



# THE PENNANT



*Cecilia*, 2015 BBIC Series winner, with skipper Russell Bellamy and crew

*L. McFadden, 4.10.14*

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Club burgee \$10  
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### Next committee meeting

April 15 2015 - 19:00 hrs  
6 View Street Cowan  
All members welcome

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### From the Commodore

I am afraid I have been very distracted by non-sailing duties and events this month, and although early in the month I spent a long time diving under *Crossbow* to get the bottom really clean again, I ended up missing both races - the last BBIC and Point Score Race 8.

**BBIC Series:** You will recall that after Race 3, HRYC led in the team point score. We could've, should've won the Trophy! What went wrong? Well I am sure our team sailed valiantly, however, the Gosford team had a better day in the final race, with a 1st, 3rd and 4th placings on handicap. The final scores for the series were - Gosford 60, HRYC 62, and RMYC 80.

Never the less on individual scores, HRYC did brilliantly with *Cecilia*, Russell Bellamy first overall, *Eikon*, Cliff Sutton second, and *All our Girl*, Charles Hill seventh. Congratulations to all, and I think we will have to find a trophy for Russell at the end of the season.

I am sure you will find a report on Point Score Race 8 further on in this newsletter. I note that Russell is carrying on his winning streak. Remember there are two more races to go in the series, and nice autumn weather to enjoy.

The next event is the **Crew's Race**. A chance to change skippers, and see how much better the boat goes!

Our membership numbers are still creeping up. Welcome to those who have joined, or rejoined, in the last few months. And a big thanks to John Neef for his continuing work on improvements to *LOL II* and the dingy.

Terry Dorrrough  
Commodore

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### BBIC Race 4

March 7 2015

Five HRYC boats competed in the final race of the BBIC Series. The race started at 1245 in the vicinity of RMYC. The course was - Stokes Point to Mackerel Beach (twice), then Taylors Point, Stokes Point and finishing at the RMYC. The wind gods offered competitors an ENE at 5-10 knots.

Our yachts were amongst the first three over the start line, and *Eikon* was the first HRYC boat to finish, followed by *All Our Girls*, *Cecilia*, *Amoeba* (in her first BBIC race), and *Transaction*.

HRYC boats took out first and second in the overall point score for the series (we're a talented lot aren't we). First went *Cecilia*, brilliantly done Russell and crew, and second to *Eikon*, congratulations to Cliff and crew as well. Unfortunately we missed out on the overall best club trophy, which went to Gosford Yacht Club. I suspect our RC had been eyeing this trophy off for some time, so better luck with the 'handicapping' system next year Mark.

### BBIC Race 4 PHS placing's for HRYC boats

**Sixth** *Cecilia*

**Eighth** *Eikon*

**Tenth** *All Our Girls*

**Fourteenth** *Amoeba*

**Fifteenth** *Transaction*

### Overall BBIC PHS Series placing's

**First** *Cecilia*

**Second** *Eikon*

**Seventh** *All Our Girls*

**Tenth** *Transaction*

**Fourteenth** *Crossbow*



Russell Bellamy (right), 2015 BBIC PHS Series winner

*C. Sutton 7.3.15*

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## Seasons Point Score Race 8

March 21 2015

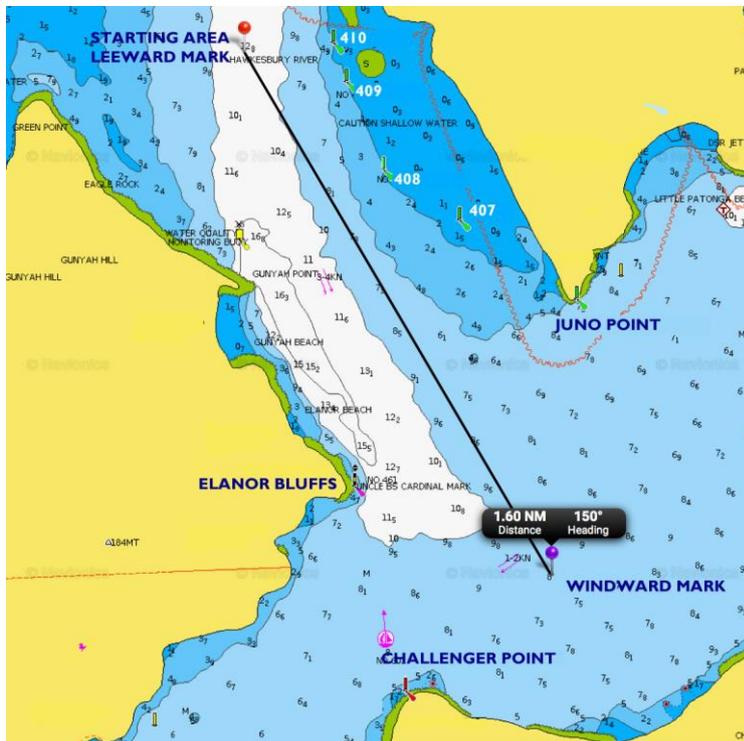
A moderate 12-15 knot south-easterly prevailed for most of the race and the SE windward-leeward course was set, using the northern starting area just west of Croppy Point and Channel Marker 310.

