in the car park will be replaced prior to Opening Day

Gate to the marina Arms

The gates to the Marina arms are to be kept closed at all times. At no time should they be propped open. If boat users require additional keys for family members, they are obtainable from the club, likewise if subcontractors require access to boats on the marina they are required to register in the club house and pick up a temporary key.

Rob Foale

RULE CHANGE APPROVED

Members present at the AGM on 16 August approved significant changes to the Club Rules as recommended by the previous Committee. Key changes include the following:

- Replacement of the general committee with a board of directors.
- Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore no longer have mandatory responsibility for boating and social activities respectively. The specific responsibilities of Flag officers will be more closely aligned with the particular interests, skills and experience of the individual concerned.
- The Board to be supported by specialist sub committees, with responsibility for the development of proposals, and subject to Board approval, their subsequent implementation.
- Alignment of term and nomination requirements for all flag officers.
- Capacity for the Board to raise finance up to the level of the previous year subscription income without the necessity for formal membership approval.
- Protection for long-term berth leaseholders in the event of dissolution of the club.

Copies of the revised Rules are available on request to the office.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR STAN HAWARD

In an immensely popular decision, life membership was awarded to club stalwart Stan Haward, at the recent AGM.

Stan has been a member of the club for forty years. An active boatie until recent years, members will have fond memories of Stan's beautiful cruiser the *"Maybe"*, which won at least two *best dressed boat* competitions on Opening Day.

In presenting the award, then Commodore Tim Abey said, *"Stan has been a great participant in club activities, and could always be relied upon to lend a hand. It is people like Stan who are the heart and soul of any Club. The honour of life membership was entirely fitting"* Tim said.

The Tasmanian Boating, Leisure and Water Sports Expo

19 - 20 November 2005

The management committee for the Boat Show is well advanced in obtaining exhibitors and the formulation of an active program for this year's Boat Show/Expo.

Chairman Simon Connor said that nearly all last year's exhibitors have re-signed plus a number of enquiries from new exhibitors. He said the committee had been actively pursuing a program to create more activity on water that would very much add to the spectacle over the weekend.

He said the event now had become a major flag waver for the Club and its members in being recognized as **'The Boat Show in Tasmania'**. Both Events Tasmania and the Clarence City Council have endorsed the show and are providing support in promoting the events.

Major sponsors The Mercury and Southern Cross Television have advised the committee that they are in the process of preparing proposals for this year's event.

The policy of excluding sponsorship or naming rights for the event will be maintained as Simon said it was critical that the event is owned and managed by the MYCT and its members. He said preliminary discussions had already taken place with the Clarence City Council regarding the expansion of the Boat Show in the future incorporating the areas and resources of both Lindisfarne Sailing Club and Lindisfarne Rowing Club. Both clubs have indicated a desire to be part of our program which would enable us now to develop strategies long term to expand the program to cover the total Lindisfarne Bay area.

Members of the committee are:

Simon Connor Chairman, Patrick & Diane Peterson, Bernard & Carol Perriman, Rod Mathews, Darrel Long, Ken Dobie, Michael Mazengarb, Greg Smith, Mark Chivers

NEWS FROM THE LINDISFARNE SAILING CLUB

This coming season will be the LSC's 50th Anniversary season. It will be a special season on and off the water. The committee has some events in the planning pipeline, they include:-

- A Golden Anniversary Dinner for all past and present members on Saturday 8 October 2005 at our LSC. Tickets \$30 per head available from the canteen or the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania.
- There will be a special event for junior members later in the season. A treasure hunt, and sausage sizzle or some suggestions, juniors please let us know your ideas!
- An Anniversary Regatta to coincide with the Lindisfarne Rowing Club Centenary Anniversary and the MYCT Boat and Leisure Show; this will be the weekend of 19th and 20th November.

LSC has spent considerable funds on new resources and equipment that will enhance the safety and the operation of the Club.

The new inflatable boat will improve rescue and towing assistance. It is also intended to use this vessel for coaching and training support, particularly for the intermediate and advanced training groups. This new vessel will appropriately be named T&S Gourlay in honour of Tim and Sue Gourlay who over past years have contributed greatly to the club, particularly in the training and social areas. Tim is also a life member of LSC.

The lockable security compound is now complete. This compound will relieve the congestion in the sheds and provide for quick rigging and easy access for the larger boats to facilitate mid week training and coaching in conjunction with the new inflatable boat.

