

# September 2017 Newsletter

#### **Commodore's Corner**

For a full Commodore's Comment come to the AGM where my admiration and praise will be foremost.

During these 2 years I have sought out wiser heads than mine to understand the history and circumstance of events and have always been humbled by the response and knowledge freely given, well it did cost a coffee or two! I feel humbled to have been the Commodore and have really relished the challenges it has given me.

The centre board sailing programme has been put together, and looks a busy season, with learn to sail Levels 1 & 2 at Lake Manuwai on Sat & Sun with many thanks to new coaches trained under YNZ. Such help is very welcome. On Monday afternoon a new group for ladies coached by Averil . This is all dependent upon FNDC giving us permission, after a winter long algae, has kept us off the lake. After school on Tuesday there is coaching for Level 3 with Averil for our up and coming sailing champions. Fridays will see an "all-comers" Centreboard Series, first race at 5pm. Watch out for more details & to register.

Thanks for the social committee's great work creating a great night with the commodores ball and 180 people attending the Blair Tuke evening.

The work on the driveway repairs is continuing and it is planned to do the concrete repairs in September. Also waiting on repairs to the fuel jetty and mast gantry by the contractor.

Couple of ongoing sagas... firstly there is the NRC bio-security charge, and I hope you are all aware not to pay this part of your account while it is under challenge. All the marinas in Northland are waiting for legal advice on this matter.

Secondly, the Club's bid to swap some land with the Department of Conservation. This has been underway for sometime, the hold-up here is that the swap has been challenged by an interested party. The Club has exhausted all avenues of negotiation & a formal hearing is scheduled for October 5th.

Finishing on a high note, join us at the Domain from midday to 2pm on Saturday 7th October to get up close with the America's Cup & some of the Emirates Team NZ. Prize giving follows later the same day.

So, some good work done & more underway. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Doug France - Commodore

#### Kerikeri Cruising Club AGM Notice

The Kerikeri Cruising Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 28 September 2017** in the Kerikeri Cruising Club Clubhouse, 346 Opito Bay Road, Kerikeri. Further information will be sent to all Club members.

### Notice of Berth Licence Holders Annual General Meeting 2017

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with clause 8.1 of the Deed of Participation, a meeting of Licence Holders will be held at the Kerikeri Cruising Club, 346 Opito Bay Road, Kerikeri on Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 7pm. AGM material has been emailed or posted to all berth licence holders. Please contact the office if you have not received a copy.

## Centreboard





## **House & Social**





The Commodore's Ball, Gumboots & Glam, illustrated perfectly here by our Commodore, Doug France, - (plaid shirt & gumboots) & the Club's first lady, Vonnie France who was all glamour (yellow feathers & fasinator)!



From left Dave Keen (House & Social Committee), Blair Tuke (Emirates Team NZ) & Doug France (Commodore) at the "Catch Up with Blair" night last month.



Blair Tuke was a hit with the younger sailors, signing sailing gear & sharing 'hot sailing tips'.

## Keelboat

#### