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*Sailing School, bound for St Martin's island*

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well we have had the AGM and the first general meeting and we are off to a good start for this club year. Our summer sailing season commences with the opening regatta on Saturday October 13th.

Our committee membership has changed, and our new team includes five previous members and six new members. Returning members provide continuity, appreciation of club culture and an understanding of the history of why decisions have been made in the past. The new members come along with new ideas that the rest of us may not have thought of, to be dropped on the table for consideration. Some of these may add vital new lifeblood to our 120 years of existence. It's a refreshment of the gene pool as the biologists say. I am looking forward to how it works out.

Some issues will have to be attended to this year. The lease for our site on the boat harbour reserve is coming up for renewal and some of us will be working quite hard to negotiate the best deal we can for our club. As regards the boat harbour, the work done by Geoff, John and Vern with the Regional Council on dredging consent will, hopefully, produce some results in a month or two.

I would like to thank the members who have decided to stand down this time: Vern Hall, Shirley Zweis, Warren McNoe, John Chappell, Geoff Murray, Rob Wood and Annette Seifert. Special thanks go to Vern for his three-year term as Commodore. Under his stewardship, our Club has been an active and happy place. To Shirley, thanks for your work as Events Coordinator and your skill and ability to produce delicious meals, within budget for the "Thank God It's Friday" TGIF evenings. Your ongoing support is appreciated. Warren was involved in Wednesday evening sailing and was a good advocate for both dinghy and trailer sailor groups. John offered his time and use of his vessel "Kaikoura" for many of club's races, is editor of "Cable" and was active in negotiations with the ORC. Geoff, as Vice-commodore, has been responsible for the program of maintenance and repairs of our

massive amount of capital plant and equipment. We would not be able to continue the service we provide to our members without this work. Geoff has also offered to continue with his help in our dealings with the ORC and his unique expertise on insurance matters. Thanks go to Annette for her invaluable work as secretary and for her contribution to Sailing School , of which Rob has been the mainstay for the last several years. Many kids and some adults would not have the boat skills they have now without his unstinting input. Our club has also benefited from his skill on information technology. Solving computer problems and creation of our club website has been largely his baby, which is now being passed over to the Club. I hope Rob gets a real buzz out of the new boat he is currently building.

I would like to thank those who are going for their effort in the past and welcome those who have just joined the team, many of whom have already put their hand up to offer their help with the various challenges and problems we have to deal with this year. “When you are over seventy you are getting past it so you should walk away and leave the young kids to run the club.” This is the advice I got just before the AGM.

Well, if my memory does fail me give me another reminder about next July.

Gordon. Caley,  
Commodore



## VICE-COMMODORE'S REPORT

The works committee this year is Les Mcbean (convenor), Peter Wilhelmssen, Paul Anderson, Maurice Kane, and Lex Elliot. The committee met at the O.Y.C. Clubrooms on 22nd August to look at what needs done over the coming year. Fortunately Geoff Murray set in place a living-list of all work that needs to be done, which gets prioritised, added to, and occasionally gets items crossed off! Of course at the very top of the list is dredging the boat harbour - Geoff Murray & John Chappell have worked with the O.R.C. seeking resource consent, which we hope will be approved soon. This consent only gives us permission to carry out the actual removal of sediment from the seabed. Disposal of the sediment will more than likely require further resource consents. Please be assured that even though the dredging will probably remain at the top of the list for some time yet much work is being done in the background by your works committee.

One important matter to be dealt with this year is the renewal of the clubs lease with the D.C.C. I have formed a sub-committee which will meet soon to create an action plan.

A pre-season working bee is planned for Saturday 22nd September. There will be a mixture of small jobs & larger projects to exert our energies on. Some of these are:

Cleaning out the community & dinghy sheds

Hedge trimming & general ground tidy-up

Removal of all rubbish on site

Removal of a large tree(chain-saw required please)

Some small painting jobs

Concreting in of large fence posts in trailer-yacht park

Finishing off the shower-block wall (woodwork)

Moving some new railway irons

.... and much more to come.....

The works committee feels that the club needs an operations manual so that if Kevin is on holiday or unavailable the club can continue to

operate as normal. Maurice Kane is working on this.

Please feel free to contact me over any issues that affect you or the club. See you at the working bee

Les Mcbean,  
Vice-Commodore

## NOTICES

**Sailing:** Our summer season will commence with the Opening Regatta on Saturday 13th of October. The Season's sailing schedule is now being finalised and will be posted on our Club website before the end of September, as well as in the OYA handbook for 2012-13.

### **Club Committee 2012-12.**

The following were elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 28 July 2012:

Commodore	Gordon Caley
Vice Commodore	Les McBean
Rear Commodore	Paul Anderson
Treasurer	Barry Crane
Secretary	Fiona Balch

Committee members: Graeme Bennett, Ann Crane, Michael Harkness, Ann Jones, Maurice Kane, Bridget Meyer, Alastair Walker, Peter Wilhelmsen.

