



Making Waves

**Tamar Yacht Club
Newsletter**

TOP OF THE TAMAR - MID WEEK RACING

In case you were unable to come down and join in this new event, Mitch Ranson has kindly sent through some pictures to show what you have been missing.



**If you would like to be a part of this vibrant new initiative then please complete an entry form, prior to the next race on 30th March 2016.*

*Forms can be downloaded from our website www.tyc.yachting.org.au or call into our office at 7 Park Street (Tues-Friday 9.00am to 3pm)**



TOP OF THE TAMAR continued

Last week saw the second of the Top of the Tamar mid-week series run and won. 8 boats faved the starter which was one down on last time but there was one new starter. New to the series was Ben King with Three Kings, another Etchell. Missing this week was one of the Sailability boats and SKI as she was preparing for the weekends offshore races.

With Jo Breen's hard work and great work in the media and generally promoting, she has opened up sailing and our club to many new members of the public. Some skippers and Jo in the Dolphin, have been gracious enough to open up their boats to take these people on-board and give them not only a taste of sailing, but an introduction to our club.

The breeze was lighter but there was still lots of fun and a great sail in the middle of the week. Thanks must go again to Mitch Ranson for the time that he has put into this series.

Trophy winners were Jo Breen in the Dolphin, Jason Van Zetten and crew and Anthony Carey sailing his Triton 24. There is one more race before daylight savings finishes in the series so get organised and come down for a sail and some of Sails on Tamar's pizzas afterwards. Thanks for the hospitality provide by Sails. What a great gathering there was after the race.

With the success of the Top of the Tamar mid-week series, the General Committee have initiated a winter series for the Club. Four races, two in April and two in May, on Saturdays with a lunch time high tide in Launceston. The first race is on the 9th of April which coincides with the female skipper race 2 at Beauty Point, but it was felt that there was room for both.

Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and entry form are on the TYC web site. Prizes and entry fees will be along the same lines as the Top of the Tamar mid- week series.

Ring me if you require more information. Ken Gourlay 0417366612.

By Ken Gourlay

APPOINTMENT OF JO BREEN

The Small Boat Sailing Squadron are very pleased to announced the appointment of Jo Breen to both coordinate and assist in the growth of the SBSS and with the running of the Tasmanian Outdoor, Boat and Caravan Show. Jo's position is funded by the funds raised by the show and is in keeping with our mantra that all funds raised from the show go towards our junior and youth sailing programs and facilities.

The Outdoor Show requires quite a bit of work to make happen and Jo is already proving her worth in this regard. The show is very good for the club and has already provided a boost to our programs and assets.

Jo is running two learn to sail programs at present. One for adults and one for children. These are being run in Launceston in the Dolphin and she has already given people their first sail free and then lessons to follow up. Well done Jo.

Welcome aboard.

By Ken Gourlay

*Jo's first newspaper article



*Jo and Michelle (Newsletter sub editor/Admin)



RESULTS FOR THE BART HUTTON SERIES 2016

First race:	Ski	TYC	Roger Hart	1
	Next Question	PDYC	Kevin Lloyd	2
	Supernova	PDYC	Jack Wells	3
Second race:	Ski	TYC	Roger Hart	1
	Next Question	PDYC	Kevin Lloyd	2
	Supernova	PDYC	Jack Wells	3
Third race	Next Question	PDYC	Kevin Lloyd	1
	Supernova	PDYC	Jack Wells	2
	Ski	TYC	Roger Hart	3
	Morning Star	TYC	Jo Breen	4

As this is a team's event the fact that TYC could not field a full team in each race means that PDYC are once again the holders of the Bart Hutton Trophy for another year. I believe that next year we should be in a better position to field a full team and thereby stand a better chance of recovering the trophy. It was pleasing to see Jo and her well-presented S&S34 Morning Star in the third race. *By Roger Hart*

PONRABEL SHIELD and GEOFF HISCOCK MEMORIAL RACE

This two major races were held in fantastic sailing weather at the weekend. The fleet of 5 boats started at Low Head in a 15 knot Southerly at 1030hrs on Saturday morning. Lance Burton's big Adams 13 Dragon Dance from Mersey Yacht Club took an early lead and was never headed on the trip around to Devonport. As the majority of the fleet reached Devonport the wind weakened and became light and fluky. Second over the line was Roger Hart in SKI with Michael Jones sailing Ambition third. Fourth on line honours was Grant Mansfield with Jo Breen sailing Morning Star fifth. Handicap positions were 1st Dragon Dance 2ND SKI 3RD Ambition 4th Morning Star 5th Marloo

The Geoff Hiscock Pursuit Race home on the Sunday was a close and exciting race in near perfect sailing conditions. What a great handicap system with results only decided at the finish as everybody is timed to all be at the line at the same time. 1st SKI 2nd Morning Star 3rd Ambition 4th Marloo

Don't forget our last two down river races are programmed for April 2nd and 9th. These are the female skippers races and are always lots of fun. These chicks are no easy pushovers so bring your best lady forward for a 1300 start.

