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*"Barbara J"*

Picture by Peter Wilhelmsen

## Commodore's Report

Hi all,

Well here we are at the start of another sailing season. Every year I seem to leave it later to get Casino out of the water for the annual maintenance. We had 10 days in Fiji recently which has reaffirmed my theory that 15deg south is the ideal winter latitude. This along with lambing in Southland seems to put pressure on winter maintenance. However I have it sorted – as from the 30<sup>th</sup> of Sept I am joining the ranks of the retired.

The funding for the new rescue boat is coming along nicely thanks to Paul's hard work. At the moment we have a shortfall of about \$3000. We hope to sell the tinny on the Xmas market and take delivery of the new boat in the New Year.

This year the sailing committee intends to make a real effort to get the safety standards around off shore races back up to an acceptable level. The days of declaring that safety is solely the responsibility of the skipper and leaving it at that are long gone. I ask all skippers to get a copy of the safety regs and start getting their gear lists up to date. The sailing committee will be looking at what exceptions or alternatives will be permitted when it comes to things like life rafts.

*Vern Hall* Commodore

# 2011 OYC OPENING DAY

When: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Start time: 12:30 hrs                      Tides:      Low 08:25      0.2m

Where:      At OYC                              High 14:112.0m

                                                            Low 20:520.2m

Race area is to be on the Upper Harbour & courses will be set on the day & be appropriate to the yachts entered & prevailing weather conditions. Sailing instructions will be available on Saturday from clubrooms. The event is open to all class's & rescue boat(s) will be in attendance. We would like to see big turnout of members & yachts for the event, so pen the day into your dairy. If you would like to crew on a yacht, or to take one of the club's yachts out then let us know.

There is no event entry fee & there will be complimentary food & refreshments available in the clubrooms upon conclusion of the days sailing activities.

All skippers must complete an entry form. These will be available at clubrooms on Friday evening and from 10:00 am on Saturday. Do not leave completing the entry requirements to the last minute as we all want to go sailing. Skippers are encouraged to provide advance notice of intention to participate prior to Saturday by contacting the Race Officer, Martin Balch on; 454 43262 or 0274 375 242. This assists in the successful planning of the event.

If there are any members that wish to be involved or help out on the day then please contact the Rear Commodore on Ph 481 1873 or email paulanderson@projex.net.nz

# OYC Racing & Event Programme for 2011 / 2012

*See Thursday ODT sports draw & OYC website for latest event information*

Date	Dunedin High Tide	Otago Yacht Club Event	Start time	Notes
<b>October 2011</b>				
Sat 8	14:11	OYC - Opening Day	12:30	at OYC. bbq to follow
Sun 9	14:56	OYC Sailing School Opens	09:00	at OYC
Sun 9	14:56	Principal Day - BBBC		
Sat 15	18:44	Sundstrum Trophy	10:00	Heads, Waikouaiti, Carey's Bay
Sat 29	06:13	Interclub Challenge - Race 1	14:30	Port to OYC OTYS & PCYC



*"Deception"*  
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Peter Wilhelmsen

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Date	Dunedin High Tide	Otago Yacht Club Event	Start time	Notes
<b>November 2011</b>				
Sat 5	12:54	Principal Day - OTYS Harbour Classic -Timms Trophy	12:00	With OTYS & PCYC
Sat 12	17:38	November Trophy	10:00	Heads, Waikouaiti, Warrington, Carey's Bay
Wed 16	20:35	Read Marine Wed Night Race 1	18:00	Racing off OYC
Sat 19	10:58	Principal Day - BSt L		
Sat 26	17:25	Patterson - McCulloch	10:00	Warrington course with PCYC & OTYS
<b>December 2011</b>				
Sat 3	11:26	Interclub Challenge - Race 2	12:00	OYC to Port OTYS & PCYC
Sat 10	16:32	White Island Race	08:00	39 Miles
Sat 10– Sun 11	16:32	OYC Sailing School St Martins Island	TBA	Overnight(s) event
Wed 14	19:23	Read Marine Wed Night Race 2	18:00	Racing off OYC
Sat 17	09:36	Forward Hands Race	08:00	Racing off OYC
Sun 18	10:34	Dallas Knox Race	08:30	At OYC
<b>January 2012</b>				
Sat 14	08:20	Moeraki Race	08:00	Heads, to Moeraki 27 Miles
Thu 19– Fri 20	Thu 13:16 Fri 14:13	YNZ Starling Development Coaching	TBA	At OYC
Sat 21– Sun 22	Sat 15:06 Sun 15:58	YNZ Starling 2 day Regatta	TBA	At OYC
Sat 21	15:06	Tow Rock Race	09:00	Sep. Courses for T/Y & Keelboats
Sun 22	15:58	Lady Skipper race	14:30	Racing off OYC
Wed 25	18:23	Read Marine Wed Night Race 3	18:00	Racing off OYC
Sat 28	08:21	Otago Centreboard Champs	08:30	Racing off OYC
Sun 29	09:07	OYC Sailing School Opens	09:00	At OYC

