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“Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen.” - unknown

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2017 Edition

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Thanks to all contributors of photos & articles to this edition 😊

President's Report

Well who can believe it's the pointy end of the year again – another one almost gone and a new one about to begin. We had good intentions of getting this newsletter out before Christmas but the busy season rolled in too quickly. However we hope you had a great Christmas season with your family & friends and that the new year will be safe, enjoyable and be your best year yet!

We appreciate the commitment and support from our financial members, our committee members plus our amazing sponsors who all contribute to making the club the success that it is.

We are totally pumped to announce a new sponsor – Club Marine; and we are also very excited to announce our formal affiliation with Australian Jet Ski Association inc. Both of these new additions to the club come with lots of benefits for us (refer to articles in this newsletter).

Some new models of skis have created a new level of interest as the industry is very positive and progressive. We can expect further changes as PWC brands seek to compete further and create their own points of difference which is great for all those of us in the market.

We've had some fantastic rides already and still have plenty to come so we hope to see all of you on the water over the summer and autumn months. Apart from the scheduled rides, there will be plenty of impromptu rides including several that will welcome in some of the Sydney to Hobart yachts.

So keep safe everyone and we look forward to catching up and enjoying your company on rides throughout our awesome state in the very near future.

Cheers,

Dave Gray

Jetskitas President

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Circumnavigate Bruny Island

Bruny Island. ... Both the **island** and the channel are named after French explorer Bruni d'Entrecasteaux. **Its** traditional Aboriginal **name** is lunawanna-allonah, which survives as the **name** of two **island** settlements, Alonnah and Lunawanna



It was with much trepidation that I approached the boat ramp at Dru Point Margate on the morning on 19th November 2017. This had been the scene of a “boat ramp debacle” the likes of which the club has never seen before. (yes, I currently hold the trophy). If you don't know the story, “right royal service” see previous newsletter.

8am and it's a cracker of a day. This is one of the clubs longest rides (190klms) in open water, be prepared conditions change quickly in Tasmania. Riders had travelled from far away with the expectation of fantastic scenery, exploring caves, wildlife and more. We're off to a good start, and then I hear Gary say “where's Carolyn, I

haven't been on a club ride without her”. Off we head, 8 intrepid young men set off alone, without “mum” to ride around Bruny.

The seas are calm and the sun glistens on the water as we head to the northern tip of Bruny and into Storm Bay, it called Storm Bay for a reason!! The first European to reach Storm Bay was [Abel Tasman](#) in 1642.

We travel clockwise down the eastern side past Yellow Bluff and on to Cape Queen Elizabeth at the northern end of the Neck, we make good time as the conditions are ideal. Heading South to fantastic Adventure Bay, then on to the most southern tip and the Friars, not the “deep fryers” but someone did have a swim with the seals, a very quick swim.



“where's Dave”



The caves, blowholes, passages and stunning cliffs are absolutely amazing. You do need to go with someone who knows the area and show you where you can and can't go. Ian, Dave G, and Dave T did a great job showing us around.



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By this time we had sucked up a fair bit of juice, time for fuel stop for me and Dave B, the rest of the crew had "Bathurst Tanks" so they kindly fed their faces while Dave and I fed our tanks.

Around the bottom and into Cloudy Bay, past the Cape Bruny Lighthouse built in 1836.

Heading up the western side now towards Great Taylors Bay we sight a lone jetskier, "what the hell are they doing out here"? This guy was well prepared, had all the safety gear and even an orange safety vest, low and behold he was a club member just trying to avoid the \$5 ride fee. Lol. Hi "Neil"

So now we are 9, and the weather is still fantastic in and out of a few bays along the way, such magic spots and many that you can only get to on the water.

As we head towards Great Bay a sighting is made of a massive yacht, the likes of which most of us have never seen. We crank the throttles to catch her and investigate, we're in sight on land now so no need for "eco mode". This yacht is 67m long, worth \$10M and is called Hetairos, magnificent.



The race to finish, back to the boat ramp, hang on. Most of us got top speed out of our machines on the way back, wow what a day!!! Without doubt the best club ride I've been on for some time. Put this one on your list.