The wind sometimes blew a little stronger, particularly funnelling down the river. In the latter stage of the race the wind lightened a few knots, and swung to the ESE. There was very strong ebbing tide, which made the start and rounding of the leeward mark challenging. Indeed the tide was so strong that the pin mark was dragged under before the start, so the sailing instructions were modified, making the start and finish between *Lollipop* and Channel Marker 310, with *Lollipop* also being pressed into service as the leeward mark. Later in the day, after the race was completed and the tidal flow abated, the pin marker resurfaced in the same spot in which it had been laid!

The race was contested by seven boats - *Amoeba*, *AOG*, *Cecilia*, *Jeanie*, *Star of the Sea*, *Tangaloo* and *Transaction*. This was *Tangaloo's* debut in the Commodores Series Races, although she had previously contested one of the Spring Series Races. David Wright was ably assisted by Mark Raymond – since the sale of *Mari Anne*, Mark, Ed and Ken have been on the lookout for crewing positions, mostly with Cliff on *Eikon*. As John Neef is still recovering from eye surgery, Ed Levy kindly volunteered to drive *Lollipop*. It was also the first time back on the race course for Libby Braybrooks in *Star of the Sea* after her arm injury. Libby sailed short-handed with Gary Irons. Bill Brand and James Donnelly also sailed solo - an impressive performance from both, particularly for Bill in the IOR two-tonner in gusty conditions (at times), in the river.

The start was once again closely contested. Both *All Our Girls* and *Jeanie* hit the line hard on the wind, with *Jeanie* to leeward.

AOG had timed her start perfectly, hitting top speed some ten seconds before the gun went. While *Jeanie* and AOG stayed on the starboard tack for a few minutes, *Cecilia* tacked onto port for clear air, and to get to the western side of the river where the ebbing tide was running fastest.



### HRYC Course SE

M. Cole et al. sporting a new headsail - the S&S 34, revelling in the 15 knot south-easterly. With new sail and clean underwater, *SotS* sailed an impressive race well above her rating. In fact *SotS* 'owned' the race for the first two legs – at the completion of leg two, she was a clear winner on PHS, with only *Cecilia* in any position to catch her.

*Jeanie* sailed very consistently throughout, she and AOG being the only boats to carry a spinnaker on every leg. The Top Hat's deeper underwater sections, and small, tucked in aft sections made running downwind with spinnaker against the 2-4 knot tide a handful. In the gusting conditions, with 20-40 degree shifts as wind bounced off the eastern shore line - spinnaker handling could be a little hair-raising at times, with both *Jeanie* and AOG performing 'accidental gybes' - at least one Chinese gybe witnessed. (For those not in the know, a Chinese gybe is where the upper section of the main sail moves across the boat, filling from the opposite side, while the lower section and boom remains on the original side of the boat – Editor/Wikipedia).

*Cecilia* played it safe in the first two legs and chose not to set her extra. Russel and her crew had gone out early for some spinnaker practice and decided that conservative sailing without the spinnaker would most likely yield a faster time around the course! In a bid to chase down *SotS*, however *Cecilia* put in a 'scorcher' of a final lap. Russel had the boat flying upwind and seemed to have finally got the settings right on his trustworthy Pentax-Mylar Number 2. He set a smaller heavy weather spinnaker for the final leg, and recorded a lap



time only five minutes slower than *AOG*, and almost as fast as *SotS*. This was just enough to snatch victory from Libby and Garry who finished a very close second. Russel has hit a purple patch, having also won the previous Race 7, and topped the table in the interclub series.

