



A thrilling start to Race 3 of the annual [Pacer Challenge](#) at Raspins Beach. Bruce and Jane Palmer (2) narrowly beating Ashley Emmerton and Benjamin Butcher (5), closely followed by Malcolm Fergusson and Tom Griffith (6).

And that's the way the whole series played out!

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It's been a tricky few months for the Club committee. Meetings have been deferred, conducted via email and telephone or with mask and distancing protocols in place on account of Covid worries. We have endeavoured to ensure that all the important aspects of your club have continued to tick over. One of those aspects has been promotion of the Club within the wider boating community which we did recently through providing the Rescue Boat (plus crew) for the weekend Windsurfing competition off Raspins Beach. Thanks to Malcolm and Tim for volunteering time and effort. Two glorious days on the water made it all worthwhile.

We have also had to err on the side of caution with some of our usual after-race and monthly social gatherings. These have gravitated to the barbecue area (outside) whenever possible. It's been pleasing to see, however, that racing has not needed to be curtailed and that the fleet of competitive boats has continued to grow. All credit to Deb West for her pro-active approach to the Vice-Commodore (Sail) position!



LEFT and RIGHT: How gorgeous did the Windsurfers look off Raspins Beach on March 26th and 27th!!

Third year in a row we've helped with state comps (2020—SB 20s; 2021—Sharpies)



Notices

- ◆ **Upcoming Events**
- ◆ **Saturday, April 2nd: SBBC Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentations, at Tandara.**
- ◆ **Sunday, April 10th: Magical Mystery Tour**
- ◆ **Friday, May 13th: Social evening at the Club (TBC)**
- ◆ **Tuesdays, June 14th, July 12th & August 9th: Fish and Chips with Happy Hour Book Club @ 5:00 pm (TBC)**
- ◆ **Friday, September 9th: Annual General Meeting of SBBC.**
- ◆ **Facebook** Please don't neglect the Club Facebook page. **Visit it, like it, follow it, share it** and add your boating stories and photos to it. Feel free to use it as a Lost & Found and a Club Marketplace if you wish.

It's called **Spring Bay Boat Club @boatinginspringbay**

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Social Notes

East Coast Classic Cruise in Company (Jan '22)

It's becoming increasingly difficult to tell who is participating in this Summer Club cruising event and who is simply out on the water anyway. Not that it matters. Plenty of boating certainly happened in the month of January!



RIGHT: "little" Passage Beach with SBBC boats.

In mid-January, the call was made that the annual East Coast Classic would begin on Maria Island and then make its way to Schouten Passage as the weather allowed. A couple of boats (Sagittarius and Bodyguard) made it to Maria and then returned home; a couple of boats (Madiba and Zebedee) went straight to the Schoutens and settled in there; and a couple of boats (Deseado and Dark Star) took in the full itinerary, including Chinaman's Bay, Whalers' Cove, Crockett's Bay, Passage Beach, Bryan's Beach, White Rock and all points in between. Butcher Bird spent much of the week on the water too, I'm told. Plenty of cruising! Plenty of lazing! A little bit of socialising! Some reading, fishing, surfing, walking and SUPping! Eating and drinking, of course! Mostly glorious weather! A superb week in total!!

If you were on the East Coast Classic Cruise and I've missed you out, please add your own story and pictures to our Facebook page. And, next year, make sure your Rear Commodore knows you are part of the group.



These were the people looking at the gorgeous view, above, and enjoying a convivial get-together ashore:

Roy, Dave, Rachel, Leanne, Malcolm
(photographer, Jane).

Leanne O'Brien, Rear Commodore.

Social Notes

February '22 — Camping Weekend, Bruny Island



Dining al fresco in the orchard. You can just glimpse one of the camping set-ups behind Leanne's head.

Bruny Island was the venue for this year's Camping Weekend and we were made very welcome by Malcolm and Leanne at the property in Adventure Bay that has been in Malcolm's family for over 70 years. Malcolm's Grandparents purchased the 70 acres in the 1940s and it is now being enjoyed by the fifth generation, being Hugh and Remy. The cottage on the land is steeped in history; prior to the purchase by the Fitzgerald family, it was a family subsistence farm and the cottage itself has been added to and re-invented by several families and over many generations, thereby affording us all many comforts.

