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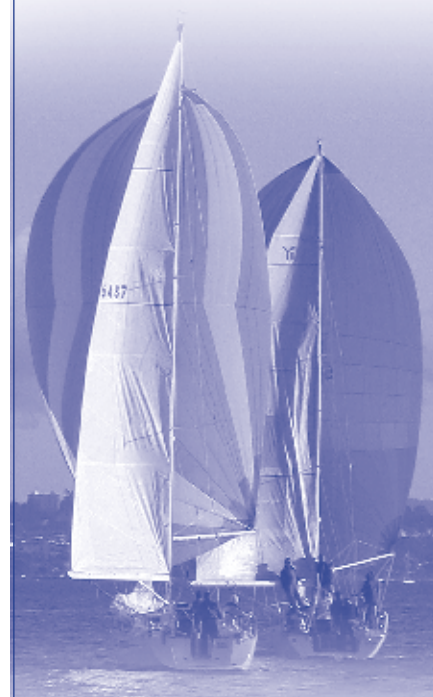
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MANAGER'S REPORT

By Lyle Tresadern

The season has been in full swing with many activities taking place. The cruising members have tried out some new spots such as Fairway Bay and Man O War on Waiheke. This location included wine sampling as an extra incentive for our members to make the trip.

Some time ago a survey was conducted where members gave their views and suggestions about club activities. One of those was the Trivia nights which it has to be said has been a great success, this year has already kicked off, and the regulars all enjoy the night out. My team enjoys it even though we are usually languishing at the bottom of the points table.

The lack of members supporting the restaurant in recent times in particular lunches means that there are no longer any lunches served.

Overall restaurant meals are down by on average 70 meals per week. We cannot invite the public in as it contravenes our club licence, so we really need members in the restaurant. It will only survive with your support.

This season I have been involved in helping

coach our new junior sailors who have started to race. Through the Auckland Maritime Trust we have purchased some race optimist yachts which we have been hiring out to the new entrants to introduce them to racing before they buy their own boat. This is working well.

Congratulations to Barbara Kendall an honorary member who received the Sports New Zealand Leadership award at the recent Halberg awards. Keep up the good work Barbara.

Look forward to seeing you down here at your club.

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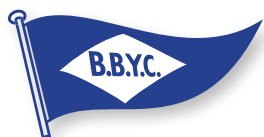
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BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

Winter is coming or is in fact here, and we have introduced a new winter menu, yes those famous lamb shanks are back! There will be some exciting weekly specials for you all to enjoy and of course our "World Famous in Half Moon Bay" Mulled wine. This was a great warming success last time. Remember we have a smorgasbord on Wednesday nights when the Trivia is on.

Our new Duty Bar Manager Lynne who has come to us from Man O War Vineyards, has been warmly welcomed by you all but unfortunately for us has decided to return to Waiheke and support her daughter with her new baby. She will be sadly missed and we are now in the process of employing a new Duty Bar Manager as her replacement. As you may know the Liquor Licencing rules have been tightening and we are required to have a qualified Duty Bar Manager on each time the bar is open.



The bar and restaurant have been busy of late with functions, and it seems this will continue through the winter months. We have a number of birthday parties and weddings booked and are taking wedding bookings for 2016, and even a couple for 2017. Most of these bookings have come from a recommendation by friends or from someone who has attended a function here so we are very pleased that our functions have been so widely appreciated.



Big thank you to all the staff for their wonderful work at our functions. I have had numerous feedback from customers saying that they have been fantastic and have gone the extra mile to make their events memorable and a resounding success. Good on you all!!

If you are thinking of having a function during November and December please let me know as soon as possible as these dates are booking up fast and I'd hate to have to disappoint anyone. Remember that club members receive a discount on their functions.

Hope I'll see you all in the club over the next few months.

Cheryl Mitchell
Bar Functions Manager



On your way...to dine!





REAR COMMODORE KEELER REPORT

By Paul Watson

The Keeler Committee has been focused on increasing participation over the summer season and have introduced several innovations to encourage boat owners to participate and enjoy the comradery of yacht racing.

The "have a go" programme, launched at the club open day in September, was a roaring success from the participants point of view and the skippers. We have enabled new and returning sailors the opportunity to have a go at keeler racing. Several boats in the fleet managed sufficient crew to take part each Tuesday in the Burnsco mid-week series. At one point we had more crew than spaces; so we encourage skippers to keep in touch with Kevin, Marianna or myself, if you are ever looking for crew. We can usually rustle up a keen sailor for you. All participants have now found a firm crew position. The programme is now re advertised for the winter series when we hope to attract more crew members specifically for our smaller boat division.