*Amoeba* also looked especially good on the wind, without her spinnaker she still managed to finish in third place on PHS behind *Cecilia* and *Star of the Sea*.

We are well and truly at sharp end of the season now. *AOG* looks to have the CBH secure with a ten point. But on PHS, six points separate four boats (after two drops) – *Amoeba*, *AOG*, *Crossbow*, *Cecilia* and *Jeanie* - and all have a chance to win. The series is not likely to be decided until Race 10 is over!

Mark Cole  
Rear Commodore

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### The race from *Tangaloo*

Saturday 21st March started overcast and drizzly at Brooklyn, so people had foul weather jackets on but were able to remove them before the start, as the weather over the course dried out - though it still looked pretty wet to the north of the bridges.

Ed and Gail on *Lollipop II* reported that the start marker buoy had disappeared, so those of us with a VHF turned to Channel 77 were able to learn (between some rescue boats' chatter), that the start line would be between *Lollipop* and the upstream starboard channel marker off Wobby.

With seven boats jockeying for the best start surge in fairly light air, those nearest the start boat were in the best position, and had a longer beat on starboard than the others before needing to tack. With a spring tide ebbing and reaching its middle about half way through our racing afternoon, wind and tide had to be played off against each other during the whole race, with some boats choosing one side of the channel to get out of the current while not losing the wind, and others choosing the opposite side.

In *Tangaloo* we tried both sides, but it was hard to tell which was better. Notable absentee regulars were our Commodore, who was chopping down trees around his house (I know he has a *Crossbow*, so maybe it was to make arrows), and Cliff in *Eikon*, who was sailing in more distant waters - so *All Our Girls*, who leapt off the starting grid and disappeared from view, didn't have much competition around the marks. Libby and Garry made a good start in *Star of the Sea*, which was looking gleaming and with a newly polished bottom. The evolution of getting her mast down and up for the bridge in order to get to Fenwick's, is now well practiced and slick for Libby and her helpers. *Jeanie* also started well and caught some good wind. We made a reasonable start, closely followed by Bill who was sailing his big 37ft Italian, *Transaction*, by himself (no spinnaker today for him). I was a bit too busy to note the other boats' getaways though.



*Tangaloo* consistently placed 6<sup>th</sup> in all categories... E. Levy 21.3.15

Getting into the channel exposed the fleet to more wind - which by now had also picked up - so with a strong tide helping, the windward mark which was 1.6 Nm away soon came into view. Care was needed to round it well upstream, especially for slow tackers like mine. Otherwise the day's wind suited the heavier boats much better than some of the light air races we've been having, so *Tangaloo* was making around five plus knots at times.

It was a good day for kite flying too, with all spinnakers looking full bellied and steady on all the downwind runs. Some boats, such as *Jeanie*, could probably have kept theirs up until passing the start boat, but in spite of this and having to put in an extra gybe with the current pushing her towards *Lollipop*, *Jeanie's* fifth position over the line was well ahead of *Tangaloo's* sixth. Not possessing a spinnaker we had our genoa poled out, thanks to the initiative of Mark Raymond who also leaned his weight on it most of the way, and Sean leant against the main boom as I, (confession) sailed a little bit by-the-lee to make the mark, something I really don't like doing.

Approaching the windward buoy for the second time, Bill and I were playing leap frog, but by some piece of luck we rounded first and managed to gradually open the gap thanks to Bill's lack of spinnaker crew. Although Russell hadn't gone diving to polish Cecilia's bottom this week, he and his able crew still managed to follow Libby over the line into third place, even with his second best spinnaker.

Not much earlier *Tangaloo* had approached the second downwind turn just as *All Our Girls* crossed the finishing line three lengths ahead of us. Ed sent us round the course again when we failing to convince him that we were finishing too!

