



Opening Day 2021 saw an excellent roll-up of craft in the bay to sail past our immediate past Commodore, John Hall, aboard *Sagittarius*, to salute and be saluted.

A grey and misty morning turned into quite a pleasant afternoon which enticed us all out.

Top image: Deb West (Vice Commodore, Sail) aboard *Kooranya*, leads the fleet for the sail-past.

Bottom: John Hall salutes the crew of *Bodyguard* (owners J & A Popowski), a recent purchase being made ready for some summer cruising.

Committee Notes

Site Improvements: Check out the classy new wind-break at the barbecue area. Malcolm Fergusson and Tim Geard made it happen.

Community Spirit: Spring Bay Boat Club is proud to share its facilities with other not-for-profit community groups. This year we have continued to host the local book group (Happy Hour Book-club) for their monthly meetings and to provide a meeting space for the Volunteer Marine Rescue group. We also welcome speakers from organisations with information to share with our members.

Welcome to all new SBBC members. Our numbers continue to grow!

Safe and happy boating over the Summer holiday season.



Notices

◆ **Upcoming Events**

January 2022 Social Event — East Coast Classic Week

A social boating event, with Schouten Island as our usual destination. Join other SBBC members for all or any part of the week January 21st to 28th, 2022. Our daily/nightly anchorages will be governed by the weather. Gravelly Beach, Passage Beach, Bryan's Corner and Wineglass Bay are just some of the possibilities. This year we may even go to Maria Island or Tasman Peninsula, depending upon prevailing conditions. A bulletin will go out in the days leading up to the event. Plenty of opportunities for fishing, walks ashore and socialising.

February 2022 Social Event — SBBC Camping Weekend

This summer our camping destination will be Bruny Island, to a private camping site suitable for tents, self-contained mobile homes and caravans. Limited "bunk-room" beds are also available. Beginning Friday, February 11th.

Enquiries to Leanne at sbbcontact@gmail.com

- ◆ **Facebook** Please note that we now have a new Club Facebook page. Please **visit it, like it, follow it, share it** and add your boating stories and photos to it. **It's [Spring Bay Boat Club @boatinginspringbay](https://www.facebook.com/boatinginspringbay)**

Social Notes

Guest Speaker, October 2021

Karla Williams, from Biosecurity Tasmania, pictured here with Leanne O'Brien and Malcolm Ferguson, was our guest at the SBBC October social evening. Karla provided us with a summary of her role within the organisation, with particular focus on the Apiary Industry—her passion is bees! We were also informed of our legal obligations in relation to biosecurity when entering Tasmanian waters and arriving at Tasmanian ports.

Please read the Biosecurity notices on the table in the West Wing of the Club—the door is always open.



Quiz Night, November 2021

Eight teams vied for the opportunity to be Spring Bay boat Club Quiz Champions on the night of November 12th. It was a hard-fought contest with some of the creative answers providing general hilarity (especially between the judges). We all had such a good time that we forgot to take any photos (just like in the olden days!). Quizzers were Jane Forbes and Leanne O'Brien. Questions covered the topics of Nautical (of course), General Knowledge, Geography, Current Affairs and The Arts, culminating in amazing vocal performances by all teams. Congratulations to the Vite team—winners over all!

Christmas Party, December 2021



Sylvia, Graeme, David, Phil and Deb represent just a few of the approx. 40 members who attended our Christmas Party this year. The food was lovely; the company was delightful; the venue was the best it's ever been; the weather was mild and balmy allowing doors to be wide open and the mood was very festive.

Have a very happy Festive Season, everyone, and a wonderful beginning to 2022.

Leanne O'Brien, Rear Commodore.

From your Commodore:

A seasonal message from the commodore.

Fellow SBBC members, I wish you an enjoyable festive season and new year period. I ask you to keep safe and well, enjoy being out on the water, or where ever else life takes you at this time.



Just to keep you up to date, your committee and their helpers have done a power of work round the club since last summer. The gardens and facilities continue to improve, but I particularly draw your attention to the refurbished BBQ and outdoor area out the back, which is a very pleasant space in the summer weather. There is more to be done, and plenty of opportunity for others to help. But it's already a great place to use — feel free!

On a different note, I've pondered what makes this club different and better and why I care about it. I'd summarise it in four conundrums leading to one conclusion.

- We run great social events, sometimes planned, sometimes spontaneous, but we're not a social club
- Many members go fishing, but we're not a fishing club
- We run a good competitive sailing series, but we are not a yacht club.
- Power boat owners are in the majority, but we a not a motor boat club

The common bond is a love of mucking around in boats, any type of boat, on the fantastic waters of the east coast!

See you all next year,

Tim



Above: a couple of shots of Club racing 2021. One a particularly tight start!

..... and your Vice-Commodore (Sail):



The 2021-2022 sailing season started with a parade of thirteen boats saluting the past commodore, John Hall, on **Sagittarius**. After time on the water, celebrations continued back at the club with a buzz of excitement about the on-coming season.

It is encouraging to have new boats lining up for the twilight starts:-
“**Margaret Patricia**” Jack Lockley; “**Farrijk**” Rjyk Hendricks; “**Rosie**” Robert Williams and in pennants “**Butcherbird**”

Nathan Hardy and “**Bodyguard**” John Popowski. It is good to see so many out there enjoying themselves.

We have had seven races in the first twilight series with mixed results. Up to nine boats in the twilight series made for some anxious moments in some starts. Race four was postponed due to a stiff south westerly and the resail was an exhilaratingly gusty north-easterly. There were six races in the pennant. In one, two boats were knocked down in a forty knot squall. Another had hail and rain and two with a steady sea breeze. After all races we have a get-together BYO beverages etc. at the Club. We have BBQ, oven and microwave available so usually make it our evening meal.



Kooranya

All results will be announced at the Annual Dinner in April, 2022.

Our annual raft-up was a great success. We joined forces on a member’s mooring off Luther Point at East Shelley. **Vite** (Bob & Heather Wilson), **Sagittarius** (John & Vonda Hall), **Bodyguard** (John & Aileen Popowski), and **Thomas A** (Graeme & Sylvia Elphinstone) all tied up together. It was great to have a Tuesday night event which was relaxing and without the rigours of a race. Also it was great to be able to mingle more than other years.

Best wishes go to John Hall and crew in **Sagittarius** who are participating in the Launceston to Hobart Race after Xmas.

If anyone is interested in sailing in our three race long distance series or our second twilight series please let me know on the phone number below. Crews are welcome too! Reminder of Pacer sailing early January.

Cheers

Deb

VC Sail

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PHOTO GALLERY

Opening Day Sail-past:



Below: David Goodfellow and Rachel Wiencke aboard *Dark Star*.



Tom and Penny Hey (above) joined John and Vonda Hall aboard *Sagittarius*, below.



Above Right: Nathan Hardy's new vessel, *Butcherbird*

Right: *Deseado* (Malcolm Fergusson & Leanne O'Brien) and *Vite*

(Bob & Heather Wilson).



Gallery cont.



Happy Hour Book Club members enjoyed a delightful final meeting for 2021 at the Boat Club. They will definitely be back in 2022; they are so grateful for the opportunity to meet in such a convenient and comfortable facility.



SBBC Christmas Party 2021. Rachel, Heather, Graeme, Peter, Roy, David, Michael, Mackenzie, Tom, Penny, Lesley, Jill and Wendy making merry. It was a most enjoyable evening.