Back at the clubhouse; mid-week prize giving quickly became a growing attraction for race crews. The race committee worked hard to make sure race times left sufficient time to enjoy a beer and de brief with fellow competitors back at the club. Results were very timely with the addition of a laptop on

board the committee boat. 9:30 was results time so we were all over by 10:00.

The video footage of the starts and mark roundings, provided by Peter Stewart, was a great addition and created several discussions on start and Mark rounding etiquette! The re-introduction of a burger and beer (or wine) for \$10 was also very well received with the 50 burger allocation each night being easily devoured by prize giving time.

It was a goal of the committee to improve communications. Good work was done to develop email and phone data bases to communicate with all participants, results were emailed on the night of the racing and posted on the new "BBYC sailing" Facebook page where a race report was also posted. Discussion was invited on the weeks racing, rules and upcoming events, if you are interested check out and join the group t www.facebook.com/groups/BBYCsailing

Other events have been well patronised the short-handed racing especially proving popular with 32 entries in the BJ Tyres single handed weekend. Thanks Kevin for your continuing support of this event.

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The PIC winter series commenced on May 10th and the committee have invited Pine Harbour and Panmure clubs to participate in an expanded event that will see the windward leeward courses sailed off Eastern Beach. Some members will recall the days when the Eastern Combined series attracted 80 boats to race, now there's a challenge!

My thanks to a great committee for really pulling together this year and making my job much easier. We are currently looking at outlining next year's calendar and how we can encourage more participants in our Rum race events, perhaps more majors or earlier starts for small boats?

Paul Watson

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TYING KNOTS



Two of our members Morris Watson and Gail Maddock finally tied the knot in a surprise (for Gail) wedding. During Morris's recent 70th Birthday celebrations he proposed to Gail, to not only Gail's surprise but also their family and friends, then married her straight after his announcement.

The couple who have been together for 25 years have never seen marriage as a priority and have between them five adult children and 9 grandchildren.

Two weeks before his 70th birthday the couple attended a friend's wedding, where Morris met Erin Marmont, the marriage celebrant. That's when the idea to propose and marry Gail during his party came about. With Erin's help Morris planned the surprise wedding in just 10 days. In order for Gail not to cotton on Morris couldn't use their credit card to purchase anything, like the ring or cake, and had to arrange the marriage licence in secret. He would write himself notes in code to remind him to do things, for instance "pick up some valves" which was code for "pick up the cake".

When the big day arrived guests were curious about the décor Morris had decorated the Panmure Yacht Club with. People suggested to Gail it looked like they were hosting a wedding, but Gail was telling them not to be stupid. Just before dinner was served Morris made a speech and asked Gail to join him on stage. He apologised for forgetting to get her a valentine's day card and told her he would make it up to her, he then asked her to marry him. A thrilled Gail immediately accepted Morris's proposal, but there was more to come. Morris had arranged for Erin, the marriage celebrant, to come out while the band played Love is in the Air. When the band stopped, Erin revealed that though she appeared to be the singer, she was in fact there to officiate their wedding.

"Everyone was gasping and clapping – I was in shock" Gail says. "We said our vows and we were husband and wife".

The delighted bride says she's looking forward to enjoying her future with her wonderful husband. "We will continue to be happy and will keep having fun together".

Congratulations Morris and Gail.

SAILING ACADEMY REPORT



Hello my name is Sarah Jane Fairley and I have taken over the role of Sailing Academy Administrator from Ian Hopwood who has held this role for many years. I certainly have big shoes to fill as Ian had a wealth of knowledge about this position. Thank you Ian for your support and help when I first joined BBYC in March. I am now working with Charles Hurst and together we will continue to make the BBYC Academy grow.

A big part of my position is to liaise with the schools and encourage them to join our Have a Go and teams racing programmes. From this we are trying to build a group of young sailors who can move up into the Yachting New Zealand learn to sail and learn to race programmes and join our centreboard fleet.

Also another very important part is the obtaining of



grants to enable us to ensure that our programmes remain of a high standard and ones that the public and members are keen to participate in.

