

May Newsletter

Commodore's Comment

This month's General Committee meeting, held on Tuesday 28th May, was delayed for a week, as a number of members were unavailable the previous week. Matters discussed included:

Asking the Whangaroa Community board to make budget provision for toilet facilities at Lake Manuwai. Currently there is one porta loo to service the many different groups that use the lake, and it is most unsatisfactory, given the large numbers present in the summer.

It has been decided to re-introduce the requirement for new members to to have a proposer and seconder before submitting their application. The proposer and seconder must be prepared to vouch for the applicant, and the applicants will be advised to the existing membership, prior to being approved.

We have revised the policy regarding the pile moorings. Will soon be available on the website for inspection.

As a Club, we feel we can do more to communicate with our membership, through our website and social media. To this end, each sub-committee has been invited to appoint a communications person, who will be able to place material on the Club's Facebook page which feeds to the website. We have created a policy, as to acceptable material, and prior approval from parents regarding photos of children.

We are pleased to have John and Richard Power represent the Club & NZ at the upcoming 470 Class Masters Cup in Italy, during July 2019, and wish them all the best.

We voted to accept an invitation from Milford Cruising Club to become a reciprocal club, and can foresee more of these arrangements being entered into with various other clubs around the country.

Six new memberships were approved with no resignations

Doug France advised of accidents on the boat ramp involving children being injured falling into a large hole at the bottom of the ramp which has been created by revving outboard motors. We will again endeavour to fill the hole, but be aware, it is a trap and dangerous.

John and Gill Durham are moving out of the area to be closer to family. In the twelve years they have been in Opito Bay, they have both made a significant contribution to the administration of the Club. John for his committee work and Gill for her advice and guidance on all things to do with bio-security & NRC, as well as running Coastguard Education courses at the Club. There are many members who are better, safer boaties as a result of Gill's tutoring. They will be sorely missed. A big thank you for all you have contributed.

The bulk of the meeting centered around discussions on the draft 2019/20 budgets and how to balance expenditure in a fiscally responsible manner, whilst still maintaining existing assets.

Thank you to Tania Quinn for attending on behalf of the centreboard committee.

Congratulations to Taipa Yacht Club for being profiled as the YNZ club of the month, it is great to see the smallest club in the north being recognised for their achievements. They organised the 2019 Starling Nationals in April which Jake Pye finished a very creditable 5th out of a fleet of 44. Also, his first year in Starlings, and at 13 years old one of the younger sailors, excellent.

Awesome efforts too, at the O'pen Skiff regatta by Charlie Andrew who got 3 guns in 3 races, placing 1st in the O'pen Skiff Bronze fleet, & Carter Stringer in his first season in the gold fleet. At the tail end of this year's sailing season, all the centreboard sailors, coaches & parents should be commended on their efforts. Having come up through the dinghy ranks myself (a year or three ago), I'm well aware of the time & joint effort that contribute to these results. Well done.

Finally, fair winds to Owen & Lian Smith, Mike Carere and John Bertenshaw & Kirsty Hardie-Boys who are heading off-shore north into the Pacific for the season.

Peter Wilson Commodore

Open Teams Racing Regatta Doves Bay 01st - 03rd June

The 2019 GJ Gardner Homes Open Team Sailing National Championships is being held at Doves Bay from 01st - 03rd June 2019.

Please note the eastern boat ramp will be closed for the duration of the regatta. Trailered boats can still be launched at the western ramp.



Matariki - June 29th

Great (Kai) feed and entertainment, book your tickets now, \$30 adults, special price for children; \$1 for every year (up to 12 years old)







"The Pohutukawa watches a Great day becomes a great night"



See the latest photos of Club activities from Bruce Carter Above: "Sparkling about Sailing" at Lake Manuwai

Keelboat Racing

Well we are started on our winter programme and as usual the weather is fairly conducive generally to enjoying some fine sailing, just the three races started so far as the second winter series race was cancelled due to the weather. A word on the start times as there has been some confusion. 12 midday for the longer races and 2 o'clock for the rum races. We are trying to set a course to suit faster and slower boats in the one division rum races which is not always easy. Please let us know sooner rather than later if you are not happy with race length times. I think the extra competition the one division format creates is good A few things below which are currently happening:

1) We have suggested to Russell and Opua clubs to hold the Interclub race 3 re-run consecutively with one of our winter series races and are waiting to hear back from them. Will let you know the outcome ASAP.

- 2) The running and finances of the Etchell have been handed over to the centreboard committee to run. This effectively means that any related expenses or income no longer come under the keelboat budget. We do however hope to see the Etchell and new trainees out sailing in our keelboat races and wish the centreboard committee success in making this work.
- 3) As you may have already read a resource consent has been applied for to legalise with the Harbourmaster our racing buoys. Some of them will need to be moved also to comply with his requirements which are based around safety issues, with the exception of the south western buoy which is in an area required for more moorings.

That's all for now. See you out there

Andy August, Keelboat Committee

Thanks to our Keelboat Winter Series Sponsors





Winter Roast Now Available on Sundays as well as usual menu

Warm up this winter with a roast meal at the Club on Sunday nights. \$20/head. The usual menu is also available Friday & Sunday nights.

The bar now also has some low-alcohol wine options available.

Wanted/For Sale...

For Sale/Wanted adverts are published at the discretion of the Club for a maximum of 2 weeks.

For Sale - RIB

4.9m RIB for sale. Amazing winter bargain!

Well looked after and approx. 5 years old with only 50hrs on the 50HP Tohatsu 2-stroke. The boat comes equipped with all the extras: bimini (now extended to allow standing beneath it), full custom cover, Raymarine Dragonfly sat-nav and fish finder/depth sounder, Speedo, rev counter, trim gauge, Nav. lights, Built in fuel tank, USB sockets for charging. The trailer is also in excellent shape and has a current WOF and rego. Asking \$18,000 ono.

Contact Lloyd on 0212637366 or wljerome@gmail.com
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Mooring to rent

In the Blacksmiths bay (ski lane) - just around the headland from the marina 4 ton block

Up to 16m boat

Available immediately until July, possibility of renting until end of October / early November Contact Ali on yachtroxi@hotmail.com

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