A new motor has been fitted to start boat Drifter. This has been done to improve the safety, reliability, economy and ease of use of Drifter. Drifter can now be used with confidence and utilized in other areas such as training and powerboat handling.

The sailing program has been changed slightly, with a combination of short course, back to back and long course races. Now that Drifter is reliable the Club will provide short training morning races for the intermediate and advanced trainers

outside the confines of the bay. This will allow the trainers to race in the mornings and crew in the afternoon races where necessary.

The Sabre Class numbers are on the increase this season with a possible 8 boats expected. LSC will host the Sabre National Championships this year over the Christmas break.

It is hoped the Skiff group will continue to grow, particularly as the 29er has now

been named as the preferred ISAF World Youth Boat, and LSC is under consideration to host the 2006/2007 National titles for the 29er which will be followed by the Youth Nationals in Hobart.

Indications are that the Sabot fleet will be back this season, we hope so! There are a number Sabots in the shed and all have indicated they will participate in the morning training races.

At this stage it appears that all Classes will enjoy increased numbers. I encourage all members to make an effort to sail as regularly as possible.

OPENING DAY 2005/06 SEASON – 25th SEPTEMBER

Opening Day this year will be a combined event with the MYCT and GBSS. The traditional sail past will take place as usual but there will be some fun novelty events and draws, with generous prizes, sponsored by Anchor Wetsuits. Please make an effort to be part of this event as a celebration of our club and sailing.

Sue Cooksey, daughter of founding member Ralph Featherstone, will officially open the 50th sailing season of LSC.

Lindisfarne Sailing Club will continue its strong family focus and involvement for the next 50 years! Keep your fingers crossed for fair weather this season and happy sailing.

John Mills

Commodore Lindisfarne Sailing Club

Coming Events and Club Calendar

<p>SEPTEMBER 2005 6th – Mens Probus 10th – Private Function 12th – Ladies Probus 20th – MYCT Board Meeting 25th – MYCT Open Day</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2005 1st – Private Function 4th – Mens Probus 8th – Private Function 10th – Ladies Probus 15th – Private Function 18th – MYCT Board Meeting 22nd – MYCT Campfire Night 29th – Private Function</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 2005 4th – MYCT Sports Night 5th – Private Function 8th Mens Probus 12th – Private Function 14th – Ladies Probus 15th – MYCT Board Meeting 18th – MYCT Commodores Cocktail Party 19th & 20th – MYCT Boat Show 26th –MYCT Craybake</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2005 2nd - Private Function 3rd – Private Function 6th – Mens Probus 9th – Private Function 12th – Ladies Probus 13th – Private Function / MYCT Board Meeting 19th – Private Function 20th – Private Function 23rd – MYCT Christmas Drinks</p>
<p>JANUARY 2005 7th – Private Function 26th – 29th - MYCT Around Bruny Trial TBC</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2005 4th – Private Function 11th – Private Function 18th & 19th – Anchor Wet Suits 10-80 Cruise 21st – MYCT Board Meeting 25th – Private Function</p>

SLIPWAY RECONSTRUCTION

The following reconstruction work is currently being undertaken to upgrade the Slipway which has degraded following years of service. The goal for this reconstruction is to make the Slip and surrounding areas more user friendly.

The following problem areas have been addressed as follows:

- 1) Rails have been purchased and are ready for installation.
- 2) New arms are presently being constructed which will be safer and easier to operate.
- 3) New Wheel Bushes and Shafts to be installed.
- 4) Cradle is to be modified to enable most boats to be slipped at a more level angle and create easier access to the hull.
- 5) Slip surrounds altered to obtain greater access around cradle and boats. Area leveled for ease of accessibility and use of scaffolding.
- 6) Modifications are being made to the rail to enable boats to come further up from the water.
- 7) Bunding installation to make slipway more environmentally friendly.
- 8) New power washer has been purchased.
- 9) Slip operations switch and power box relocated to a more user friendly location.
- 10) Safety chain and winch cable relocated to avoid tripping hazards.

Rob Young

Bosun.

REAR COMMODORES REPORT

Hello to everybody as the new Rear Commodore of the MYCT I would like to introduce myself. I have been involved with the MYCT as a young girl, boating with my father the late Vic Johnston & grandfather Vic Johnston. My husband Patrick & I own Encounter, with our 3 children & grandson we have competed in & enjoyed many events with the members of MYCT.

Now we are back into the warmer season & there will be plenty to do on the boating side & social events. Welcome to all the new members & I invite you come along to our coming events & functions.