Tamar would like to thank Mersey Yacht Club for a great BBQ and fellowship that was afforded to all the yachties on Saturday night. Well done Mersey for a great time

By Ken Gourlay

SBSS REPORT

TYC's Small Boat Sailing Squadron have been hard at work putting together an exciting proposal for improving the Beauty Point facility for our dinghy sailors. With all our current dinghy sailing being held at this great location, we have been further reviewing ways to utilise the space available and improve its practical aspects for all who use it. The following works have been proposed and are being presented to the general committee:

- Extension of the northern side of the green shed for the pacers. This will provide much needed cover from the elements for our fleet of pacers, by keeping them dry, cleaner and out of the sun when not in use.
- A concrete slab outside the entrance to the green shed. As the primary wash down location after racing, we have had problems with dirt being splashed up onto the yachts, boots becoming muddy and being walked through the club house and due to it being such a highly used area, grass simply does not stand a chance! The proposed concrete slab will overcome these issues and provide a clean and practical area for washing the yachts.
- A concrete slab for the top of the launching ramp. This will greatly assist us in the launching and retrieval of our rescue boats, giving towing vehicles better grip, particularly at low tide.

- 4 yoke PFD's for our rescue boat drivers. We really appreciate all the time and effort our volunteer rescue boat drivers give to the club. Without them, our dingy sailing simply would not be possible. The yokes are more comfortable than traditional PFD's, and will give our drivers more flexibility, whilst maintaining safety on the water.
- Retractable hose reels.

The finances for these works will be coming from the money raised from the Tas Outdoor Show. Keep an eye out in the new season for these exciting developments! *By Jo Breen*

29er SKIFF VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

During the March long weekend, 2 Tasmanian 29er Skiff crews travelled to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to compete in the Victorian 29er Championships. Chloe Fisher and Jasmine Galbraith managed to lead the regatta through to race 9 of the 11 race series in an incredibly close battle. After 3 days of very competitive sailing they ended up in 3rd place overall and first female crew. The series was won by Thomas Alexander, former World International Cadet champion from Geelong, with Hugo Hamilton and Hugh Hickling from Hobart second. *By Richard Fisher*



HOT SPOT

Spotted at the new marina at Blairgowrie was the end result of a boat fire.....the photo shows what happened to a boat **two pens** away from the fire.

Those shopping bags hanging from the windscreen are what remains of the Perspex windscreen! The gelcoat on the deck is all but gone and the chopped strand underneath is fully exposed. *By Richard Fisher*

MOTOR BOAT LICENCE COURSES:

Places available for Sunday 24th April and Sunday 22nd May 2016. Please contact office@tyc.asn.au for more details or visit our website

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**FREE Try Sailing Sessions**

Have you noticed the posts on Facebook, posters around town, examiner article, or heard the radio interview on ABC? Tamar Yacht Club has launched its exciting new initiative, FREE Try Sailing Sessions! Held in Launceston, using TYC's training vessel, the *Dolphin*, and open to both members and non-members from ages 8 to adult. The *Dolphin* provides a safe and stable platform for learning, and is a great way to build up confidence. The yacht, instructor, and safety equipment are all provided by the club, completely free of charge, to encourage everyone to come out and give sailing a try! Sessions are run by demand, and can accommodate both groups and individuals, including families, and children. We are also offering private lessons in the *Dolphin*, for anyone who wants build up their

skills, and increase their confidence. If anyone would like more information, or like to come for a sail, please contact Jo Breen on 0432031100, or email jo_breen@hotmail.com

MARINA HOT GOSSIP by ?

A lot of boats in and out of the marina over the last week. 6 yachts from Geelong had an overnight stay as well as "Jimmy Blacksmith" and "Thorendor". "Sancerre" attempted to make the crossing to Melbourne but due to the conditions had to return.

The McCulloch family, on "Danseur" have progressed from Lakes Entrance up to Eden. It's a bit quiet around the marina without Nick and Matilda. From what I hear there's no turning back now and it's full sail ahead in day hops up to Pittwater.

John Millard has returned to us at the marina. John is the owner of the little 1.5 tonner called "Nadia". Due to commitments John has been unable to get down from the big island for a couple of years and "Nadia" is needing some attention. He assures me that she will be slipped and all ship shape again over the next couple of months. If you are down at the marina, drop by and say hello to John.

The eyes are upon you ☺

In the coming Weeks:**Friday 25th March (Good Friday)**

TYC office will be closed for the Easter period

Wednesday 30th March

Top of the Tamar (Final race of series)

EASTER PLANS??? Mel and Raz Stow are planning to head to Deal Island on Prowler this Easter, weather dependant. They will most likely loop back via Flinders, but thought that others might like to consider tagging along, in a similar manner to last Easter's cruise in company, to Cape Barron and Flinders.

**If you are interested please email office@tyc.asn.au and I will forward your interest on to Raz Stow MV Prowler II