It was a lovely day's racing throughout; enough wind with no lacunas, dry and not cold and no sweltering sun with risk of sunburn. The course was great fun with every circuit different as people tried different sides of the channel and tacked earlier or later. The start line being so close to our moorings, thanks to the wind direction, was also an added benefit for those of us who don't get up early.

David Wright *Tangaloo*

## Final Placing's

Line Honours	<b>First</b> <i>All Our Girls</i>	<b>Second</b> <i>Star of the Sea</i>	<b>Third</b> <i>Cecilia</i>
CBH	<b>First</b> <i>All Our Girls</i>	<b>Second</b> <i>Cecilia</i>	<b>Third</b> <i>Jeanie</i>
PHF	<b>First</b> <i>Cecilia</i>	<b>Second</b> <i>Star of the Sea</i>	<b>Third</b> <i>Amoeba</i>

## HRYC Results – Series Point Score Race 8

Yacht	Rating		Elapsed	Times		Places		
	PHF	CBH		Corrected		Line Honours	CBH	PHF
				CBH	PHF			
<b>Cecilia</b>	0.954	0.695	2:20:24	1:37:35	2:13:56	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Star of the Sea</b>	1.047	0.785	2:09:51	1:41:17	2:15:57	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Amoeba</b>	0.989	0.770	2:30:34	1:55:56	2:28:55	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Jeanie</b>	0.955	0.615	2:39:06	1:37:51	2:33:51	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>All Our Girls</b>	1.362	0.810	1:53:25	1:31:52	2:34:28	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Tangaloa</b>	0.950	0.680	2:55:24	1:59:16	2:43:07	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Transaction</b>	1.031	0.840	2:58:39	2:30:04	3:04:11	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Mari Anne</b>	0.903	0.615				<b>Duty</b>	<b>Duty</b>	<b>Duty</b>
<b>Crossbow</b>	1.329	0.840				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>
<b>Corrado</b>		0.760				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>
<b>Waterplay</b>	0.980	0.720				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>
<b>Eikon</b>	1.067	0.795				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>
<b>Hang Ten</b>	1.350	0.870				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>
<b>Mapuche</b>	1.000	0.770				<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>	<b>DNC</b>

## HRYC 2014-15 SPS Series Post Race 8: PHS Changes

Yacht	Class	Old Rating	Race Performance	New Rating	Change
All Our Girls	Southern Ocean 32	1.362	1.342	1.355	-0.007
Hang 10	Adams 10	1.350	-	1.350	0.000
Crossbow	BB10	1.315	-	1.315	0.000
Star of the Sea	S & S 34	1.047	1.173	1.077	0.030
Eikon	Mummery 34	1.067	-	1.067	0.000
Transaction	Marchi 39	1.031	0.852	1.001	-0.030
Mapuche	East Coast 31	1.000	-	1.000	0.000
Amoeba	East Coast 31	0.989	1.011	0.996	0.007
Cecilia	Hood 23	0.954	1.084	0.984	0.024
Jeanie	Top Hat	0.955	0.957	0.956	0.001
Tangaloa	Bermuda 30	0.930	0.868	0.909	-0.021

### Lollipop and Lollipop – an update

#### Lollipop II



The new scupper valve - as seen from above J. Neef 20.3.15

John Neef has put a new scupper valve in *LOL*'s stern. The valve needs to be closed when we're on board, and opened when we leave (to allow rain water to drain out).

The following people now have keys for *LOL* (i.e. dinghy, door and ignition): Cliff Sutton, John Neef, Mark Cole, Lee Malone and Ed Levy.

#### Lollipop (aka the club dinghy)

John has added a nose wheel to the dinghy's bow, and two larger wheels to her stern. This will make it easier for a solo (and or aging), club member to move her around. John has also painted the 'HRYC' on the stern and the oars, for identification if she goes astray!

Once again, our appreciation and eternal gratitude goes to John for all the work he does to keep the club - and its chattels – afloat.

Apparently the dinghy has now been named *Lollipop*. I'm told that this was decided during after-race drinks at the pub (as you do).



