

On The Bow

MYCT Newsletter

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New Club Initiative

Establishment of Community Support Program

Commodore Rob Foale has announced the establishment of a Community Support Program. He said this initiative was very much in line with best practice and an expectation of leading Sporting Clubs initiating and supporting Community activities and programs through its facilities and with the support of its members. Over many years a substantial number of members had given generous support with the provision of their boats in supporting Service Clubs activities in raising funds for various projects.

In addition the Club has been responsive and supportive in making Club facilities available for other outside activities undertaken by various groups.

He said the purpose in establishing a register of activities undertaken on an annual basis was a way of recording the generosity of our members and support given by the Club to appropriate stake holders. He said this committed program was very much in line with the philosophy of the club in establishing the leadership position amongst Tasmanian Boating Clubs.

The launch five years ago of the Tasmanian Boating Leisure and Water Sports Expo was a clear indication of the Club taking an unprecedented initiative in supporting the Boating Industry in Tasmania.

With the best located Club facilities, including the Largest Floating Marina in Tasmania and with the ongoing support of members we have a great opportunity to both gain and maintain a high profile for the Club

Currently the Club undertakes the following support programs:

- v Tasmanian Boating, Leisure and Water Sports Expo
- v Donation to the Lindisfarne Sailing Club to assist their Training Program
- v Moonah Rotary Club
- v Lindisfarne Mens & Ladies Probus Clubs
- v 1st Lindisfarne Scouts Group
- v Dragons Abreast
- v Administrative support for Lindisfarne Sailing Club
- v Hobart Rotary Club

I would appreciate Members keeping us advised of any initiatives they undertake or of any Community Programs for which the Club could support through the use of its facilities.

Rob Foale

Commodore

Opening Day 2006

Wonderful weather greeted participants in the 2nd Combined Eastern Shore Boating Clubs Opening Day held on the 1st October. This year the ceremony was held on the jetty with the Marina and the flag ship as a backdrop.



The Governor William Cox officially opened the season at 1.30.



The Official Sail Past began at 2:30pm with vessels assembling off the Botanical Gardens and following a course around the abutment and across to Rose Bay where the Flagship Impetuous was moored.



The salute was taken by the Patron, Ralph King.



One of the highlights of the day was the 'Best Dressed Boat' competition, with contenders making an obvious effort to out 'dress' each other.

The Opening coincided with the start of a Le Mans style dinghy race for sailors from the Lindisfarne Sailing Club. 10 boats from the Sailing Club participated in the fun event which commenced at the launching ramp and followed a course out through the Marina to a buoy off Rose Bay and back to the launching ramp.



Mooring Lines

At a recent Marina Committee Meeting a Mooring Lines Policy was drawn up to enable Berth Holders to secure their Boats in a safe manner.

The policy is detailed below

Berth Holders are asked to read the Policy and endeavor to comply with the regulations.

Your compliance will enable the MYCT's duty of care responsibilities to other Berth Holders and the club's property to be fulfilled.

Mooring Line Policy

- All Lines to be silver rope
- Minimum line thickness to be 16mm
 - a. Boats 10m+ 18mm
 - b. Boats 22m+ 22mm
- All Boats be moored stern first.
- Exemptions to be approved by the Marina Committee
- All Power leads to be secured so that they will not hang in the water or be a trip hazard.
- No Boats to overhang the walkway
- Minimum spacing from the boat to the walkways to be 200mm

Recreational Boating - Safety Equipment

The following table sets out the minimum requirements for owners and operators of motor-propelled recreational vessels.

<i>Equipment</i>	Less than 6 metre boat in sheltered waters	Less than 6 metre boat in all other waters*1	More than 6 metre boat in sheltered waters	More than 6 metre boat in all other waters
Anchor, rope and chain	M	M	M	M
Bailer/Bilge pump	M	M	M	M
Personal flotation device "1"	M	M	M	M
Fire extinguisher "2"	M	M	M	M
Oars/auxiliary propulsion	M	M	R	R
Flares "3,5"	M	M	M	M
Heaving line	R	M	M	M
Lifebuoy			M	M
EPIRB "4"		M	R	M
Radar/reflector		M	R	M
First aid kit	R	M	R	M
Water	R	M	R	M
Marine radio	R	M	R	M

(M= Mandatory, R= Recommended)

Coming Events

18/19th November - Tasmanian Boating, Leisure & Water Sports Expo



As we approach our 5th Year, we are experiencing an increased number of inquiries from industry seeking information on our planned program for this year's event.

Once again we will have the active support of both the Mercury Newspaper and Southern Cross Television. Committee Chairman, Simon Connor stated that Exhibitor.

Space is currently very limited and that this years Expo promises to be the best show yet. _

25th November – MYCT Christmas Cray Bake / Christmas Dinner



Crayfish & Chicken
MYCT Christmas Dinner
Saturday 25th November
\$35.00 per person
3 Course Meal & Band
7.00pm till 12.00pm
Deposit \$10.00 Bookings at Bar

Chicken available. Please advise if you prefer chicken when booking.

10th December – MYCT Children's Christmas Party



More Details later

Aids to Navigation

New datum has enabled Marine and Safety Tasmania to improve the journey between Blackstone Point and Bridgewater Bridge. We have received new information regarding the navigation aids including a detailed map of where these new aids are located. Also included was a print-out from the navigation aid database that provides the position of all navigation aids managed by MAST in this area. This data is in WGS 84 and may assist those who operate with a GPS and/or plotter. All the MAST navigation aids in this area have been painted with the exception of No. 12 (old mooring dolphin near Bridgewater Bridge).

Slip

Members are reminded that refurbishment of slip number 1 is now complete. Bookings for the slip may be made by contacting the Bosun on 0419572316



Cassida – One of the largest boats slipped so far

Closing Marina Gates

There have been acts of vandalism on the Marina Walkways and Car Park.