Saturday August 27th we enjoyed our Prawn Feast with 130 people attending. The band with big Dave singing emptied the dining room with the most we have seen dancing on the floor in awhile. Big Dave played music that everybody was able to enjoy & his son also made an impression with the younger guests.

Thursday night's meals have been successful, & now we have an electronic number machine & you buy a strip of numbers. There can be up to five chances to win 3 prizes. One person took out the trifecta on Thursday 1st September with one prize in a spin, 48 stubbies & the meat raffle.

Friday night jackpot is when you buy a drink you receive a number entry into the joker jackpot & if your number is drawn during the night there is a chance to win the jackpot if you draw the joker. The jackpot increases each week if nobody draws the joker.

Opening Day is on Sunday September 25th & there will be a prize for the best-dressed boat & this year we are combining with Lindisfarne Sailing Club, Lindisfarne Rowing Club & Geilston Bay Yacht Club.

We would like to see many people on the water & there will be a free ferry pickup on the marina for those who would like to be part of the sail past.

October Saturday the 22nd will be our campfire night down at the Duck Pond so come along. If you cannot come by boat, bring a caravan or a tent. It is a chance to meet other boating, people, bring the family have a feed drink & enjoy a night without having to drive home. Those who do not like traveling by water come across on the ferry.

November Friday 18th Commodores Cocktail party, join us for a night of nibbles & drinks & meet the new Board members.

November 19th & 20th will be our annual boat show with on water events, MAST with safety demonstrations, model boats, jet ski rides & more. We would like to see as many of the boats on the Marina dressed up with light's which will make the marina stand out at night, so lets make it a bigger & better boat show, light up your boat large or small lights, best lit boat wins a prize.

November Saturday 23rd Cray Bake night & Christmas Party, 3 course meal & band. Come along & make up a table, it will be our last big event for this year. Book early as bookings will be limited as in the past a very popular night.

Rear Commodore

Diane Peterson

COMMODORES COCKTAIL PARTY



6.30PM - 8.00PM
\$25 PER PERSON

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

INCLUDES DRINKS

& HORS D'OEUVRES

DRESS UP AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO COME ALONG AND MEET THE NEW COMMODORE AND BOARD.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL, PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS PH: 62 43 90 21

MYCT SPORT NIGHT



DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE LAST MYCT SPORT NIGHT

WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER ONE.

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

COME ALONG AND PARTICIPATE OR JUST HAVE FUN WATCHING THE EVENTS.

HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT NIGHT AND INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS.

STAY TUNNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

SPORTS NIGHT

Our first Sports Night was held on the 19th August. The night kicked off with a Darts '201' competition and Pool Calcutta, both events providing much entertainment for both the players and spectators. Other events took place throughout the night including a Sporting Quiz which saw Steve Gray and Leslie Smith take home prizes.

Congratulations to Peter Wren who came first in the Calcutta and to Brett Seabrook who was runner-up.

First prize in the "201" went to Michael Bingley and Carol Perriman came in second.

Many thanks go to Stewart Seabrook for running the Pool Calcutta, to Allison Mills and Darrel Long for looking after the Dart competition.

Thank you to Ernie Rawlings who helped create the night and make it a success also to Barry Woods who volunteered his services as MC.

Thank you to all that participated and came along making the night one to remember.

THE MYCT HAVE INTRODUCED

JOKERS JACKPOT

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT



TICKETS IN DRAW AVAILABLE ON PURCHASE OF A DRINK FRIDAY NIGHTS. THE WINNER DRAWN MUST BE PRESENT AT 7.30PM.

SUNDAYS ARE NOW \$3 STUBBY DAYS

All Standard Strength Stubbys or Cans are \$3

Promotion applies from Noon – Close

Offer does not apply when a Club Function or Club Event is held on the day.



BOATING BITS FOR SALE



Ever wondered what you were going to do with that one metre high statue of King Neptune which once had pride of place on your grandfather's boat?

Well it is just possible that there is someone in the club who is desperately looking for such a treasure.

In future newsletters we propose to have a dedicated section for the sale of those boating bits which we all accumulate.

Whether it is a rubber ducky, an auxiliary outboard, or a left handed oyster shucking knife, you will be pitching to a dedicated boating market place.

The cost will be \$5 or \$10, depending on the size of the advertisement.

Simply lodge your ad with the office, and wait for the world to knock your door down.