The two highlights each day were morning coffee on the veranda (AKA Café Bayview) together with blue wrens and views across the bay to Tasman Island, and Happy Hour and dinner al fresco in "the orchard".

The property overlooks a quiet beach at Two Tree Point, Resolution Creek, history telling us that the creek was used by early day explorers including Captain Furneaux 1773, Captain James Cook 1777 and Captain Bligh 1788 to replenish fresh water supplies whilst on anchor in Adventure Bay. It was Bligh who named it Resolution Creek. Prior to that it was known as the 'Watering Place'. Two significant (leaning) waterfront trees shown in a painting in 1792 are still standing there today and when I wondered about the safety of sitting under them I was reminded they had stood safely for over 200 years!

Campers included Roy and Jane, Penny and Geoff, Deb and Tim, Bob and Heather and, of course, Malcolm and Leanne. People arrived from the ferry at various stages and on Friday morning some light rain greeted Penny, Geoff, Bob and Heather but soon cleared and didn't interfere with setting up camp. We all found level grassy spots surrounded by bush and visited by wallaby, not always welcome for what they left on our awning mat!

The theme of the weekend was "relaxation" and so everyone did what they wanted when they felt like it or not at all. Roy and Malcolm had frequent paddleboard trips to the beach and Deb and Heather had some good "boogie" time. Others swam or just sat, read, chatted and indeed....relaxed!

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Camping Trip (cont.)

Some of us did venture along the Grassy Point Track, home of the white wallaby if you are lucky enough to see one. This track passes the remains of a whaling station out to the 'whaler's lookout' and Penguin Island. The area is of great historic significance, with Abel Tasman landing here in 1642 and Captain James Cook some 135 years later in 1777. Apparently the Island was thus named because "a" penguin was sighted there once!



An expedition into the bush behind our camping spot. We were searching along the creek for Malcolm's elusive Huon Pine tree! We didn't find it but we saw some gorgeous ferns and other wet sclerophyll flora.

If this were a *Tripadvisor* review our hosts could only receive a 10+ for everything. They were so welcoming and generous in sharing their seaside home. They extended us every comfort to make sure we all had the best time possible... which we did! Most sincerely, thank you, Malcolm and Leanne.

Jane Forbes

Social Committee



Aptly named! Two Tree Point at Adventure Bay. Resolution Creek running out to sea in the foreground.

From your Commodore:

Hi all,

Autumn is well and truly here. For the club's racing sailors, the season is all but over. The more settled weather is perfect for fishing and cruising, and it is great to see so many different members and boats out and about.

As I look round the club, I am in awe of the past efforts of so many members. A good thing is the club is undergoing significant regeneration at the moment with a younger generation becoming more involved and investing time and effort in boats and boating. Not surprisingly, and quite rightly, they have their own ideas on what they want from the club and how to go about it. This will not always be comfortable for everyone, but the alternative to ongoing regeneration is and has always been extinction.

When I finally become an ancient mariner I look forward to the ongoing stewardship of the SBBC by the younger generation. This will only happen if we give them room to have a go!

Here's to mucking about in boats.

Tim



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



We had two very pleasant Sundays in January with the Pacers at Raspins Beach. The first day was very casual and fun except for the jellyfish stings. The next was the Pacer Challenge with some exciting and very keen sailing. Well done Bruce and Jane Palmer who dominated the heats! The land-based crew provided a much-needed barbecue.

The night of the first race of series two Twilights had a deteriorating forecast which favoured a short inshore course, but ironically all boats were caught in the tide at least once if not twice or three times at the One Tree Point mark. Very frustrating but good conversation after the race.

Our second race had the same course with just enough wind to get every boat home before it faded.

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Sailing Report Cont.

The third Twilight gave us all a great chance to get into Prosser Bay. First around Windlass and then Raspins buoys. Very refreshing and exhilarating! We all had to “impress” as Nick was taking some speccy photos.

Only four boats in the fourth Twilight but still had an exciting tussle between Baiame and Vite.

Our fifth race had a very brisk South-Easterly which had its peak at the start. A few incidents: one boat ending up badly stuck on the hard, another having to start their engine to back off the hard and another collision at the start. All a bit hectic and exhilarating!

The sixth and final twilight race was short with most of us finishing in under an hour.

