



**To all our existing members and with a very special welcome to our new members.**

**It's a pleasure to welcome you to the 2020/21 Season for the Port Cygnet Sailing Club. We are a community based club with almost 500 members fully supported and run by volunteers from within the club.**

Formed in May 1863 on the shores at Robley's Point, the first functions of the Port Cygnet Sailing Club were held in a tent with the first racing being in dinghies. The area around the foreshore at that time was overgrown with blackberries and gorse and had a rocky foreshore. Over the years many truck loads of sand have been dumped and spread along what is now a beach.

In the 1980s there was only a handful of boats anchored in the bay, now there are well over 100 registered moorings.

Today we have a fantastic purpose built clubhouse with unsurpassed views over the bay and a 2 bay slipway exclusively for members use at very competitive rates. This slip has recently undergone modifications to make it a non polluting facility, as we are committed to keeping our splendid waterways as pristine as possible.



### Keel Boats - Racing

Club racing paints a perfect picture for visitors and exhilarating sport for members and visiting yachts.

The club conducts racing on most Sundays from early October until the end of April each year, and then fortnightly until the end of July. Around 60 races are scheduled each year across weekend racing, midweek twilight races and our "world famous" Cygnet Regatta.

Our website has a full schedule of races which are followed by regular gatherings for refreshments at the club house to expand on individual experiences on the water.

### Junior Sailing

A junior sail training program has been running for some years and has been accredited with Australian Sailing. This means that all instructors are qualified, have current first aid certificates and working with vulnerable people certification. We have courses for Spring and Summer 2020/21. These courses are the Discover Sailing 1 & 2 basic sailing courses, as well as Green Fleet adventures and are open for all junior sailors. Regular dinghy races in our fleet of pacers are also now part of the sailing calendar, (available for hire @ \$10, and open to other dinghies as well).

Adult sail training in our Pacer dinghies is available now.



### St Ayles Skiffs Rowing

Port Cygnet Sailing Club has a very enthusiastic group of rowing members, with two St Ayles skiffs, the Swan and the Cygnet, active six days a week. Both boats were built here in Cygnet by our members, supervised by local boatbuilder Jeremy Clowes. These two boats are frequently seen out on the bay, rain, hail or shine and the keen following has greatly benefited PCSC membership.

St Ayles skiffs are kit built to a 2009 design by Australian Ian Oughtred, based on the Fair Isle and similar skiffs in use around Britain for hundreds of years. There are now around 200 boats world-wide. 6.7 metres long, with four rowers and a cox, they are a fast, stable and dry boat. To keep costs down, the design is simple – no sliding seats or feathering oars.

### Model Yachts Radio Controlled

The R.C. fleet of the PCSC meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to sail their one design modified "A" class yachts.

At the moment there is upwards of 16 boats in the club with 12 or so on the water on a good day. They meet and race at the clubhouse on Thursday mornings.

Proponents of the art firmly maintain that much can be learnt about the wind and boat control by remote control sailing.

The design specifications are available and costs have been kept minimal.



### Social Events

Social nights and information evenings have always been popular and well attended. Most Friday evenings a crowd of 'interesting' people meet at the club for a social night of Pizza and refreshments. Weekend and Tuesday evenings, following racing we always find an enthusiastic group philosophising wind speed, direction and just amazingly how shallow it does get on Langdons Point!!

Our wonderful clubhouse is also available for venue hire for special events.

### Sail Training

We are very fortunate to have accredited Sail Training members within our club. If you're new to the sport or simply would like a refresher please enquire.

Discover Sailing Experiences can be booked at short notice. These 3 - 4 hour sailing experiences are designed to get people out on the water in a safe and enjoyable manner.



### Our 'World Famous Cygnet Regatta'

On the long weekend in March the club conducts the Cygnet Regatta with in excess of 50 boats competing and many more visiting boats enjoying the hospitality that the club provides. This Regatta is the biggest keel boat regatta in Tasmania. It also includes a Friday race from Hobart to Kettering as one of the feeder races for the main race from Kettering to Cygnet.

In 2014 we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Regattas in Cygnet with a major week long series of events and it was one of the biggest regattas in Southern Tasmania with a number of tall ships accompanying the fleet down from Hobart and Kettering.

Fine food, excellent refreshments and live music makes for a wonderful 'not to be missed' weekend.



**We would love to welcome you to the best team of volunteers ever assembled!**

Our club is run by volunteers across all areas, such as Catering, Race Control, Response Boat, On Water Activities, Sail Training, Junior Sailing, the list just goes on and is always expanding.

This is an exciting and rewarding part of our club and we encourage new members involvement. Offer your skills and enthusiasm or put yourself forward for some new experiences.

You'll be pleasantly surprised how quickly new friendships are formed and how much you'll look forward to being involved.

Please click on the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3QFK36F> and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

For further details you can also visit the Port Cygnet Sailing Club facebook page or our website [www.cygnetsailing.org.au](http://www.cygnetsailing.org.au) for the latest news, updates and social calendar.