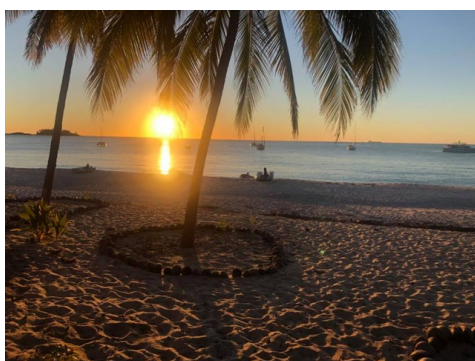


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Travelling North on Tresor



Harm and Lisa are still enjoying their cruising on board Tresor in the warm Queensland environment.

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Meetings

1st Monday of the month during 2018 (Second Monday in November)

Venue: Bells Hotel, Corner Moray and Coventry Streets, South Melbourne at 8.00 PM.

Ebb Tidings: Contributions, articles and letters can be emailed to:

ianbreichelt83@gmail.com

Format: Microsoft Word document and photos as jpg

Deadline: 12th of the month

Next Meeting— Monday 2 July 2018 8pm, Bells Hotel,

Corner Moray Street and Coventry Street, South Melbourne

**Topic this month : Cool Factor Refrigeration will present on new refrigeration
modules, including retrofitting**



I am immersed in planning and systems review, both at work and at home.

You might think this is related to the end of financial year and that is partly true, however my job works on a calendar year basis so while the

June madness of spending budget allocations isn't upon me in that area, the mid-point for financial planning until the end of December is no less onerous.

There is a thought that computers, software and apps have automated everything and that the need for manual processes is reduced, if not eliminated. Reality shows us that this is far from the truth as manual systems abound, sometimes in response to lack of finances to fund the bright shiny bling of promised systems but often just because the complexity of multiple systems often means that they don't communicate with each other. A common phrase I've heard from suppliers is that their do-all system can interact with our existing systems – it is a bit clunky and performs better if you implement an entirely new system – but it will work. Enter the need for people to create work-arounds or multiple manual tracking systems.

I think it is not a lack of funds that creates these situations – it is a lack of planning and discipline or changes in direction. When trying to locate organisational or even personal documents, it is often easier to resave in another location just so you can find them again. And then the issue of storage as well as currency of documents arises. Everyone names things differently – even if you don't bring any cultural or language differences into it. Without stifling creativity how do you encourage standardisation (think that is a much bigger topic for the future).

We are surrounded by data and discipline is needed to maintain that data is a usable and current state. Upgrading one's computer or phone often creates duplicates of contact lists and the complexity can be daunting.

When there are multiple projects underway it is easy to get distracted or lose focus (or sometimes even hope if feeling overwhelmed!). Using a software program to track items and progress can be useful but again it requires discipline and time. While I appreciate the visual aspects of Microsoft Project, particularly for tracking progress and presenting data for other's review, I have to be very disciplined to complete and then update it.

It is not only in our systems and planning that there are workarounds. We recently saw evidence of a water leak in Meltemi. Dried up puddles on the timber chart table. Immediately we thought the culprit was the hatch above it. On removing the hatch surrounds it was discovered to be dry and well sealed. Looking at the pitch of the cabin top it seemed that perhaps the new culprit could be from under the deck-mounted solar panel. Removing the solar panel proved easier than anticipated – and we'd wondered if it was still functional as being on the cabin top it sits in shade a large part of the day. Under the solar panel we found an ingenious work-around. A hole was drilled for the electrical connector for the panel (rather larger than necessary) and a piece of garden hosing had been siliconed into a semi-circle around the hole to prevent ingress of water. Not a professional looking job but it had done its work for over 25 years. However the silicone had partially perished and the hose was loose so water was able to leak into the boat through the cabin soling.

Work-arounds are an integral part of our boating lives as we need to be creative enough to respond to different situations and solve the immediate problems.

I trust your work-arounds support your planning and systems.

Maralyn

PS – This edition of Ebb Tidings is fortunate to have two articles on women in sailing in Australia. I commend both the organisations they refer to and our own female members of CYAV who contribute so much to cruising through their planning, systems management and work-arounds.



G'Day Members

Maintenance jobs and degrees of difficulty.

Boat jobs take 4 times longer than home jobs. If I can dismantle fuel pumps, refurbish water pumps and rebuild traveller blocks with Torlon balls and have them all working then this next job should be a cinch.

How difficult can pulling an electric razor apart be? While doing tasks at home I started with removing the inside sky light in my upstairs bathroom and cleaning it out of all those summer moths that died in there. Seemed easy until I found all fastenings had tension springs on them. Easy to take out but realigning them to put them back had a degree of difficulty about a five! Success after washing it and locating the fasteners and holes to re-assemble - almost an hour.

So let's see what damage I can do with the electric razor. Funny - no operation manual or tips to maintain it. It is a Remington, of course, and having first dismantled all three heads of them and then trying to clean them with a small brush. Bright idea - use the very expensive new designer vacuum cleaner with a small nozzle on it! You guessed it - clump, clump, clump! S**t now the cutting heads and small cogs drivers have disappeared inside it. Now I know why the owner purchased the Remington Company so he could just get a new one. Stage two I guess I have to open the very expensive new vacuum cleaner and see if I can find these small brass parts and the cutting heads.

AH! Not so easy but not impossible and again, I can't find the manual to show how to take it apart. Outside with a large newspaper and some rags it finally comes apart and all three filters are on the barbeque table. Now I need a mining licence to discover where these tiny parts of the razor have lodged themselves not in the container but are lodged inside the filter barrel requiring small curved forceps and coat hanger wire to coax them out. Finally all parts of the razor are recovered and now placing them in a small bowl I have to clean the filters of the vacuum cleaner and work out how to reassemble it.

I am starting to come to grips with having the correct manuals and diagrams for all equipment when doing

our own maintenance projects. If all does not go well it looks like a boat project - if you can't fix it buy a new one. All assembled both vacuum cleaner and electric razor. Time for this project 2.5 hours. Degree of difficulty a seven.

Not bad when you consider if it was a boat project could have taken 5 or 6 hours or more, and of course some substantial monetary outgoings. Now back to cleaning the bathroom!

Thanks to last month's speakers Sue and Bryan Drummond who presented on changing to a large multihull and cruising it over last couple of years. Great talk - hope you did not miss it.

This month's speaker is Noel from Cool Factor on refrigeration, including fitting newer 12 volt systems and advice on sufficient insulation in your boat for best efficiency.

See you at the next meeting and think about our risk management and boat owner's operating manual workshop in August.

Ian R and your editorial team

Risk Management Workshop

'Marine Safety Act Victoria (2010) requires all Masters / Owners of vessels (that's you) to reduce risk to themselves, their crew and others to a level that is 'So Far As Is Reasonably Practicable' (SFAIRP) which can be demonstrated through a Due Diligence process. The workshop will discuss the legislation, SFAIRP and methods of risk assessment to demonstrate SFAIRP and propose methods to demonstrate due diligence, such as operation manuals etc.'

We are proposing to hold a Risk Management Workshop at Bells hotel on one Saturday during August 2018.

Attendees will receive a booklet with sufficient information to complete their own boat operation manual. Cost is being negotiated as lunch will be included.

Please register your interest with Ian Reichelt or Alan Coxson.

Video Library

There remain a few items in the video library collection which are available for members to purchase for a gold coin donation at monthly meetings. Thank you to the members who have purchased items at the June meeting. Below are the remaining items.

Title	Source
Tall Ships	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Life Rafts	German Maritime Safety Administration
Care and Feeding of the Sailing Crew	Lin & Larry Pardey
Steinlager Challenge	Communicado
Pilot Guides (CD 2)	Unknown
Boat Foolery	Unknown
Ferro-Cement Boat Construction	Unknown
Safer Recreational Boating	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
Boat Maintenance	Magic Lantern Productions
Left for Dead	ABC
Medical Sailing Ministeries	Rob Latimer
Unconsidered Trifles	Rhys Jones and Beth Gott
Breaking the Codes	Unknown

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Committee Nomination Form 2018

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We, the undersigned, wish to nominate for the position indicated below:

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- General Committee Member ()

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..... Date

What's Happening at CYAV?

Meeting venue Bells Hotel, South Melbourne—
monthly meetings on first Monday of each month.

Dates for 2018 Calendar:

Monday 4th June
Speaker: Sue & Bryan Drummond
Topic: Changing from a monohull to a big cat

Wednesday 6 June
RYCV—VHF Radio Course (contact RYCV)

Saturday 9—Monday 11 June
Cruise to Queenscliff and Port Arlington
Thursday 28 June—Sunday 1 July
Melbourne Boat Show

Monday 2nd July
Speaker: Cool Factor Refrigeration

Monday 6th August
AGM
Speaker: RACV Marine Insurance

August TBC—Risk Management Workshop

Monday 3rd September
Speaker: Dick & Laurel Warhurst (TBC)
Topic: Circumnavigation Australia

Monday 1st October
Speaker: Hugh Pilsworth (TBC)
Topic: World Circumnavigation

Cup Weekend Cruise to Mount Martha—details
TBC

Monday 12th November (after Cup Day)
Monday 3rd December

Gathering on the Bay 2018: A Rendezvous of Boat-Loving Women

By Jessie Mackelprang-Carter

I'd packed light for a weekend away, and my trusty backpack hung heavily over my shoulders. In my right hand, I clenched a bag woven of palm fronds, a gift made by a woman we met when we sailed to the island of Tanna in Vanuatu. A twinge of anticipation danced in my belly, as I hurried through the Tullamarine Airport toward my gate.

My destination: Port Stephens for the second annual "Gathering on the Bay."

Social media can serve as an essential resource for obtaining boating information and building community in a modern sailor's life. For females, I contend that Women Who Sail Australia (WWSA) is among the most valuable resources available. WWSA is one of several spinoff groups born of Women Who Sail, a Facebook group established several years ago by Charlotte Kaufman, an American cruiser who spent half a decade exploring California and Mexico aboard her boat, *Rebel Heart*, with her husband and daughters.

Like its parent group, WWSA is inclusive and welcomes women whose sailing resumes span the gamut of experience. There are seasoned cruisers, some of whom are still living the dream and others who've retired to shore; intrepid racers who have competed locally and internationally; day sailors; and dreamers. The group is a supportive corner of the internet, now 2,900 women strong, where female sailors can ask all manner of questions, from advice on engine maintenance to anchoring tactics to raising babies on boats. No topic is taboo, and important questions that might be balked at on other forums are welcomed. From managing menstruation or menopause afloat to weather and route planning, all aspects of life aboard are discussed on WWSA.

I was on my way to Port Stephens, NSW for the second annual "Gathering on the Bay", a rendezvous for women interested in boats to come

together and learn from one another, swap stories, and build friendships.

Gathering on the Bay is a two-day event that runs on a Saturday and Sunday in April, with optional workshops the preceding Friday. I flew direct from Melbourne to Newcastle and caught a ride to Nelson Bay on Saturday morning. Fourteen months after completing my transpacific voyage from Seattle and making landfall in Melbourne, I continued to crave being surrounded by sailors and immersed in conversations about all things BOAT. Lucky for me, Gathering on the Bay turned out to be a prime opportunity to reconnect with my sailing identity...

I stepped from the autumn sunshine of a pristine central coast morning into a cool room at d'Albora Marina. More than 50 women sipped coffee and buzzed with chatter about the days ahead – the energy in the room was palpable! Some had been accompanied to Port Stephens by their partners, but most had come solo. A few had sailed their boats from Sydney or other New South Wales ports, several had flown in from Victoria, and carloads had caravanned from Queensland. Two ladies hopped flights from the South Island of New Zealand and Charlotte Kaufman, the founder of WWS and most anticipated speaker, flew from the US to deliver the opening keynote presentation and speak about her family's at-sea rescue a thousand miles off the coast of Mexico.

The line-up of speakers was nothing short of impressive! I had to intentionally avert my gaze from Lisa Blair, who'd recently completed her Antarctic circumnavigation, and Viki Moore, the Kiwi from *Astrolabe Sailing*, lest I be identified as the awkward fan girl caught gawking!

Amy Alton from *Starry Horizons* took us on a 30,000 nautical mile photographic journey and Kerry Tait discussed provisioning. Roger Badham talked weather and James Bradshaw from Minards Diesel offered engine maintenance tips (see full program below).

Gathering on the Bay (continued)

While most of the events were exclusively geared toward women, there were options to keep men busy as well, including a safety at sea course and the option of joining for sunrise yoga led by Leanne Hembrow of Yoga4Yachties. Dinner on Saturday night was also a coed event.

As the sun sunk below the horizon, voices mingled and conversation echoed across the harbor to the tune of clinking glasses and laughter. Wine tasting ensured we all found our way to our favorite libation, and a silent auction was held to benefit Sailors with disABILITIES. Gathering on the Bay also marked the official refloating of *SisterShip Magazine*, an international publication for women on the water. First produced by Ruth Boydell 30 years ago, it has been brought out of drydock by Shelley Wright and Jackie Parry!

To sum it up, the Gathering was two inspirational days of learning...and it was damn good time! I turned up on Saturday morning this year, but make no mistake, next year, I'll arrive on Friday! Few

Victorians made the trek this year, but with so many avid female sailors hailing from this corner of Australia, word is spreading, and next year our representation will surely be stronger.

Mark your calendars, ladies; dates for Gathering on the Bay 2019 have been announced: April 5-7.

Resources

Join WWSA: Search Facebook for "Women Who Sail Australia"

Learn more about *SisterShip Magazine* and purchase the latest issue: www.sistershipmagazine.com/

About the author

Jessie and her husband, Neil, sailed 16,000 nautical miles from Seattle, Washington to Melbourne between September 2014 and January 2017 aboard *The Red Thread*. In early 2017, they docked in Melbourne, where they are currently working to refill the sailing kitty to resume voyaging. Read more about their adventures at www.svtheredthread.com.

WWSA Gathering on the Bay 2018: weekend seminar program (women only)

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

- 7.30 Yoga4Yachties
- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 Welcome
- 9.05 Charlotte Kaufman: Losing Rebel Heart
- 10.00 Morning Tea
- 10.15 Kristen Anderson: Patagonia to Australia
- 11.05 Minards Diesel: 5 things you should know about your diesel engine
- 12.05 Lunch/group photo
- 1.15 Launch of SisterShip Magazine
- 1.35 Poppy Moore: Sailing for Parkinson's
- 2.05 Pantaenius and Nic Douglass: Cyclone Debbie and Hurricane Irma
- 2.35 Coffee
- 2.50–3.50 Lisa Blair: Antarctica Solo
- 5.30 Wine tasting and official Gathering dinner

VENUE: Broughtons at the Bay, d'Albora Marina, Nelson Bay, Port Stephens, NSW.

TICKETS: Seminar \$65 pp book at www.stickytickets.com.au/64200/wwsa.gathering_on_the_bay_2018.aspx

Dinner \$65 pp (men and guests invited) www.stickytickets.com.au/64715/wwsa.gathering_on_the_bay_dinner_2018.aspx

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

- 7.30 Yoga4Yachties
- 8.30 Viki Moore: Cruising the South Island of New Zealand
- 9.30 Amy Alton: 30,000 nm to Australia
- 10.15 Morning tea
- 10.30 Roger Badham: Weather
- 11.30 Kerry Tait: Provisioning at sea—your first long voyage
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Kate Nairn (Tangaroa Blue): The Australian Marine Debris Initiative
- 2.00 Sue Freeman: Marine Rescue
- 2.30 Leanne Hembrow: Ocean lifestyle
- 3.30 Finish

*Program may be subject to change

WWSA schedule: *WWSA Gathering on the Bay 2018 schedule*

Gathering on the Bay (continued)



WWSA GTB 2018 Charlotte1: *Charlotte Kaufman describes her family's harrowing rescue at sea in 2014.*



WWSA GTB 2018 Viki1: *Viki (www.astrolabesailing.com) traveled from New Zealand to describe the cruising glories of the South Island.*



WWSA GTB 2018 Lisa & Jess: *There were no shortage of inspiring women at GTB 2018, with the infamous Lisa Blair being at the top off my list!*



WWSA GTB 2018 Amy & Jess: *Enjoying a beer in the sunshine with Amy from Starry Horizons (<https://outchasingstars.com>).*



WWSA GTB 2018 group photo: *Dozens of women made the trek to Port Stephens for GTB 2018.*

An Interview with Shelley Wright - Lisa Garnsworthy

An Interview with Shelley Wright founder of Women Who Sail Australia



Imagine an all women sailing group, based in Australia, where you are not judged on your knowledge or experience but a group of over 2800 like-minded women supporting your sailing dream.

