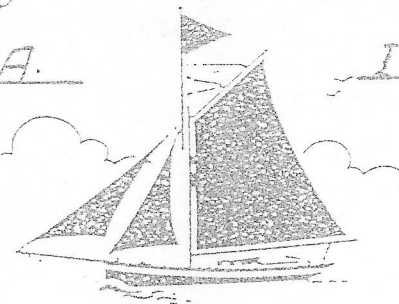


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Members,

The meeting at E.F.Y.C. 8th June attracted only 8 members, 7 apologies were offered.

Winter races may be conducted in The Perth Dinghy Club area details will be given if & when available this will also apply to river trip on Decoy.

A visit to The Endeavour Project will be held on Tuesday 13th July, 7.30a.m. sharp, we will have to pay entrance fee at pensioner rates, please note, this will be the last chance before the ship is launched, we will hold a meeting if time allows, we suggest safe shoes be worn & the steep stairways & scaffolds would indicate slacks be the sensible choice. We will be able to serve coffee, however it will be necessary to bring your own drinking vessel.

Snippits of News:- Marion & Allan now have a caravan & hope to get about the state when possible.

Dave Roberts has built a shed for his boat & can work on it in comfort, Dave & Jane are now members of T.C.Y.C. Rockingham & already appreciate the facilities & comraderie.

We would appreciate items as above concerning members which tends to make the newsletter a family type of presentation.

Further you may wish to air some contentious matter, be it Sails, Location, Handicaps etc, hoping to invoke a reply or two, in a civilized manner of course.

Frank Marchant.

**Dooflicker**, or **doo hickie**. A gadget or device too technical for a simple sailor.

**Drip**. To complain. A complainer, usually with no just cause.

**Duff**. Dessert. Also, bad, not good enough.

**Dunnage**. Kit or baggage of a seaman.

**Easting down**. The long sea route to Australia via the Cape of Good Hope.

**Eat the wind**. Take an opponent's wind.

**Father**. The commanding officer (captain).

**Fine trim**. In the best of spirits.

**Firm**. One or more of the crew who provide a service for payment; for instance, *dhobie firm*.

**First turn of the screw pays all debts**. When a port is left, so are all encumbrances.

**Fish's tit**. Useless, nothing; for instance, 'I don't give a fish's tit' (I don't give a damn).

**Flap**. Panic or confusion.

**Flogging a dead horse**. The phrase derives from seamen's slang for a month's work on board ship, called a dead horse, for which the crew was paid in advance. On the last evening of the month the crew would flog a straw-stuffed effigy of a horse as they paraded it around the ship, finally throwing it overboard.

**Foo-foo**, or **poo-poo**. Effeminate or not understood. For instance, talcum powder might be called 'foo-foo powder'; and an object whose precise technical name could not be remembered might be called a 'foo-foo box', 'foo-foo valve' and so on.

**Friday while**. Friday to Monday weekend leave.

**Full house**. A mixed grill. Everything that is going. Probably from the poker term.

**Gash**. Free, or more particularly 'left over'.

**Gilguy**. See **DOOFlickER**.

**Green coat**. To wear a green coat: to feign ignorance in order to escape responsibility or retribution.

**Green rub**. Undeserved rebuke.

**Griff**. Information.

**Grippos**. Something for free.

**Growl**. Seamen's conversation in the forecastle.

**Gunnels under**. Overloaded with work, or with drink (drunk).



**Half seas over**. Nearly drunk.

**Half shot**. Nearly drunk.

**Handsomely**. With great care; from the technical term used in boatwork.

**Harbour style**. Easy and relaxed; no heavy sea work.

**Hard up in a clinch**. Seaman's saying indicating that he is in a difficult position and can see no clear way out of it.

**Harry flatters**. (Taking a horizontal rest. 'Harry' has no particular meaning here.)

**Heavy weather**. To make heavy weather: to exaggerate the difficulty of a job. To be inept.

**Hide droghing**. Carrying a cargo of hides up and down the coast of the Americas.

**Hoggin**. The sea.



**Gunnels under**

**Hogwash**. Nonsense; no truth in it. Also, the sea.

**Hoist in**. To understand, to comprehend.

**Horse marine**. Clumsy or awkward seaman. Derived from the cavalry regiments which used to serve on board the old men-of-war, or from the incongruous concept of a marine on horseback.

**Hussif**. Corruption of housewife. Sailor's kit for effecting repairs to clothing.

**I'm inboard**. 'I'm all right, Jack'; provided the speaker's own welfare is ensured, everything is fine.

**It's not my part of ship**. It is not my responsibility.

**Jack nastyface**. Nickname for a sailor who is disliked by his shipmates. Derived from the pen-name of a seaman who exposed bad conditions in the Royal Navy in the early nineteenth century.

**Jack strop**. One against the establishment or authority, a **SEA-LAWYER** (10.12) type.

**Jack tar**. Old nickname for a sailor, now used by seamen only in a slightly derogatory sense. Said to derive from the tarred canvas seamen used to wear in bad weather.

**Jaunty**. Term for the master-at-arms in the Royal Navy. Derived from the French *gendarme*, it refers to the master-at-arms' responsibility for the maintenance of rules and regulations aboard.

**Jaw**. Insolent backchat to a superior.