Trevor Pillans

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Review By Rod Heather

The day began around 7.30am for myself and Dave Gray who had been staying with me, we departed Midway Point bound for Boomer Bay which is just before Dunalley, Dave had temporarily traded his single ski trailer for a double the day before to allow for Tal (Natalya Njezic) to join us, a big thanks to Matt and the guys at Maynes for swapping skis on to the double trailer

We arrived at Boomer Bay along with Zac Rosinski and proceeded to get ready to launch our skis, Tal arrived all geared up as she was running late, she had already donned her wetsuit and was ready to go the minute she hopped out of her car. Skis launched, a quick chat and



away we went, conditions in the bay were a little choppy as we made our way to Marion Bay bar way, the conditions at the bar way were perfectly flat, once through the bar way we regrouped, we then began to make our way south along the coast line taking in the

picturesque views that it has to offer, the conditions were perfect, no swell and an offshore breeze allowing us to have a smooth and magical



ride, as we made our way south we checked out the caves and beautiful beaches, we arrived at Eagle Hawk Neck so we decided to stop and stretch the legs, Zac decided to visit the food fan only to return with a feed of chips and squid rings for us all to share. As we had good supplies of fuel (thanks to Dave and his extra 20 litre fuel containers) we decided to keep going to Fortescue Bay which took

in the some tremendous sightseeing including Devils Kitchen, Waterfall bay and the Candlestick, a pit stop into Fortescue Bay for some lunch before making our way home.

A sensational ride!



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New Sponsor to the Club!



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We are very excited to announce that Australia's market leading pleasure craft insurer is now a valued sponsor of Jetskitas.com (Tasmania Jet Sports Boating Club inc).

Club Marine brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club in addition to their cover, service & member benefits being extremely comprehensive - as we heard via their presentation at our AGM / mid-year dinner.

We are developing some attractive benefits for our current financial members linked to our new association with Club Marine – look out for more details in due course.

Club Marine are committed to expanding their member base of PWCs owners in Tasmania and we look forward to working with them to promote safety and awareness in our chosen sport.

Club Marine will also be our primary donor for our upcoming raffle. We have a range of great prizes donated and tickets will be available in January 2018.

We welcome Club Marine as our newest and exclusive marine insurance sponsor and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.



It was a gorgeous sunny Wednesday in Hobart and what better day to spend it than out on the water. Rod, Zac, Kim and I decided to head off from Rosny early in the morning.... of course after we have covered ourselves in sunscreen!

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We went to Kingston Beach...where there were so many people swimming, people in boats, kayaking and kids playing on the beach and of course the much talked about whale...which we admired from a distance. We then beached our skis and headed up for a morning coffee and chat before heading off again.



We ended up at Conningham where we had some



lunch and then decided to cool off with a swim....the cooled us down, and check out was a great day

Cheers, Tal



water was crystal clear and it certainly before heading back we decided to go Bruny Island and some of south Arm. It spent with great company.

[Jetskitas Gear](#)

Caps are \$20 and

are available on rides.

Polo tops in blue/white (pictured) or white/blue are \$30 plus postage if applicable. Pay and order polo tops - contact Jono!

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2017 Christmas Dinner @ St Helens



Our Friday night was spent around the firepit with pizzas and relaxing, while Saturday night was a bit more formal with dinner at Tidal Waters, although the

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rain threw a spanner into our on water plans we didn't let it dampen our spirits and a good time was had by all.



All the skis got wet but that was due to to the downpour most of the weekend. Several of us had a short ride out to the barway but conditions weren't suitable for a long distance ride.

Some of the guys took their 4WDs to Peron Dunes, others of us enjoyed lunch at Lichen in Binalong Bay and were all very impressed with the meals on offer.

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Dinner and the evening all went well and the next morning with more heavy rain we checked out and headed for home. We can't pick the weather but the company was great as usual.