This year we have run a very successful Have a Go programme for the school kids to give Optimist Sailing a go. County Manukau Sports has kindly sponsored us again for the third year in a row and we have 780 children participating from the schools. We wouldn't have been able to run these without the great help from our Volunteers who continually come back and help with all our Have a Go programmes. Thank you very much for all your help this year: Glen Banks, Susan Howard, David Reid, Geoff Shapland, Paul Daley, Richard Purchase, Craig Morton, Tony Kendall, Mick Neal, John Humphrey, Dave Payne & Lorraine Hopwood. The schools are continuing to give us praise for the Have a Go sessions we run, and as a result we are getting children to join in our Junior Learn to Sail.

We are currently running a Junior & Intermediate Winter Program which includes sailing in the J24's, 420's & Optimist's. This is coached by Wade Tresadern for the J24's & 420's and has approximately 20 kids participating in it, where they get to continue their learning about racing and improving their sailing skills. The Optimists are coached by Lyle Tresadern and

Richard Hosking and this is an opportunity for the kids that have completed our Level 3 course to continue to improve their racing techniques.

Junior Learn to Sail has had a successful season with 36 children completing Level 1, and a further 48 completing Level 2 & 3. Thank you Don Allan for running this season and also thank you for the assistant coaches Owen Williams, Rachel Hensley, Andrew Dalzell & Rosie Hubbard. We will be starting off the next season in September running JLTS at the weekends, plus we will have a few Holiday Programs coming up which we hope to see a lot more children attending.

Adult Learn to Sail has also had a successful season with 29 Adults completing Level 1, and a further 16 completing Level 2. Our courses are great opportunities for Adults to improve their Keel Boat handling skills and for those Adults who would like to buy their own Yacht, or join other crews in the Races we have here. Thank you to Chas Hurst, Peter Ramsay & Don Allan for the coaching you've done on the Adult Courses.

Team Racing has continued to be very popular for BBYC in our 420's, we have also had to borrow 6 more 420's from the NZ Teams Sailing Assoc. It continues to be run 5 days a week through the summer months of the school season. There are 6 schools participating in the training: Baradene, Botany, Glendowie Prem & Dev Squad, Macleans Prem & Dev Squad, Pakuranga and St Kents Prem & Dev Squad.

We ran the South of the Bridge Regatta in March this year where we had 10 schools participating. The event



was a great success with Auckland Grammar coming 1st, St Kentigern College 2nd and Kings College 3rd.

We are currently looking for new Coaches for both Junior Learn to Sail and Keel Boats. If you are interested please contact me at coach@bbyc.org.nz or on 534 3046. Also if you would like to be a volunteer for any of the programs we run we are always appreciative of any help and I look forward to hearing from you.

WINTER BOATSHED MENU



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To Start



Garlic Bread 4.0

Cheese Bread 5.0

Garlic bread topped with Cheese.

Seafood Chowder 8.0

Thick and creamy filled with a selection of seafood, leeks and potato.

Chicken Kebab 10.0

Tender seasoned chicken kebabs served with petit salad and satay sauce.

Scallops and Bacon 13.5

Pan-fried Scallops served with bacon, Hollandaise sauce, salad greens and lemon.

Salt 'n' Pepper Squid 9.0

Tender seasoned Squid served over salad greens with garlic aioli.

Mussels 10.0

Freshly steamed green lip mussels, served with lemon, coriander, garlic and finished with a rich coconut cream.



Burgers

Boatshed Burger 17.0

Prime Beef Pattie with tomato, lettuce, beetroot, cheese, egg, chutney and mayonnaise served in a sesame bun with fries.

Chicken Burger 17.5

Chicken fillet with Cheese, Bacon, Beetroot, lettuce, tomato, Spanish onion, chutney and garlic aioli served with fries.

Steak Burger 18.0

Grilled Beef Steak with lettuce, tomato, Spanish onion, cheese, relish, beetroot served with fries.

Veggie Burger 15.0

Veggie Pattie with tomato, lettuce, cheese, chutney, beetroot and garlic aioli served with fries.

PASTA



Carbonara

Bacon, onion, mushroom & garlic lightly sautéed & finished with egg in a herb cream sauce

Creamy Chicken & Bacon

Chicken tenderloins pieces pan fried with bacon, mushrooms, onions, fresh herbs & tossed in a cream white wine sauce

Seafood

Prawns, scallops, squid, fish in creamy pasta sauce topped with parmesan.

