

# TGIF - 14 May 2021

TGIF - Friday, 14 May 2021

Subject: Living & travelling on a sailboat

Speaker: Alexandria White



In Alexandria's own words. *"Growing up on the Great Lakes, I learned how to love being in the water at a very early age. I could swim before I learned how to walk and fishing in a canoe with my parents was always a treat. At the start of my parents divorce, I was sent to live with my grandfather where luckily, he had a couple ski boats. He let me tie all the knots I wanted and dock the boat, but he was old fashioned so never let a woman drive. However, this just urged me to learn how to drive boats even more. In my early 20s I graduated university and started traveling, and that's how I ended up in Australia for a year, working on the Great Barrier Reef, learning how to dive and sail.*

*Now I'm almost 30, I've worked as a yachting and diving professional, lived and sailed on my own boat, have acquired approximately 11k sea miles, am currently studying Oceanography at the University of Otago and am learning how to sail smaller boats. My love for the ocean runs deep and I can't wait for the day to be living on my own boat again.*

*In the meantime, let's talk about what it's like living on a boat while traveling the world along with the personal, professional, and environmental benefits that can come from doing so."*

Alexandria's talk promises to be a very interesting and thought provoking presentation on living and sailing on a yacht full time, the environmental impacts and how we can reduce those effects.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14 May 2021. Pre-dinner drinks from 5:30pm & dinner at 6:30pm.

Please remember to contact Ann ([oyc.social@gmail.com](mailto:oyc.social@gmail.com)) by Thursday mid-day with numbers for dinner and any specific dietary requirements. Please note, although it may be possible to take numbers later, it does make it very hard for our volunteer Chef to calculate how many to cater for.