Such a group exists for women to ask a boat question and have it answered within minutes. You have the opportunity to meet other women in sailing at your regular or destination port. As a member, you can attend the annual Gathering in Port Stephens.

Women Who Sail Australia (WWSA) is such a group! It only accepts women as members to this closed Facebook group. For those negative about Facebook, this is a good reason to alter your settings and join this group to gain access to over 2800 women who can answer your sailing questions.

In late April, Shelly Wright, the founder of WWSA, took time out of her busy schedule to meet with me at Port Stephens Soldiers Point Marina.

What inspired you to create WWSA?

I joined an international group called Women Who Sail written by an American woman who was preparing her boat to go cruising. I joined this group and met a couple of Australians. At the time I joined the international group it had about 300 members and has now grown rapidly to 15000. With the time differences between here and America, the conversations I was interested in or started were getting buried very quickly by other chats about the Caribbean and other places I wasn't likely to go.

In 2014, I spoke to founder of the international group and sought permission to start a sub-group for

Australia, in our time zone and relevant here. Initially starting the Australian group with 7-8 friends. The group grew quite rapidly and we now have over 2800 members.

Initial purpose?

Initially, it was a way for us to chat about things on our boats, problems, ideas, suggestions and recommendations. It's a way of staying in touch and supporting each other.

I also started noticing a lot more women were doing the maintenance on their boats and asking each other for advice or joking about something that didn't go to plan.

What does this group mean to you?

It means a lot to me. I love the way the women support each other. It's mind blowing at times.

Thoughts on other sailing groups?

In other open forums women often feel they have to justify their experience or knowledge.

With WWSA you are supported, not judged. The group provides inclusiveness and you don't have to convince anyone of your experience. You can joke about something you fixed or an experience and share this in the group.

How many people are behind the scenes of the group?

I am the founder and keep one overarching eye on the group. We have one administrator who is responsible for membership requests are genuinely women plus three other administrators.

The group pretty much self-regulates. Occasionally there may be a slight disagreement but usually everyone is polite, and it is very rare any of us need to step in. There is nothing but support.

What do you see the group becoming?

It's already becoming a lot more than I expected. I love the way women support each other. If someone has a problem, needs help with anything, support is there and the friendship is amazing.

In April this year, we had our 3rd Annual Gathering at Port Stephens. This year we extended the event over three days. On Friday mini workshops were

Interview (continued)

held on navigation and splicing. Over the weekend we had numerous speakers including Lisa Blair and world-renowned meteorologist, Dr Roger Badham. Everyone goes away from the Gathering so energised and motivated.

We also receive a great deal of support from sponsors who now approach us wanting to help. Our original sponsors: deckee.com and Soldiers Point Marina at Port Stephens have remained with us and have been amazing from the beginning.

Can you tell me about the SisterShip magazine?

Coming out of the first Annual Gathering on the Bay, indirectly, was the new SisterShip magazine.

Ruth Boydell, one of our members and a very experienced sailor, gave a talk about anchoring at our first Gathering. Being a very humble person, you would not be aware she went to sea at 17 with no knowledge, cruised the world and teaches maritime subjects at TAFE. We are fortunate to have many Ruth's in the group.

She brought with her a whole lot of back copies of SisterShip magazine she had published in 1988 to the first Gathering. They were just gorgeous and a number of us fell in love them. This inspired a few of us to revive the magazine with her blessing. The magazine was relaunched by Lisa Blair at this year's Gathering in April.

With the magazine we are trying to harness the feeling of the women who sail worldwide where women are supporting women.

Can men join the group?

