



# Making Waves

## Tamar Yacht Club Newsletter

### Call for more river testing

By ALEXANDRA HUMPHRIES, environment reporter  
Aug. 1, 2015, 8:20 p.m. From the Examiner Newspaper.

The Tamar Yacht Club has called for E. coli testing to be increased in the upper reaches of the river to enable them to recommence sailing in the area.

Yacht Club commodore Bill Griffiths said the huge fluctuations of E.coli levels in the river meant it was unsafe to have people – particularly children – at risk of being sprayed with water.

“That section of the river barely ever sees a sail ... because of the concerns about the health of the river and the pollution which it carries,” he said. “We’d love to see once again sails being visible from the post office.”

Mr Griffiths called for testing of E.coli levels to be carried out every day or every few days, rather than monthly testing. He said E. coli readings showed that levels could fluctuate from safe to extremely unsafe levels in a matter of days, depending on factors such as increased rain.



Tamar Yacht club commodore Bill Griffiths has called for E.coli testing to be increased. Picture: PHILLIP BIGGS

“It seems to me that we need to bite the bullet and say to get some benefit of recreational use in the Tamar we need to have a reading every day or two,” he said.

“There’s not much point taking one reading a month when [the level of E.coli per 100ml] is 10 when two days later it’s 5500.

“Without it we can’t run the risk of having children learning to sail and getting spray in their face.”

The Launceston City Council takes readings of the E.coli levels from a public health perspective during summer, but does not monitor the waterways during the winter months. Launceston City Council general manager Robert Dobrzynski said the council was working with other organisations such as Taswater, NRM North and the Environmental Protection Agency to find solutions, but that there were challenges. “The council has secured \$500,000 in funding from the Federal Government to work with Taswater to resolve the

Issue of sewerage contamination in the upper Tamar estuary during stormwater events,” he said.

“The South Esk River is the longest river in Tasmania and, in its lower reaches, covers three separate municipalities.

“It’s also the largest river catchment in the state, and comprises nearly 15 per cent of Tasmania’s land mass.”

### Coming Up

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

SBSS Committee Meeting 7:30pm

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August

General Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Mast Flare and Safety Course-TYC

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Rowing Tasmania 1030 Eights race Tamar Rv

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Tasmanian Outdoor Boat and Caravan Show

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

General Committee Meeting

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Motor Boat Licence Course

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

The opening of the 2015/16 sailing season

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

TYC Open Day Beauty Point



### Interesting Facts- From “A Dictionary for Yachtsmen”

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**Zephyr**-A soft gentle breeze blowing from the west.

**Foul Wind**-One that blows from the direction a ship requires to make, or one that may set a ship in danger.

## The Outdoor Boat and Caravan Show

***Now just five weeks away***

**Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September**

The Tamar Yacht Club organises and runs the Outdoor Boat and Caravan Show. This fantastic event is the club's major fund raiser of the year, with all monies raised going directly back to the Small Boats Sailing Squadron. Contact Rowena on 6331 8013 during office hours, which are Tuesday to Friday 9am to 3pm, if you are able to volunteer time at the show manning the Tamar Yacht Club desk.



## Learn to Sail Children Programs

The Children's Learn to Sail Tackers program is taught on Optimist dinghies. Up coming Course information to follow in the next few weeks.

### Slip Yard

Talk to Sam our Bosun on 0408 318 013 for booking a time to slip your vessels for the summer sailing season to avoid the end of year rush.

### Quiz:

Who designed the Tamar Class Sailing Dinghy, and who built the first one?

The answer from the last MV quiz was- **Bill Northern on a 5.5m yacht.**

Congratulations to John Shaw and Mark Waldron for their correct answers. Come in to the office to receive your prize.



Tamar River Sailing Club is a small friendly family club situated on the sunny Devon banks of the River Tamar. We have easy access to the open sea as Plymouth Sound and distant horizons are only a short sail away.

The Club has much to offer. We are an RYA recognised training centre and we are able to provide our members with a variety of sail and power courses.

Our 250 members enjoy the use of an extensive quay, two slipways, an all tide pontoon, over 70 moorings and a comfortable clubhouse. I believe our facilities and location are second to none. The clubhouse is also available to hire at a very reasonable rate. Commodore Clive Farrant (pictured above)

### Advertising Space Available:

Please contact Rowena at the TYC Office on 63318013 if you or your company are interested in purchasing advertisement space on our Pacers boats sailing out of Beauty Point. This is a great way to sponsor Junior Sailing at the same time as spreading the word about your businesses.

**John and Di Joyce**-Follow Sailing Yacht "Allusive" sailing adventure at:  
<http://allusiveadventures.blogspot.com.au/>

### Tamar Yacht Clubs 2016 Sydney Boat Show Weekend Away

The Tamar Yacht Club Office is organising an interstate weekend away to the 2016 Sydney Boat Show.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

Save these dates now in your diary and join in for a fun, entertaining and well organised weekend in the beautiful harbour city; plus see some fantastic boats at the International Boat Show.