Well done to the crew of ‘Margaret Patricia’ who, after a lot of perseverance over the season, finished with a handicap win. Great excitement!

Our Long Distance Series:

Lachlan Island: Becalmed off Lachlan Island with a nice north-easterly up Maria’s west coast to a good spinnaker leg to the Eastcoaster finish line.

South Maria Race: Four boats entered in foggy and rainy conditions only to be becalmed off Lachlan Island again!. The race was shortened!

We had seven entrants in the Darlington Race. Unfortunately, the little wind we had petered out to nothing. As no boats managed to get as far as the fish lease in three hours, the race was abandoned.

Cock of the Bay was our final sail for the 2021/2022 season. It was a three race competition with staggered starts for the four boats involved. The start boat was very ably manned by Pete Smith and Rod Burnell. The first two heats had very pleasant conditions with three boats on the finish line at the same time in the first race and a shortened course for the second. The windward buoy either moved or had to be moved during the day. The last race had a stiff North Easterly which made everyone work even harder. Thanks to Pete and Rod. Also to Nathan Hardy, Jack Lockley and Holly Smillie in their buoy boat. Thanks too to Malcolm Fergusson for his preparation of the buoys.

All final results major and minor will be on display at the SBBC dinner.

Keep well and warm over winter in readiness for another fun sailing season in October.

Deb West

PHOTO GALLERY



BELOW: David Goodfellow and Rachel Wiencke aboard *Dark Star*. Apologies for wrong image in previous Bay Spray (Ed.)

P.S. Whose boat was it, please?



TOP IMAGE: The glorious outlook from “Café Bayview” on Bruny Island, scene of many a convivial cuppa during our annual camping weekend.

BOTTOM: Jane and Bruce Palmer, Pacer winners over all.



ABOVE: Our youngest recruit to dinghy sailing: Hugh Griffith, age 5, in the Pacer Challenge.

Gallery cont.



ABOVE and RIGHT: Deseado and Madiba looking placid in the calm waters of Crockett's Bay (Gravelly Beach) at Schouten Island on this year's East Coast Classic.



Some of the many Naked Ladies at our camping spot on Bruny Island. Plenty of time was also spent at the beach in front of the cottage, lazing, swimming, boarding etc. where (rumour has it) at least one of the other kind was spotted. But this was during a very early morning paddle by one of our members who might have been still in dreamland at the time!

BELOW: *Vite*, looking lively, in the Cock of the Bay, March 27th. A magnificent day on the water!



Order to be received by committee no later than 30th April, 2022.

Print, fill out details, (scan) and return to sbbccontact@gmail.com; P.O. Box 88 Triabunna, 7190; or in person to Secretary or Rear Commodore.

Merchandise Order SBBC Members

All clothing items are embroidered with the **Spring Bay Boat Club** name and logo. Prices include this embroidery and GST. If you wish to add some secondary text (e.g. boat name, your name, title, nickname etc), please make this clear at the bottom of this order form. Extra lettering costs an extra \$7.00 per garment. Sizing is standard. Members will be contacted and invoiced when items arrive.

Member's Name:

<i>Items & Prices</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Main Colour</i>	<i>Trim Logo</i>	<i>Sleeve & Style</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>\$\$</i>
Cap \$19.00 Navy with white logo Or natural with navy logo	1 fits all			Adjust with vel- cro		
Surf Hat \$25.00 Natural with navy logo only 55, 57, 59 or 61 cm		Natural	Navy	n/a		
Polo Top (UPF 50+) \$35.00 Short sleeve: navy with white trim/logo or white with navy trim/logo. Sizes: XXS – XXXXXL Or Ladies' fit: short sleeve, both colour- ways. Sizes: 8 – 24 Long sleeve: navy with white only. Sizes: S – XXXL				Short sleeve		
				Ladies s/s		
		Navy	White	Long sleeve		
Cotton chambray shirt \$45.00 Light blue with navy logo Long or short sleeve Sizes: S - XXXXL		Light blue	Navy/ white			
Frost Jacket Navy \$55.00 Microfleece, windproof, full zip Vest Navy \$45.00 Sizes: Gents S - XXXXXL Ladies 8 - 18		Navy	White/ blue			
Stubby Holder \$5						
Club burgee \$15						
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