

Point Yacht Club celebrates changes

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POINT Yacht Club officially celebrated the opening of the newly completed extensions to their clubhouse earlier this week.

At a veritable who's who of shipping and yachting, Councillor Margaret Ambler-Moore and several diplomats provided the official side of the party and the gathering provided the celebration.

As the night wore on the party gravitated to Charlie's bar and the only dampener on spirits was the cricket. Commodore Don Shaw somewhat unconvincingly tried to convince the pub that Natal's loss was beyond the control of the PYC committee, but a round of rum soon solved that problem.

PYC's lease expires in 2002 and in his address Mr Shaw pleaded with port and city authorities: "Give us the right to stay here."

He said the club was ready to play a major part in developing the port and city as a "sought after" sporting venue.

On the Point Development project side, Mr Shaw said it would be totally unsuited to yachting.

"A strong north-easterly wind will stop any launching from the beach."

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