This is a closed Facebook group where women ask permission to join.

Although men are not able to join the group, often whilst out cruising or on the boat they will ask their partners to "ask the girls" on their behalf to help solve a problem.

Some of the women bring their partners with them to the Gathering. This year, Marine Rescue put a refresher day on for them and they can of course come to the social events at the Gathering.

The men really enjoy the dinner on the Saturday night as they often catch up with other cruisers and make new friends.

In closing

A lot of people are hesitant to go onto Facebook. Having experienced myself the worst parts: bullying and trolling that can go on in some open forums.

The WWSA Group is really supportive. What I really love about the group is if we go cruising in an area we don't know, with minimal data requirements or being short-handed I can get the answers or advice quickly and safely from a knowledge base of over 2800 members.

You can be as involved in the group as you want or you can lurk in the background reading the bits of information you need. There are some who are posting regularly with information about where they are, what they are doing and others just pop up now and again and that's fine. People can be as involved as they want or not. It's there if you need it.

Useful links:

Women Who Sail Australia - search on Facebook and ask to join

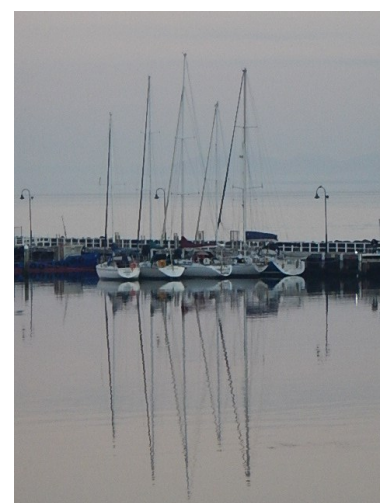
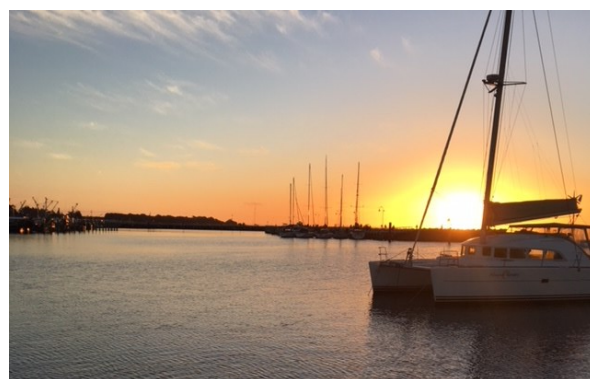
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Queens Birthday Weekend Cruise to Portarlington

Ten boats from the cruising groups sailed south to Portarlington over the Queen's Birthday long weekend on 9-11 June. The boats spent the weekend inside the newly protected harbour, partaking in the local food, including the local mussels at a hotel. Many also spent some hours enjoying the Celtic Music Festival. Weather was sunny most days, but it certainly became chilly overnight. There was lots of social interaction, and some visiting boats assisted others with cooking when they ran out of LPG, and one boat loaned a battery to assist that boat start when its power went down overnight. Only one of the boats booked to come did not make it due to an engine overheating - we will see them next time!

This weekend was successful and many boats stayed over for the whole weekend to repeat Saturday's performance. The pictures show six boats were able to raft up on the jetty and some also chose to anchor. Boats attending included *Marni*, *Quest*, *Kerina*, *Dream Catcher*, *Whimaway*, *Meltemi*, *Surela*, *Birubi*, *Chakana*, *Kashmir*—some rafted up and some at anchor in the harbour.

Thanks to all who have taken part in our weekend away and supporting CYAV for the weekend. Please contact Ian Reichelt on 0455 286 399 if you'd like a copy of the pictures. Watch this space for the next cruising event.



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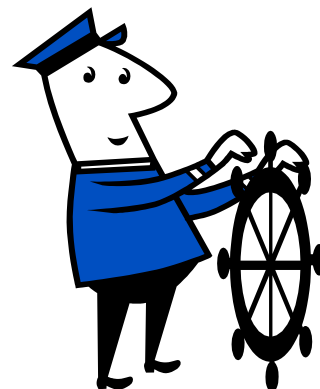
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