[Australian Jet Ski Association Inc \(AJSA\)](#)

We are pumped to be officially on board with AJSA as from 1 January 2018. This means we are financially affiliated and will have access to many benefits, safety management protocols and group riding manuals. While we do have a combined large amount of experience, the committee is dedicated to ongoing improvements and this is a formal way to learn and provide more experience and benefits to our members.

Plus we are also stoked to announce that Jet Ski World Champion Daz Keal (Training and Water Safety Manager with AJSA) will conduct a training day for us in early February on the St Helens barway and in the east coast surf. There will be a nominal cost for this and it's an opportunity of a lifetime and is open to a limited numbers that meet the following criteria including:

1. Must be a current financial member of jetskitas.com
2. Must be a regular rider and have experience on a number of coastal rides
3. Be interested in learning new skills and rescue techniques and be willing to share what has been learnt, with others.

So if this is of interest and you meet the criteria, please email us info@jetskitas.com with the subject line being 'AJSA training' and state your case and the committee will consider and provide you with further details ASAP.

We look forward to a long and positive relationship with ASJA and we will also have another very exciting announcement shortly. Happy days!

[Tas Maritime Radio \(TMR\) Course NW Tas](#)

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Further to the southern course that some of us attended last year, TMR is planning a NW course for persons who are interested in obtaining further information and want to obtain their own radio call sign. Date to be advised but most likely this winter so watch this space for an update in the new year.

[Recreational Boating Fund 2018 Applications Now Open](#)

Our highly valued supporter MAST has invited us to contribute submissions to the above fund for worthwhile projects that we believe will enhance and improve facilities around the state and add further enjoyment for water users.

MAST is committed to ongoing improvements and we benefit from many of them however some suggestions that have been raised include:

- Modifications to floating pontoons so that skis don't get damaged by sliding underneath;
- Improvements to some jetties and non-floating pontoons need steps at low tide (such as Margate);
- Sunken Rock in Rubicon River needs a permanent marker;
- Determine which ramps and carparks need upgrading (such as Salt Water River);
- More fresh water taps and/or hot showers (such as the ones in St Helens).

We have raised the matter of licence fees however MAST have assured us that the status quo will remain so it is in our best interest to work with them to keep adding improvements that will work for us.

Please email us info@jetskitas.com with subject line being 'MAST fund' by 1 March 2018 and we will compile your feedback and make our combined case by their deadline date soon after.

[Lake Barrington Fun Day, 17th December 2017](#)

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We arrived at Lake Barrington about 8.45 am thinking we were very early, but were met by Dave G, Carolyn, Marty, Ken, Dirk and Lauren, who were all busy getting organised. Sam and Brett followed us in, and then we were joined by Shayne, Ian and Anne. We were missing the one important person with the new ski (that everyone was keen to see), the ride co-ordinator Matt. I do believe he has never been late for an event before, and knowing that he would be keen to get on the water, we were all coming up with explanations to where he could be!! Dave G did ride briefing, and we received a phone call saying Matt was on his way, the brand new phone had frozen and alarm hadn't gone off. I think personally he could have come up with a better excuse???



10 skis launched on the water we had 5 Seadoos and 5 Yamaha's, 7 single riders, and 3 with 2 up. We were all on the water and one ski had to return to shore. We won't mention any names but someone hadn't put there bungs in. What a disaster that could have been.

We headed firstly to the waterfall, which was plentiful, then south toward the rowing course. Conditions were perfect and water was like a mirror. There was a



rowing event in progress so we had to follow the 5 knot rule and it was amazing to watch the rowers speeding past us.

When we headed North we called into a small bay where there is spectacular views of Mount Roland. There was an opportunity here for whoever wanted to practice re-boarding our skis. Most people participated and the water was a lovely 20 degrees. We then headed to North end of Lake. We arrived back at boat ramp and had done about 40 km.

We had some first timers to the lake, they were Sam, Brett, Marty, Dirk and Lauren. I think they all found it pretty spectacular. When we arrived back to the boat ramp, we had a lovely bbq cooked by

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Matt's Mum Marg. I would like to thank Marg for cooking the snags, and the club for providing the lunch. After a drinks and a meal, a few people decided to go back in for another ride whilst a few of us sunned ourselves on the bank. It was another fantastic day and thankyou to everyone that participated and made it such a fun day and to the club for organising another great event.