Vegetarian Pasta

Stir fry seasonal vegetables with Basil pesto sauce and cheese.

On your way...to dine!



Salads



Thai Beef Salad Sml **12.5/** Lrg **18.0**

Marinated Beef strips with salad greens, cashew nuts, crispy noodles, coriander, tomato, cucumber and zesty dressing.

Grilled Chicken Salad **19.5**

Chicken tender loins, croutons, bacon, cheese bed of salad greens, tomato, cucumber and onion.

Calamari Salad **17.5**

Seasoned Calamari rings served over salad greens and garlic aioli.

Light Meals



Fish and Chips **18.5**

Freshly battered fish fillets served with garden salad, tartare, lemon and fries.

Pork Ribs **15.5**

Bbq pork ribs served with steak fries topped with sesame seeds.

Bangers and Mash **16.5**

Pan roasted sausages served on potato mash, peas, onion and jus.

Seafood Chowder **14.0**

Thick and creamy filled with a selection of seafood, leeks and potato served with garlic bread.

Mains

Scallops, Bacon and Vegetables **25.0**

Tossed scallops in pan with bacon and garlic butter, served on mixed grilled vegetables

Chicken Marsala **23.5**

Pan roasted Chicken with mushroom and flamed with Marsala wine simmered in light cream sauce served on a bed of smashed Potato.

Pork Scotch **24.0**

Tender Pork scotch fillet wrapped in bacon served with garlic butter, kumara mash and port wine jus.

Salmon Fillet **25.0**

Grilled Cajun seasoned Salmon served on potato mash with a fresh lime & tomato salsa and Hollandaise sauce.

Scotch Fillet Steak **26.5**

Scotch Fillet cooked to your liking topped with mushroom sauce and served with Steak fries.

Lamb Shank (1) **19.5** (2) **25.5**

Slow braised served on kumara mash with port wine jus

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HOUSE REPORT

It's been a great summer weather wise and we started our social year with the annual club picnic at Motuhie on 22nd February. A beautiful day dawned ensuring a good turnout of numbers, with a big group from centreboard [thanks guys]. A fun day was had by young and old, with the egg "throw n catch" going to a tie-break and best of three final! The tug of war going down to the wire but the launches ended up "pulling it off".

Wednesday night Trivia started on March 11th with close to a hundred people in attendance. Trivia nights run fortnightly for twelve weeks

with a final prize giving on our last night. There is still room for a few more teams [4-8 per team] so put a team together and come on down.

Our annual "brunch on the spit" was once again a resounding success this year with over 90 people attending. A beautiful day with a gentle breeze stopped us all from getting too hot. Some great costumes, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Thanks

Brett.





An email from Maurice Cross aboard “Orient” on their passage around the world.

Some of the best ideas are not always the brightest!

This morning started out much the same as most mornings over the last month, we are just a little further onwards, now just over six hundred miles from the Marquesas, and have spent 25 days at sea. Once the sun was up we had a clear sky and only light wind, sailing at four to five knots the ocean and sky looked so wonderful almost like a post card would look, I even suggested that maybe we could launch the dinghy and get a few photos of Orient sailing. Maybe not such a brilliant idea as it turned out.

On studying the horizon I noticed another yacht well out to our port bow several miles away. By the time we had studied this and talked a little more about the photos the wind had increased to more like 20 knots making the dinghy idea not worthwhile, so we continued on. It was now obvious that we were getting closer to the other yacht as we were sailing on opposite jibes poled out with us on port he on starboard.

As we drew closer there was no sign of life aboard the other yacht and as we closed within 200 meters or so we heard a call on the VHF for help. What had happened was that the single hander had launched his dinghy with a view to photographing his yacht, just as we had proposed. However his yacht was caught by the increased wind and his outboard was unable to keep up as his boat increased speed. We launched our dinghy and Adam and Patrick motored over to his yacht and had her hove too as the owner caught up in his dinghy.

George from Scandinavia now safely aboard his 30 foot double ender sure is a lucky man. He gave us a couple of bottles of wine for our trouble and we wished him well. Maybe we will see him in French Polynesia although his yacht is somewhat slower than Orient. Both



yachts are now safely on our way and George is now almost over the horizon behind us.

Hope all is well there

Maurice Cross - AFD Orient.