Date	Dunedin High Tide	Otago Yacht Club Event	Start time	Notes
<b>February 2012</b>				
Sat 4– Mon 6		NZ Masters Games		At OYC
Wed 8	17:05	Read Marine Wed Night Race 4	18:00	Racing off OYC
Sat 11	07:08	Sinclair Trophy Race	10:00	St Leonards, LF Tower, St Leonards
Sat 18	13:58	2012 OYC Cup Day	12:30	Racing off OYC
Sun 19	14:50	OYC Cup Day Back up		Racing off OYC
Wed 22	17:11	Read Marine Wed Night Race 5	18:00	Racing off OYC
Sat 25	19:21	Single Handed Race	10:00	Heads, LF Tower, Warrington, Heads
<b>March 2012</b>				
Sat 3– Sun 4	Sat 12:41 Sun 13:31	OYA Festival Regatta		At Vauxhall YC
Sat 10	18:21	Double Handed Race	10:00	Heads, LF Tower, Warrington, Carey's Bay
Sat 17	12:46	Vauxhall Principal Day		At Vauxhall YC
Sun 18	13:41	Michael Haggitt Trophy OYC Sailing School Closes	12:00	Kids & Keelboats & Sponsors Day
Sat 24	18:07	PCYC Principal Day & Anniversary Regatta		At PCYC
Sun 25	18:46	OYC Sailing School closes	09:00	At OYC
Tue 27– Fri 30		Secondary School Sunburst Week		At OYC
<b>April 2012</b>				
Fri 6	15:18	2012 Oamaru Race	08:00	42 Miles

## Thinking back on summer Erewhon's windy, rainy Port Pegasus voyage



*Robyn descending Bald Cone.*

Erewhon had last made it down to Stewart Island in the 2006/7 summer. We had then zoomed down to the entrance of Port Pegasus, but a rising WNW gale made it easier to sail back up to Port Adventure. Our last time in our favourite Port Pegasus spot was 2005/6. On returning from a year in Canada in August 2010 we were determined to get there over summer. A near dry-ish month on the hard got Erewhon ready enough to head south on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Away from the anchorage at Tairoa Head at 6am, we had a forecast for a NE getting up to 40 Knots. The breeze was fickle and the sea wobbly till noon but then we started to zip along, rounding the Nuggets a 5pm doing a solid 6kts. By 8.30 pm we were down just to the No/3 jib and decided to hove-to about midnight. The thought of arriving at the Island in the dark was not appealing, even though it would have been a quick time. It was a solid blow we realised in rounding up and it took some time to get Erewhon sitting comfortable on a double reefed mizzen in a mucky sea. After turns on watch we ran under storm jib and mizzen for Patterson's Inlet from first light. Tide and reducing wind slowed us up a bit, although it did provide some exciting surfing that sent the log up to 12 knots on the steep breaking ones for a half second or two. You have to take your fun when you can after a night awake! We were on anchor in Kaipipi Bay by 2pm and asleep not long after.

Robyn walked into Oban next morning and by 4pm we were off sailing again with

*Erewhon in Murder's Cove, Big South Cape Is.*



a lovely evening sail to the gorgeous Abraham's Bosom, in Port Adventure. We hoped this would allow us to catch the early tidal flow down to Port Pegasus but the wind was broken at dawn so after slow progress we shot into Covey Cove, Lords River for breakfast and a look at the hunters hut. Back out in it by noon we had

to motor sail in misty fog that only lifted as we entered Narrow Passage to anchor at Desperation Cove for the first time in 5 years. The next day the 20<sup>th</sup> was a hot sunny corker, with a walk through to the beach, snorkel round the small islands, fresh fish for lunch, and great views of the granite tops on an evening sail of dinghy 'nowhere' out into south harbour. We did not get this combination of warm sun and little wind again till the first day of 2011. Till then, however, we had some fun, exciting sailing in both the South and North Harbour, we anchoring in some new spots and also spending

*Settlement Track Bay with view of Bald Cone.*



ing some time in Broad Bay, just south of Port Pegasus. Unfortunately we had a constant gale wind on walks up Bald Cone, an explore of an interesting granite valley above and south-west of Billy's Cove, plus a hail storm on top of Gog. We did sneak in some lovely dry dingy/kayak snorkelling, especially around Ernest Island and nice bush walks to the Settlement and on Anchorage Island.



View of Easy Harbour from Gog.

One hope was to get a window of weather to sail down to the Snares for a night, and this looked on for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. We just had to let a short, sharp 50 knot NW blow through on New Years day afternoon. It was

sunny and calm into the evening, so incorrectly thinking it was a fizzer, we anchored at Ernest Island for a quick 4am departure. The 50 knots arrived about 1 am. After minimal sleep we had some fun, reefed sailing down to and back from Broad Bay before punched back up Narrow Passage and anchoring in the calm of Sundowner Bay. Feeling low on energy for another early start attempt we decided to cruise back up to Port Adventure next day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Waking to a fine day with little wind we decided to ride the tide south and motored down to Murders Cove on Big South Cape Island. We had a sunny relaxing afternoon here with visits from seals and penguins. Kakas, parrots, bellbirds and a few giant skewes flew by. As dusk fell the sky was full with circling petrels (mutton birds) and their constant calls. They started to (crash) land on dark but they did not stop calling and like the gentle slapping swell it became a background noise till just before first light.