For your security we ask that the Marina Gates be kept closed at all times and Car Park Boom Gates be kept closed after the Club House is closed.

Please report any suspicious activities.



Twilight Sailing Series

The Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania in conjunction with the Lindisfarne Sailing Club and Andrew Walter Constructions is conducting Friday Night Twilight Racing which commenced on Friday the 6th October.

The MYCT is very pleased to announce that Andrew Walter Constructions has agreed to be the naming rights sponsor of the Series.

In another exciting development the MYCT, the LSC and the Geilston Bay Boat Club have joined together to present a combined clubs Twilight Season Pennant series. In order to promote regular competition and encourage participation at both clubs it is proposed that this series would be run in addition to the stand alone

club fixtures.

As this is a new initiative it is proposed to base the pennant on the pre Christmas twilight races using results from both Clubs. The concept is that yachts would have to enter the full series of twilight races for each of clubs prior to the first race on the 6 October 2006 and indicate on the entry form that they wish to be considered for the combined clubs pennant. A minimum of 10 nominations will be required for this series to commence.

The eligible races would be the Pennant races 1 - 5 listed for the MYCT plus races 1 -5 in Twilight Series 1 for the Geilston Bay Boat Club. To be eligible for the pennant yachts must compete in at least four of the nominated races at each club. A separate database will be maintained and the results will be calculated based on a total of 10 races with a discard of one race for each club if all ten races are completed.

Yachts competing in the combined clubs Pennant are also eligible for prizes and trophies on offer from each Club for the particular race they are competing in.

No additional entry fee is required.

If sufficient interest is received a second post Christmas series may be considered.

For further information on this proposal please contact Mark Chivers at the MYCT.

Dates for the Andrew Walter Constructions Twilight Series are

6/10/2006	Pennant Race 1	12/1/2007	Pennant Race 6
20/10/2006	Trophy Race	26/1/2006	Pennant Race 7
03/11/2006	Pennant Race 2	9/2/2007	Pennant Race 8
17/11/2006	Pennant Race 3	23/2/2007	Trophy Race
1/12/2006	Pennant Race 4	9/3/2007	Pennant Race 9
15/12/2006	Pennant Race 5	23/3/2007	Pennant Race 10

Results Race 1

Race 2

Handicap	Line Honours	Handicap	Line Honours
Ragtime	Blue Chip	Redeemer	Redeemer
Blue Chip		Kaos	
Raven		Raven	

“Libertad” – Alexander & Kay Whiteside

Recently arrived to the Marina are Alexander and Kay Whiteside onboard “Libertad”, they have kindly given us a report on their travels so far.

We are Alexander and Kay Whiteside and our dog Lobo and we live aboard our sailboat “Libertad” at the MYCT, having arrived in Tasmania in June this Year. Our sailing life started in 1984 in Fremantle when we purchased the boat as a deck and hull and we have been fitting her out ever since! “Liberto” is a Boro “Islander” design, 50ft. long steel ketch, with bilge keels – a centre ballasted keel and 2 side keels; this means she doesn’t heel over as much as conventional yachts and we can sit upright which has proved handy at times. She is very comfortable, strong and a capable passage maker and has taken us safely through some very rough weather while her shallow draft (1.2m) means that she can enter many anchorages and refuges not available to deeper draft vessels.

After leaving Fremantle in 1985 we sailed up the West Coast to Darwin and stayed there for the cyclone season. Our sailing travels have since taken us about 45,000 miles; up to PNG, Guam and Japan, across the North Pacific to Washington State USA, California, Florida several times, twice to the Caribbean and the Bahamas, north up the eastern US Coast to the Chesapeake, from Houston, Texas through the Panama Canal and across the South Pacific to the Marquesas, Fiji and NZ, back to Fiji, to Vanuatu, back to NZ, by ship to Fremantle once more and finally, to Hobart.

We have worked in many of the places we’ve been and lived aboard for about 17 of the last 22 years.

Alex is a paint chemist and his work has included building a paint plant in St.Lucia (in the West Indies) and technical manager for Sherwin Williams (one of the worlds largest paint companies), Saudi Arabia – a 2 year absence from the boat.

Over the years there have been hurricanes and calms, peaceful anchorages and dragging anchor, wind on the nose and occasionally behind, rain, sleet, snow and sun, weeks without seeing a ship and being just a few feet from being run down by a ship 25 miles from Auckland. We have visited places not accessible without the boat and, best of all, have met some wonderful, kind, generous, friendly people, some real characters and a few rogues. Libertad has given us a connection with people wherever we have been despite language barriers and cultural differences.

A dog has always been first mate on Libertad: the first from Fremantle was our black German Shepherd, Perro, then our white German Shepherd Perro from Washington State, and now Lobo, a Swiss German Shepherd from Perth WA.

They have all adapted to boating life very well and have proven invaluable in protecting their boat, plus being great feet warmers on a cold night! We were concerned about exercise but found that the constant movement of the boat meant that the three of us were all doing aerobics 24 hours a day so we kept quite fit, not to mention losing weight as an added benefit.

Our hope is to stay in Tasmania where we already feel very much at home and we want to thank the many people we have met at the MYCT who have made us so very welcome. And, although we are a sail boat, Alex says we do qualify for Membership as we had to motor most of the way here from Perth.

2006 Tasmanian Boating, Leisure & Water Sports Expo

Starts 10am, 18-19 November

Lindisfarne Bay

WIN! 5 days hire of a Winnebago Motor Home

Courtesy of A & K Winnebago, 100 Hopkins Street Moonah 7009

· Conditions apply

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Jet ski racing Sat 10.30-3.35 Jet ski rides Sun 11-3