Emails from Orient's Voyage

7 August - Departing Vanuatu. Next stop Thursday Island in the Torres Straight, northern Australia approx. 8 to 10 days sailing. A few navigational hazards as we sail north of the Great Barrier Reef, our plan is to sail relatively close to Papua New Guinea so as to keep north of most of the reef then head down the shipping channel to Torres Straight.

25 August - We are in Darwin Australia, since departing Auckland we have sailed around 3800 miles. Two days ago we motored for around 20 hours to get into the harbour, virtually no wind. We dropped the anchor just on dawn outside Cullen Bay Marina. There are warships doing manoeuvres in the area, yesterday several sailed up the harbour there were lots of people along the waterfront.

The approach to Thursday Island through Torres Straight sure is interesting. It is around 130 miles from Pandora's Passage to the harbour with over 100 islands and who knows how many reefs and sand cays. Even when we got to Thursday Island the harbour has reefs, sand bars and mangrove islands to avoid. We had a very interesting ride in the dinghy back from a reasonable session at the pub the other night. The yacht was anchored across the bay a couple of miles away, sure took some navigation to get home.

After leaving Thursday Island there is almost another 100 miles of shallows and reefs to encounter. This whole area is not a place to visit without a very good plotter and charts that is for sure. On top of all

that there is a major shipping lane passing through as well. Very big tidal range here in Darwin around 7 meters, marinas all have locks to enter. Down the western coast a bit at Shale Island the range is shown as up to 12 meters on the tide tables.

5 September - On our way to Christmas Island from Darwin now. Yesterday we called into Ashmore reef and picked up a mooring for a few hours, had a good look around the main island. This reef system is a large area consisting of sand cays and 3 small islands. Not a lot to see but for a few graves, 2 coconut trees, an old ship wreck and lots of sea birds. There was an Australian Navy exercise on shore, however they were not interested in talking with us. Early this morning we are in a shipping lane from Western Australia to Asia. One very close call with a bulk carrier, we passed only half a mile astern of them after making a significant change in our course.

We generally get buzzed by an Australian Maritime/ Customs plane each day and have to respond to their identifying request. No big deal I guess they are just keeping tabs on who is in the area, we hear them calling other yachts nearby. We have travelled over 4 thousand nautical miles since departing New Zealand.

13 September - Christmas Island is a very unusual place. About the size of Waiheke but more like Rangitoto in the rock structure. There is a phosphate mine that has been operating for over 100 years. Millions of years of bird droppings have accumulated on parts of the island to solidify as phosphate fertilizer. A few little cafe's and pubs sure had an interesting lot of locals to chat with. Food and fuel way expensive but alcohol is very cheap (the island is duty free). After two or three days not much more to do, so back on the ocean we go.

All systems aboard are working well and crew are keeping well. We have now travelled well over 5000 miles since departing New Zealand, sounds crazy but we have only had 2 or 3 days of rain so far. Generally blue sky and hot, very hot sun beating down.

23 September - Still virtually no rain but lots of water coming over the rail. The swell here is huge, up to 6 meters. Really makes us feel like a tiny speck amongst the vast ocean.

Cocos Keeling is just such a wonderful place, the yacht anchorage is at Direction Island then a half hour dinghy trip to Home Island then a ferry and bus to the Police Station on West Island for clearance.

Virtually no tourists just 500 or so locals, not much in the way of commercial activity.

Direction Island is deserted but has a setup a little like Smokehouse Bay on Great Barrier, but a little more sophisticated. Just such an awesome place, the three of us were sad to leave.

4 October - Now in Mauritius, sighted land, Round Island a few miles off the NE coast before dark Tuesday afternoon and after sailing down the Northern and Western coast arrived Wednesday early morning off Port Louis and cleared customs etc. mid-morning. While sailing down the coast after dark we passed close by a very large whale splashing the water with its tail, hard to see exactly in the moonlight but the noise was quite electrifying. We have now sailed over eight thousand miles since departing from New Zealand.

7 October - We are on our way to South Africa, revised distance Durban is only 1500 miles from Mauritius. This has been an extremely busy stop over on the social side, I am just happy to put to sea for a rest from it all. Adam and Patrick broke a few hearts, tears on the dock as we left.

11 October - Now in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and the African mainland after sailing past the southern coast of Madagascar for the last day or so. Now out of the trade winds and getting variable winds from nothing to 25 knots and various directions. Currently we are making 10 to 11 knots 2 sail reaching in a 20 knot southerly.

