



# ON THE BREEZE

Newsletter of the Mersey Yacht Club Inc - September 2014

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## Commodore's Report

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In my last report I advised members that the Three Peaks Race will start from the Mersey River in March 2015.

I am also please to advise that. after lengthy negotiations with the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria. we have agreed to host the finish of the Melbourne to Devonport Race in December 2014. The ORCV approached us to reinstate Devonport as the finishing port for the Bass Strait race after feedback from their members. The finish has been in the Tamar since 2001. We look forward to welcoming the fleet to the Mersey Yacht Club this year.

While we accept that we will not see a return to fleets of the size of the early 90's we hope to welcome a fleet of around 20 or so boats.

ORCV have also had discussions with multi-hull owners and we are expecting a multi-hull division in this year's event.

Perhaps this will provide motivation to get a certain trimaran out of the slipyard.

We will be running the Top of the Island Race as the third race of the Rudder Cup Series. This was traditionally sailed on December 30 but may be sailed on the 29<sup>th</sup> depending on the start time of the Melbourne to Devonport race.

Mooring this fleet at the Club after the race may cause some inconvenience to regular users. If you are a berth holder and are planning to be away during the Christmas period can you please notify the Vice Commodore to assist planning for the race?

Volunteers will be required to assist with berthing, guiding boats up the river and a number of other tasks when the boats finish. We will organise a meeting a little closer to the event to arrange rosters and discuss all the issues.



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## Commodore's Report—continued

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### Sailing summary

The Annual Trophy Presentation and Dinner was held on Friday 8 August 2014.

This year the Committee agreed to run a more casual event on a Friday night and the members who attended had an enjoyable evening. Also, we were entertained by our own singing barmaids, Justine Barber and Kirby Edwards, who performed during the evening.

I would like to thank our major sponsors for their on-going support of the Club.

Blind Design (Sam Hope),

Mersey Pharmacy (Terry Travers), and

Marshall Engineering (Brian Marshall)

I would like to ask members to support our sponsors and recommend them to their friends.

### Next season

A meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Club commencing at 7.30 pm to discuss the sailing programme for the 2014-2015 season.

All members are welcome to discuss racing, cruising and other events. If you cannot make it on the 4<sup>th</sup> but would like some input please email me on

[Tim.Grant@dpipwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Tim.Grant@dpipwe.tas.gov.au).

This year's Discover Sailing Day will be on 25 or 26 October.

Tim Grant

Commodore

### Opening Day

Commodores Cup

**Aquila** Bob Cumming

Commodore vs Vice Commodore Teams

**Vice Comm** Graeme Woodhouse

### Spring Race Series

**B Alert** Tim Grant

### Blind Design Cock of the Mersey

**Slapped** Rob Rickard

### Mersey Pharmacy Pennant Series

**Caz** Rob Sly – Equal 1st

**B Alert** Tim Grant – Equal 1st

**Calypso** Andrew Ayton - 3rd

### Offshore Series

**Aquila** Graeme Woodhouse

### Marshall Engineering Winter Series

**Lapun** Ross Henderson – 1st

**Perfidia** Keith Pembleton – 2nd

**Calypso** Andrew Ayton – 3rd

### Tail Enders Trophy

**Mistress** Craig Newman

### Fred Saul Shield (Leading Helmsman)

**Calypso** Andrew Ayton

### Jack White Award (Club Service)

Gordon Horsham

### Patrons Trophy (Clubman of the Year)

Rod Ayton

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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The maintenance crew have been busy over the last few months.

The slipway winch has had a major overhaul with a new motor and switch gear and is operational once again.

A small incident on the new northern marina resulted in it being held down on the incoming tide. Brian Marshall has made few changes to the pile guide which he expects will solve this issue.

The next major job will be the slipping of the main pontoon in front of the Club. We are hoping for plenty of volunteers to help with this large task. It will be slipped across the river at Mersey Slipyards, so we don't want it on the slip any longer than is necessary. It has a small leak and needs blasting and painting. This job will be weather dependent, but we will keep all members informed when this work will be undertaken.

With the major work nearly completed a long overdue clean-up of the slipyard and the southern car-park has commenced. Old cradle parts, scrap metal and old timber piles have already been removed.

As part of this clean up we are asking members who currently have any gear stored in the slipyard, storage shed or metal locker to remove it. People put things there, whilst on the slip, or whatever, and they are never removed. Old paint tins, batteries and lots of other things that may be valuable to you, but could easily be assumed to be junk. The Committee has set a date of 30 September for you to remove your items. Anything left after that date will be removed. If you need additional time please discuss it with me.

Graeme Woodhouse  
Vice Commodore.

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## From the Club Manager

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Just a reminder that the annual memberships have been sent out and are now due. If you haven't received yours, please contact me.

Yachting Tasmania have informed us that Silvercards won't be issued this year and also asked us to remind everyone to check their details on the yachting Australia's mySailor site.

<http://www.yachting.org.au/my-sailor/>

### Planning a function in December?

Should you be considering having a function in December the Club can offer gourmet BBQs on a Friday or a Saturday as a catering option.

Paul Martin of Bob Morris' Gourmet Meats in Wright St, East Devonport will be providing 3 menu options. Including a selection of salads, hot barbequed meats and vegetarian options.

Sample menus are available .

### Not getting information from the Club!

We have been using SMS to advise events. If you haven't received these in recent months, it's because we don't have your mobile phone number!

Do you have access to email? Please ensure that the Club has your current email address to receive updates on events, as well.

I can be contacted on 6427 8655 or by email to [myc1@iinet.net.au](mailto:myc1@iinet.net.au)  
Mike Castles

Manager