## SAILING AWARDS

The 2011-12 season ended well despite the meagre turnout for some events (as discussed in the July issue of *Cable*) and culminated with an awards event at the Clubhouse on 7th July. The following prizes, awards and recognition were presented.

Michael Haggitt Trophy (Assisted by sailing School Crew)

Jamie Todd

Dallas Knox Trophy (Sailing School - Most Improved yachtsman)

Flynn Meyer

Commodores Cup (Commitment & Promise at Sailing School)

Jasmine Siefert-Simpson

2011 OYC Opening Day

Keelers Trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> *DECEPTION* Jim Irvine,

2<sup>nd</sup> *WHIO* Paul Anderson

Trailer Yachts Trophy, 1<sup>st</sup> *DAWN BREAKER* Owen Cambridge

2<sup>nd</sup> *TENEKA* Warren McNoe

Junior Centreboards 1<sup>st</sup> *HAVOC II (Starling)* William Bennett

Senior Centreboards 1<sup>st</sup> *SCAMPER (Z Class)* Tony & Lex Elliot,

2<sup>nd</sup> *SCANDAL (Z Class)* Clark Sinclair,

3<sup>rd</sup> *(Laser)* Peter Sutherland

Overall Centreboards 1<sup>st</sup> *HAVOC II (Starling)* William Bennett

McCulloch Trophy (Ocean race for trailer yachts)

1<sup>st</sup> *MIZPAH* Craig McEwan

2<sup>nd</sup> *ASSAILANT* Phil Heseltine

3<sup>rd</sup> *CEILING ZERO* Graeme Hoskins,

Line Honours *MIZPAH* Craig McEwan

2012 OYC Cup Day

Lasers 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Fullerton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Sutherland

Optimists 1<sup>st</sup> *WEE MIXN* George Early,

2<sup>nd</sup> *TRULY BLUE* Oliver Palmer Hargreaves

Europe Class 1<sup>st</sup> William Early, 2<sup>nd</sup> *DEE WHY* Mark Edwards

Starling 1<sup>st</sup> Shanna Verhoef,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *TOP FLIGHT* Flynn Meyer

Sunburst 1<sup>st</sup> *AL FRESCO* Peter Nees & Peter Wood,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *BEVERLEY AISIA* Roy Roker & Jim Godfrey

Multihulls 1<sup>st</sup> *O'SENS* Murray Grimwood (Paper tiger)

Trailer Yachts Division C Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> *CHIONE* Russell Philips

Trailer Yachts Division B Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> *TENEKE* Warren McNoe

Keelers , Dewar Cup 1<sup>st</sup> *MELTDOWN* Richard Hawkins,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *WHIO* Paul Anderson

Donaghy's Trophy (Overall Juniors Winner)  
*SONIC (Starling)* Shanna Verhoef

Rudder Cup (White Island Race)

1st *TELEGRAM SAM* Jon Eames  
 2<sup>nd</sup> *MELTDOWN* Richard Hawkins,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *WILKIE* Graeme Dickie

Line Honours *MELTDOWN* Richard Hawkins

Moffat Cup (Read Marine Wednesday Night Series)

1<sup>st</sup> Centreboard Yachts *KOTUKU* Robert Free,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Keelers *WHIO* Paul Anderson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Trailer Yachts *TENEKE* Warren McNoe,  
 Series winner *WHIO* Paul Anderson

Wilson Munro Memorial Trophy (Festival Regatta, Keelers)  
*AAGATHIS* Jamie Todd

Cruising Cup (Most Significant cruise of the year)  
 Anette Seifert & Ian Bretherton

Flying Wing Trophy (Act of the season)  
*FLOSSIE* Gillian Anderson & Bridget Meyer

William Clark Trophy (Contribution to youth Sailing), Rob Wood  
 Otago Yachting Administrator of the year award, Mervin Read  
 The Otago Yachtsperson of the year award, The Carey Trophy  
 Allan Sutherland

## PROPOSAL - CLUB CRUISING DAYS

In response to the expression of interest from members we are planning to hold a number of cruising days throughout the coming season. These will generally involve a cruise to some location around the harbour but may also occasionally venture outside the heads if conditions are favourable. Skippers, crews & families with little or lots of experience will be welcomed along with your keeler, launch or trailer yacht. If you do not have a yacht then the club's trailer yacht *Topgun* is available & it has an excellent Yamaha engine to get you safely there and back.

