# Tacoma

# Newsletter

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MENS TRIP 5 DAYS 16 FEB WOMENS TRIP 23 FEB . Tacoma.org@gmail.com for details

As of 20 Dec, only 3 spots left for the mens tuna trip 16 feb. All other trips fully booked.

## **Christmas Waves**

The Newsletter Editor wish you all a merry Christmas tree and a happy firecracker. Regrettably, a Christmas tree I had doodled was censored. The President found the traditional, erect tree, too pornographic. Instead, he provided an image of himself.





FV Tacoma

# X.International



Capt. R. Haldane and the crew of FV Tacoma after receiving a generous donation of International paint.





#### The AGM

The AGM was held on the 3rd of November 7 pm. It was a full house in the Tacoma galley. The reports tabled were encouraging as Tacoma is now firmly back in the black and on track for another successful year in 2023/24. All committee positions were up for grabs. After a round of political statements, all last year's committee were re-elected. Several changes to the constitution were tabled to comply with new requirements of the designated gift recipients act and approved unanimously. We can now again receive tax deductible gifts. After the meeting, we shared nibbles with a merger availability of wine and spirits. Accordingly, everybody left far before midnight.

## Jack's 90th is coming up!



#### **Tailor Island Trip**

The annual Taylor Island trip was successfully completed on Sunday Nov 19th with a full ship of 16 people. Everybody enjoyed the sunny weather. Loading of wool bales was a heavy job. When arriving back in Port Lincoln Marina, the tide was running out, and the distance from deck to dock became a challenge. After a glass of bubbly and some nibbles, bumps needed assistance to climb the latter up the dock. The last bum had to stay the night before Tacoma could return to its usual mooring.







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**Christmas Parade** 

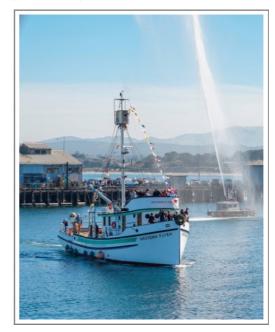


Tacoma was represented at the annual Christmas Parade held 17 Dec. Thanks to Claire Webber, the many Elves, and PJ & Breeze in the RAM.



#### The Return of The Western Flyer

On November 4th, the Western Flyer returned to the Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey after a lengthy renovation. (Check westernflyer.org). From there, in 1940, the Western Flyer left for the Sea of Cortez, sailing down the cost of the Californian Peninsula, rounding Carbo Saint Lucas, and headed north. Onboard was Tony, the captain, the marine scientist Ed Ricketts, and the author, John Steinbeck. Their adventure is described in John Steinbecks famous novel, The Log from the Sea of Cortez (Penguin Classics). As the vessel turned into the bay, it was greeted by dozens of sailing and fishing boats, escorting it into Monterey harbour. On the wharf, crowds and camera crews lined the dock. The Western Flyer returned to Monterey after an absence of 75 years. Many in the crowd were moved to tears.





#### Scraping, washing, and painting the bottom of Tacoma

Tacoma was slipped on Wednesday 13th Dec. It was windy, but with great patience and the skills of the skipper and the slip crew, we eventually got up and started the work. Fortunately, Tacoma carried little fouling. Additionally, several maintenance project were carried out. She is now back at her moorings.





Check drone photograph of the event and the vessel's restoration on Youtube (Welcome Home Western Flyer) or on Facebook.

"Apparently the builder of a boat acts under a compulsion greater than himself. Ribs are strong by definition and feeling. Keels are sound, planking truly chosen and set. A man builds the best of himself into a boat – builds many of the unconscious memories of his ancestors." *John Steinbeck in The Log from the Sea of Cortez*.



The photo of Captain Tony Berry in the wheelhouse of the Western Flyer placed there in his memory.

John Steinbeck wrote: "Tony has one great passion; he loves rightness and he hates wrongness. He thinks speculation a complete waste of time. To our sorrow, and some financial loss, we discovered that Tony never spoke unless he was right." - From *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*.