Overnight and this morning there have been whales, about a dozen in all. Slapping the water and some even jumping right out making a huge splash. These are big almost as long as Orient. One time there were 2 cruising across our bow, Adam had to steer clear so as to avoid hitting one, and then they were off with a mass of turbulent water right by the bow and not seen again.

14 October - Careful what you wish for!! Over the last few days we have been saying still haven't tacked, need rain to wash the salt away, no real rough weather so far, when will we be sailing to windward? Well today it is all on, I think an African Witch Doctor heard all this and set a spell on Orient. Big Thunder & lightning, rain so heavy the bow was hazy through it then wind. Yep right on the nose and plenty of it, although things are very changeable here. Currently clear sky 3 reefs in the main and only about one and a half meters of genoa unrolled making 6 knots through a sizable sea.



Easter Rally Report

Our Easter rally was a great success with over 40 boats in the bay. Morris and Gayle Watson again did a fantastic job with games and gifts for the children and an Easter egg hunt. Thank you so much for all your hard work and great organisational skills.

We were blessed with a lovely night for the BBQ with lots of prizes and food from CP Solutions and Roger and Cathy Burn from Dalton International. A great turn out of people and it was nice to see a lot of new members and new boat owners joining in.

The next morning we had a Champagne Breakfast put on by Grant McKinnon and Wind Warrior Yachts and Peter Miller from Half Moon Bay Boat Builders. A great remote controlled yacht regatta followed with the Piedy being the windward mark for the ocean race. It was very funny to watch boaties rowing around in their dinghies racing after their model yachts. The competition was fierce!

There must have been something in the air at the club at the moment – while Chris, Kirsty and Tyler





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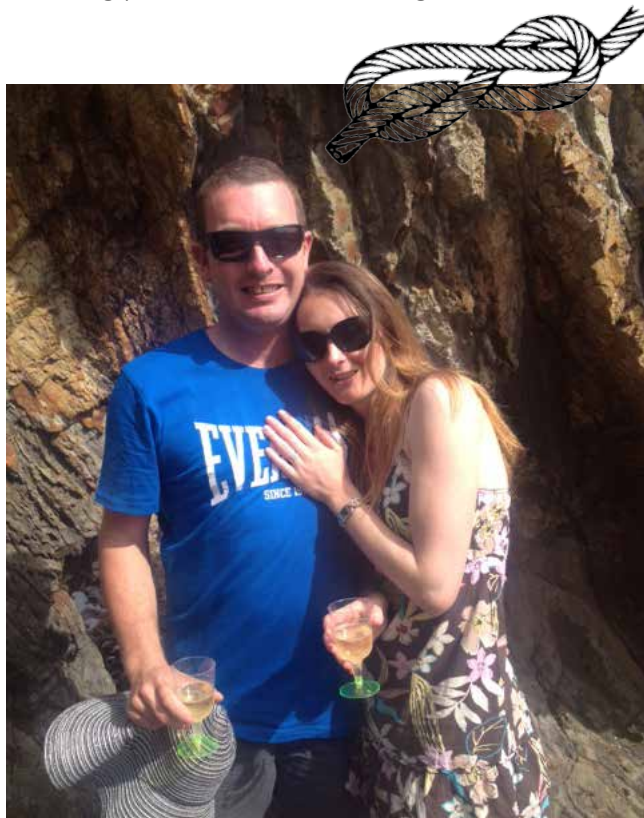


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were looking for Easter eggs, Chris hid a ring for Kirsty to find and proposed!! After her surprise, she accepted, and we wish them all the best with their wedding plans and future life together.



Chris and Kirsty happily engaged after the Easter Egg Hunt.

Our boats then went off to enjoy the rest of the Easter Weekend. Once again well done and a big thank you to all those who supported this event.

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Article from Coastguard Mana Unit

Late last year thieves broke into a secure compound at Mana Marina in Porirua, Wellington and stole an outboard motor from CRV Pelorus, crippling the only operational rescue vessel available to the busy Coastguard Mana unit – leaving a risky patch of water without the necessary security of Coastguard.

Early the next morning upon hearing the news, and when reading about the fundraising efforts to replace the outboard motor, young club member Tyler Dale – an enthusiast for anything rescue, decided it was a cause worth supporting and ran to find his piggy bank. He wanted to give all his pocket money so Coastguard Mana could perform rescues again, just like the Coastguard Howick vessels Tyler saw when he and his dad were out in their boat. His dad (Chris) told Tyler he would match his donation dollar for dollar. With donation in hand, and after writing a little note about his support on the fundraising site give-a-little.co.nz he was happy knowing that Coastguard Mana would soon be operational again.