We had to head north and hoped to get to Cod Fish Island before the 25 knot westerly turned to the predicted afternoon NW. This mostly sunny day provided excellent conditions for Erewhon and she romped past Easy Harbour and Masons Bay with a pod of Dolphin's additional entertainment. With the anchorages all rollie at Codfish Island and an Easterly now forecast for the morning, we trucked on doing a good 7 kts. The wind eased off Big Bungoree and we motor sailed to anchor again at Kaipipi Bay after 70 miles in 13 hours of great sailing. We walked to a quite Oban the next day and sailed around Patterson's inlet for a couple of days, including the obligatory dawn and evening walks on Ulva Island.

We waited out 50 knt south-westerlies on the 7<sup>th</sup> till 6pm but with a slight drop in the wind and an NE gale forecast for Chalmers for late the next day we reefed down and headed north. It was a lumpy sea and a bit breezy to start but good sailing till the wind eased right off abeam Toko Mouth around midday on the 8<sup>th</sup>. With a combination of sail and motor we were back tied up in the boat harbour after a 26 hour trip. It was not

*View east from Gog.*



our best 3 weeks Stewart Island trip, and we again did not get down to the Snares, but it is never a disappointment to have two weeks in Port Pegasus

Story & pictures from Maurice Kane & Robyn Zinc.



*"Dante"*  
by Peter Wilhelmsen



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**October 18/20th                      November 15/17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday/Thursday                  7pm to 10-00pm approx.**

The normal venue for the course is the Otago Yacht Club, Magnet Street, Otago Boat Harbour.

Tutor                      Martin Balch                      Email                      [mbtech@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mbtech@xtra.co.nz)  
Phone                      4543 262                      Mobile                      0274 375242

**Costs** MVOQ \$70. Includes the exam fee and a comprehensive set of notes.

Optional costs –

Credit card sized warrant card as extra ID \$15

VHF call signs – A call sign is mandatory for a vessel - \$27

MROC international VHF and HF qualification – an additional \$30-00.

The internal examination, written and oral, is held on the Thursday as part of the course.

One day group courses at other venues on demand.

**Please Note:-**

**You must have an operator's licence to use a marine radio telephone. The MVOQ course is designed to both gain the MVOQ operators certificate, and also to train you in good operating and maintenance practices for your radio, as well as how marine radio systems work in New Zealand and particularly the Otago/Southland area.**

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**The course is open to all ages – all boaties – remember, it's a good insurance to have more than one capable radio operator on board.**

We look forward to seeing you at the course.

Martin Balch                      CBES Tutor



*“Lamplighter” & “Erewhon”  
By Peter Wilhelmsen*





*“Julia*  
By Peter Wilhelmsen

# T<sub>hank</sub> G<sub>od</sub> I<sub>t's</sub> F<sub>riday</sub>

Please note that there is no Friday dinner until  
November

## RWC

Oct 2nd New Zealand V Canada

Oct 8th Qualifying 1 & 2

Oct 9th Qualifying 3 & 4

Oct 15th Semi-final 1

Oct 16th Semi-final 2

Oct 21st Bronze final

Oct 23rd Final

Clubhouse will be open for the above  
games screening live.

## In the clubhouse

<b>September</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Time</b>
24th	RWC New Zealand V France live	6pm
30th	Private Function	7pm—10pm

<b>October</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Time</b>
5th & 6th	Polytech	8am—5pm
7th	Delta	7am—4pm
8th	OYC Opening day	All day
9th	Sailing School Opens	
18th & 20th	VHF class	7pm—10pm



## “Legato”

is looking for a third member for her syndicate. She is a 30 something year old Lock Crowther 10m tri-maran that is lively, fun and loves being out at sea.

Paul Campion and Gerard Kenny are the current owners—we are looking for a third. All money brought into the syndicate will

be spent on the boat.

Expressions of interest to :-

Paul 482-1953 or  
Gerard 473-7477 or

e-mail  
[campzwie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:campzwie@xtra.co.nz)



**Social  
Chit-Chat  
in the  
Clubhouse  
Bar  
every  
Saturday  
4pm – 6pm**



# Editorial.

Another year has passed and it has been a very busy one around the Yacht club and away from it. There have been many improvements including the increased deck size outside the clubhouse, the lifting, repairing and re-floating of a pontoon and a major garden clean up.



The clubhouse remains a popular venue for functions both corporate and private.

Our sailing school is bursting at the seams and remains very popular with more parents becoming involved. Well done guys and girls.

### Officers and Committee 2011-2012

Commodore	Vern Hall
Vice Commodore	Geoff Murray
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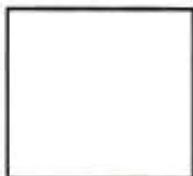
I am about to pass the reins of "Cable" to John Chappell but hush it's a secret as I haven't told him yet. I've become just a tad busy and the production of "Cable" has been suffering as a result.

*Editor.*

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