Cheers, Robyn Bramich



UPCOMING RIDE / BEAUTY POINT TO BRIDPORT

January 6 SATURDAY

Category: Intermediate. This ride is defined by MAST as a Sheltered Waters ride.

Ride distance: Approx 160kms. All skis will require more fuel securely fastened to complete this ride. You must carry enough to ensure a comfortable margin. If you need to tow someone, you'll need more than you think!

Arrive: Beauty Point boat ramp by 8am. Upon arrival locate the ride co-ordinator (look for the jetskitas flag) for registration and ride payment before launching your ski. Briefing will be at 8:30am sharp so please plan your launching before or after this time in readiness for a 9am departure.

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Conditions: Bass Strait can get bumpy so we would be hoping for southerly conditions to make this ride even more memorable.

Weather: Watch Meteye in the lead-up to the ride for the latest weather conditions and we will update mid-week.

Ride summary: Depart Beauty Point boat ramp and head out the Tamar then head east along the coast past Weymouth to Bridport. As it will be low tide, we won't get into the river at Bridport so we'll take a break at the old jetty before returning to the Tamar and into Dark Hollow. We will take several short breaks along the way to ensure everyone is comfortable with conditions. If conditions suddenly change, we will regroup to discuss the best approach. Please note we will also hold a short briefing meeting at Bridport before returning. Leads and sweeps will be in radio contact at all times. When we have all returned to the ramp we will hold a short debrief to discuss any matters that anyone may wish to discuss as we seek constant improvement and enjoyable rides for our members.

Experience: This is for riders with confidence and experience, and we do not recommend two ups due to the uncertainties of Bass Strait conditions and the length of the ride.

What to bring: Pack a lunch and some drinks and some extra warm gear for the ride.

Safety: All MAST approved safety equipment must be carried at all times. For this ride you'll need:

- To be a current financial member of the club (or you can join on the day)
- Compliant PFD
- In-date Flares
- Fire Extinguisher
- Tow line and anchor
- Warm gear – wetsuit, gloves, booties and sunnies/goggles, hi viz vest (green for leads and sweeps; orange for riders in between)

Plus we always recommend but these are not compulsory for this ride:

- VHF radio
- EPIRB
- A comfortable helmet

We also ask that short tow ropes are attached front and rear that can easily be promptly extended if needed.

Accommodation: Camping is available at Big4 Sands Holiday Park at Kelso. Phone 1800 664 826 for bookings of cabins or sites.

For further information about this ride contact: Matt Dowling

Ride Co-ordinators: Dave Gray

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UPCOMING RIDE / MARIA ISLAND 13 Jan

Details for this popular ride will be posted on our Facebook page and Website shortly

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Ride Calendar 2017/18

November 4th Ladies ride on the Derwent

November 5th Maynes Marine Day Montrose & Time Trial #1

November 18th Circumnavigate Bruny Island

December 2nd St Helens to Eddystone Point

December 3rd Grants Lagoon or Diana's Basin

December 17th Lake Barrington

January 6th Beauty Point to Bridport

January 13th Circumnavigate Maria Island

January 14th Triabunna to Little Swanport

January 27th Nubeena Regatta & Ride TBC

February 10th Lake Pieman

February 11th Lake Rosebery & Lake MacIntosh

February 18th Tasmanian Marine Centre Day on Tamar Time Trial #2

March 10th Lake Burbury

March 11th/12th Gordon River & Time Trial #3/King River

March 24th Port Sorell to Batman Bridge & Beauty Ptr

March 25th Devonport Motor Show

April 7th Musselroe Bay to Flinders Island

April 28th Dover to Cockle Creek & Recherche Bay

May 19th Circumnavigate Tasman Peninsula

June 17th Impromptu Ride South & North

July 15th Impromptu Ride South & North

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Feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or ideas that can assist us in constantly improving our great club.
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