This donation and note was spotted by Coastguard Mana's acting president Mark

Presling who sent Tyler a personalised note of thanks, including photos of the boats they use, notes of some rescues and what the coastguard unit does. This sparked off a lot of interest from the 5 year old which ended in Tyler wishing to find out more about what Coastguard does in his local area.

Volunteers from Coastguard Mana along with Coastguard Howick invited Tyler to the Coastguard Northern Region's headquarters based in Auckland's Mechanics Bay. After a tour of the operations room where the volunteers monitor 25 marine radio channels, and manage boats around 4000km of coastline in the Northern Region's jurisdiction, it was off to check out the boats.

A tour of Howick Rescue 1, soon to be re-located to Mana once the \$750,000 newly built Howick Rescue boat is launched, quickly developed into a trip on the water for Tyler, with Kirsty and Chris in tow it was an unexpected highlight for the young man. Exploring around Auckland Harbour on the amazing vessel with some amazing volunteers really made it sink in the countless hours and fantastic work these volunteer's do daily.

Last year Coastguard Northern Region logged 113,082 individual trip reports, supplied 4,380 live weather broadcasts for boaties, maintained 29 rescue vessels plus 2 aircraft consuming some 150,000 litres of fuel, soaking up an



Tyler fitted out and ready for action



Howick Rescue 1 to be re-located to Mana

amazing 41,000 volunteer hours amongst 1,150 volunteers, and managed to fundraise the \$1.5m required to run all of the individual coastguard units. All of this seems a huge amount – but when you see that they rescued 4,683 boaties that would have been stuck without Coastguard – it is suddenly put into perspective that the hard work and fundraising is all worth it – next time it could be one of us.

Coastguard units in New Zealand are charities. They aren't government funded, so rely heavily on memberships and donations from boaties like us to ensure that they are equipped to respond when needed. In order to continue doing the superb work they do around our local waters, and the northern region they need your help – To join Coastguard Northern Region, Join one of the fantastic Coastguard Education courses, to Learn more about what they do, or to donate to this worthy cause please visit <https://www.coastguard.org.nz/>

Huge thanks to the team from Coastguards Howick and Mana units for taking Tyler out on the water and showing us a little about what they do. It's certainly a passionate group of people saving lives at sea.



Tyler at the helm of Howick Rescue 1

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CLUB HAUL OUT CHARGES

The club has a haul-out yard located by the old club buildings at Granger point, The Parade, Bucklands Beach. This yard is run by volunteers and is only available to club members. We operate from 1 May to 30 November each year hauling on Saturdays. Should conditions preclude operations the team will often try to haul the following day (Sunday).

We have power and water available on the hardstand. Ideal for the DIY person, our fees (see below) are significantly less than Half Moon Bay Marina, as we do not have all their facilities. Because of our low fees we are an ideal place to be for those longer jobs to be done.

Due to our location we have very stringent rules on noise and cleanliness. The yard has security cameras monitoring the yard and the images are wirelessly linked back to the main club-house.

Those members wishing to use the hardstand must lodge an application to haul, this can be done on the forms located at the office but this can also be done online using the club's updated web site, if you have not hauled before there is also a video on the web site that must be viewed, and there is a section on the application form that must be ticked to indicate that the applicant has viewed the video. After you have lodged a booking form with the office you will be contacted by the Yard Coordinator and given a time to be ready to haul.

It would also be of great advantage for those who have not hauled before to come down to the hardstand and see first-hand the procedure for hauling. The team members will be on hand to answer any questions.

You need to provide your own cradle if you do

not have one, there are many owned by our regular users. It is easy to borrow one and it is not uncommon to see two or even three boats in different cradles over the season.

Nick Koppers is our Yard Coordinator and he may be contacted on
021 965 107, 276 6473 (Work)
or 534 4715 (Home)

Our committee meetings are held April through November on the third Thursday of the month, these meetings are open to anyone who uses our facilities and you are welcome to attend.

Charges:

(All charges are including GST and must be paid prior to launching).