We aim to schedule the days to depart on a high tide in the morning and return on an afternoon high tide, thereby enabling a full day of activity. The nominated days will be published in the sailing calendar and, updated with weather etc on the club's website. The cruises will be led by experienced skippers; the course, activity and destination will be determined on the day according to weather conditions and to take advantage of what Otago Harbour has to offer.

We need to put together a list of skippers who can join in one or more of these cruising days, so if this sounds like you then please forward your details. This will assist the planning and will ensure lines of communication. If you know someone that could be interested in joining in and that may not see this notice then please prompt them to forward their details.

Skippers name

Boat name

Home phone No

Mobile Phone No

Email address

Forward details to:

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Rear Commodore

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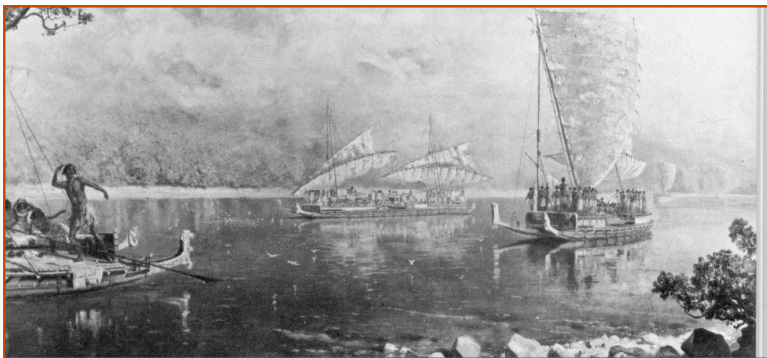
## FRIDAY EVENINGS —TGIF EVENTS

### *17th Sept., Sailing the Pacific by Waka*

Our evening of the 17th started with fish nibbles and dip while we enjoyed a pre-dinner drink. Shirley provided us with an excellent Polynesian themed dinner in keeping with our subject of the evening. Our Speakers for the night Anette Seifert and Ian Bretherton enthralled us with tales of their experiences as crew sailing on a Waka from San Diego to Tahiti. Their Waka was part of a fleet of seven, financed by German philanthropist Dieter Paulman, whose foundation, Okeanos, aims to protect the oceans and preserve marine life. Part of the aim of the voyage was to document and sail using the traditional methods of the early Polynesians as they travelled across the Pacific. We heard how the fleet navigated using the wave patterns, the sun, the stars, clouds, wildlife, they found using these methods that their passage keeping was pretty accurate.

One of the biggest challenges was handling the hefty tiller to steer the Waka, which proved to be quite physically demanding. Their voyage was filmed and will become a documentary entitled “Our Blue Canoe”, to see a film clip visit the web-site shown below. So a big thank you to Anette and Ian who managed to bring alive their voyage for us all. To learn more about the Waka adventure (the highs and the lows), the aims and aspirations, visit <http://pacificvoyagers.org/>

Ann Crane



## Around the Yard with Les

Spring has definitely sprung and an air of anticipation has descended on the yard. Is this the calm before the onslaught of boat-owners preparing and repairing their vessels for the long awaited summer? Indeed it is! The wharf additions that Peter W. and myself are doing are almost finished, one or two more sessions should see all the half-rounds in position, which will make slipping a lot easier especially in any breeze from the south.

In comparison to earlier reports, the past six weeks have been relatively quiet in terms of the number of slipping movements:

*Erewhon* is back in the water and has also changed hands - going to a couple from Bluff. *Tanaka* - Peter Wilhelmsen's cutter-rigged sloop is up for a bi-annual tidy up. *Quartetto* - Peter Anstey's H28 was up for annual maintenance, and repairs to her cap rail. *Beverly Pearl* - P.C.Y.C's committee boat is up for her annual paint and anti-foul, and her motor is being replaced with an almost identical one, from the *Aritaki* tug currently being dismantled in the harbour basin. *Solitair* - Alistair Walker's sloop is close to going back in after getting her decks and cabin sides and top painted. Alistair tells me he was a radio officer in the Royal Navy for a time and also served in the merchant navy. He has many interesting stories to relate - I feel we have a real old (or not so old) old salt in our midst! *Tokoeka* Nevill Crozier's trimaran has changed hands recently - going to Frank McCarthy from Broad Bay. Frank also sails a Bonito aquarius.

There are a few members who from time to time come down to the club to either fill in time or just look at the boats and often get roped in to helping me with one thing or another - thank you all. However there is one person - Lex Elliot - who is always assisting me or other members with various projects - just as well he is retired or he would never find time to work! Thanks Lex.

See you on the hard - Les.

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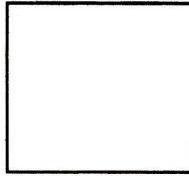
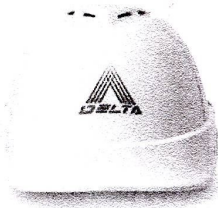
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