Lollipop with her new racing wheels J. Neef 20.3.15

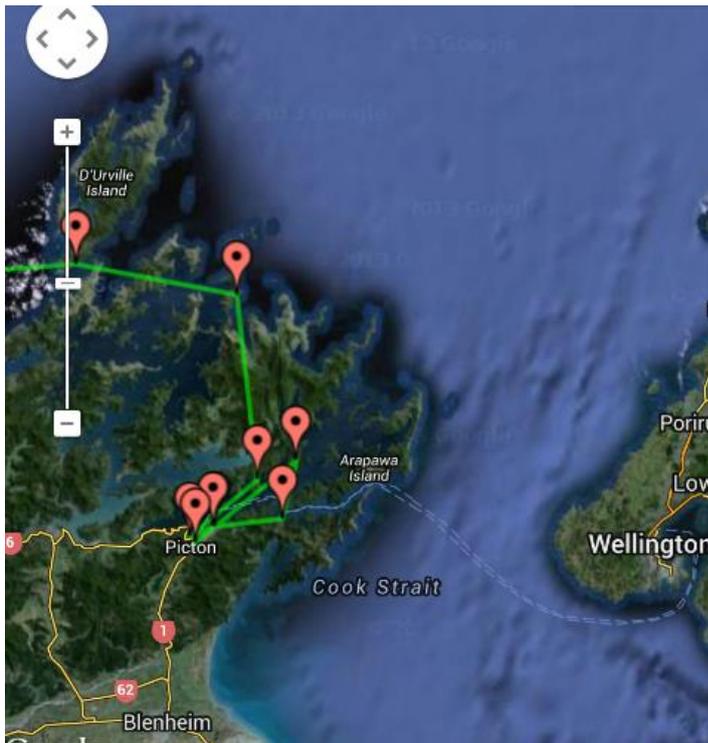
### Rumour Has It ...

#### The latest goss from Zeehaen

For those of you who are vicarious sailors, here are the last four posts from Lou and Rob. They're still in Queen Charlotte Sound at the top of New Zealand's South Island.

**March 26, 2015 - 0940 hrs**    *41° 15.837' S 174° 2.525' E*

Strolled around Picton - it was quick! Topped up supplies and met a couple of the local liveaboards. Shifted today as the yacht club were having a regatta. Now at Waikawa Bay. Might sleep better without the ferries coming and going. Kayaked today - seals galore!



<http://skipr.net/where-is/boat-pages/?boatid=833>  
some mussels with the kayak.

**March 24, 2015 - 1722 hrs**

*41° 17.114' S 174° 0.47' E*

Went kayaking around the bays and saw seals and cormorant breeding grounds. Then went walking and saw wild goats. Did a few boat jobs when it rained. Sailed to Picton today after replacing a starter motor solenoid and repairing the temperature gauge on the way.

**March 21, 2015 - 1238 hrs**

*41° 10.797' S 174° 10.748' E*

Spent a few days in Hitaua Bay, pulling apart the hot water system, enjoying a lamb roast (with fresh rosemary!) and kayaking around. Today we motor-sailed to Milton Bay checking out the real estate. Here we have already collected

**March 17, 2015 - 1244 hrs** *41° 15.366' S 174° 9.325' E*

Head down, bum up in the engine room - all part of living the dream! Our repaired manifold is back, on so we're no longer losing cooling water-bliss! Rode into Picton and had our groceries and selves delivered back. Gave the motor a 14Nm run to Hitaua Bay; A-OK.



Lou in Tasman Bay, with Zeehaen in the background

<http://www.sailblogs.com/member/zeehaen/?xjMsgID=348953>

<b>Calendar of Events 2015</b>					
<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Events for 2015</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Comment</b>
April 2015	Sat	11	Crews Race	1230	
	Sat	18	Seasons Point Score Race 9	1230	
May 2015	Sat	2	Autumn Passage Series Race	TBA	
	Sat	16	Seasons Point Score Race 10	1230	
June 2015	Sat	6	Autumn Passage Series Race	TBA	
	Sat	20	Winter Series Race 1	1230	
July 2015	Sat	4	TBA		
	Sat	18	TBA		
August 2015	Sat	1st	TBA		
	Sat	15th	TBA		
September 2015	Sat	5th	TBA		
	Sat	19th	TBA		
October 2015	Sat	3rd	TBA		
	Sat	17th	TBA		
November 2015	Sat	7th	TBA		
	Sat	21st	TBA		
December 2015	Sat	5th	TBA		
	Sat	19th	TBA		