Hauling Charge:

Up to 9 metres LOA:	_____	\$32
9 – 10 metres LOA:	_____	\$40
10 – 11 metres LOA:	_____	\$48
11 – 12 metres LOA:	_____	\$53
12 metres and over	_____	\$58
Launching same as above		

Cradle Time:

Mono hulls for the first 8 weeks	_____	\$27 per week
Each week in excess of first 8 weeks	_____	\$37 per week
Multi hulls for the first 8 weeks	_____	\$48 per week
Each week in excess of first 8 weeks	_____	\$63 per week

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Coastal Levy	_____	\$5
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SOME CLUB HISTORY

Ian McAven – a member in the early days, who now lives in Orewa, has given us a little bit of history of the Bucklands Beach Yacht Club in the 1950s!

Around 1951-1952 there was a number of P class (Tauranga) yachts built at Bucklands Beach. They were:-

P136 (Too Little) built by Barney Wheeler at 55 Hattaway Avenue

P137 (Nippy) Built by Harold Skudder at 51 Hattaway Avenue for Ewin (Jimmy) Skudder

P138 (Alert) built by Angus Crombie at 53 Hattaway Avenue for Alan Crombie

P140 (Manoa) built by Angus Crombie at 53 Hattaway Avenue for Don Crombie

P145 (Hiawatha) built by Ian McAven at 35 Hattaway Avenue for Leigh McAven

All these P class were built on the same stock which was passed on as each boat was finished enough to come off the stock. P1 (Pony) originally sailed by David Gunn was handed over to his younger brother Barry Gunn and another P class joined the fleet, number P 108 (Crusader) which was sailed by Sir Barry Curtis.

The very first patrol boat was donated in 1955 by John Breckell of Takutai Drive. This was mentioned in the New Horizon 10th Jubilee edition on page 14. Fred Andrews built a small cabin for the crew to have shelter. George Quigg and the men at Musick Point Radio Station built a two way radio system for the club to use. This was very modern!

One unit was in the start/finish box and ran off a car battery and the other unit was used in the patrol boat. I, Leigh McAven, gave the American Redwing Marine engine a valve grind and ran the patrol boat from 1955 to 1960 towing in many tipped out yachts, laying the start/finish buoy and laying and retrieving the buoys at Musick Point end of the beach and the Glendowie buoy.

The Point England and Half Moon Bay buoys (there was no marina back then) were left permanently moored over the season. Several keelers were

towed off the sand bank by the patrol boat as there were no channel markers in those days.

Fred Marten, father of Steve Marten, was often out in a dinghy taking photos of the racing yachts then giving them to the various owners. I owned Idle Along IA 29 (Merady) and was the Social Committee Chairman. We organised many dances and prizegivings and made sure a good night was had by all.



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Cruising from Gerald Pastor - Keeler

The Cruising series was a very successful one this year with lots of new boats joining us and some new venues for us to enjoy. Welcome to the new members who came along and met other cruisers and enjoyed our gulf. With the weather we had that wasn't hard to do. If you are new to sailing don't let the word "race" put you off. The cruising is just that, a relaxed way to get to a great venue and enjoy a night with fellow members of our club.

Our first race went to Fairway Bay in Gulf harbour Marina. This is a relatively new part of the marina and is a rental only marina. They supplied us all with a marina berth and we didn't even have to use the dinghies as there is a boardwalk in place across the marina in the evenings so we could walk to the BBQ and the craft market and coffees on the Saturday morning. This was a fabulous venue and will again be our first stop in this year's cruising calendar. They will again give us a place to stay and have advised that we can have the small bay at the end of the marina. This should be a lot of fun.



Man O War Vineyards was also a new addition this year and was again very successful even though the weekend did not look like it was going to be good. They put on an area just for BBYC boats with food and wines available. Also we were given a private wine tasting session.

Other stops have been Station Bay, Rakino, Orapu and Easter at Ponui Island.

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors during the series;

- Z Pakuranga
- Fairway Bay
- Boatspray
- Man O War Vineyards
- Half Moon Bay Marine Electrical
- Peter Millen of Half Moon Bay Marina Boat Builders
- Wind Warrior Yachts
- CP Solutions
- Morris and Gayle Watson for the Easter Rally

We are hoping that the new season will bring us great weather and lots of opportunities for family cruising and BBQs around our Gulf. New sponsors have come on board this year and we have lots of prizes for yachts and motor boats alike. As those who came to the cruising races this year will know, the more the merrier.







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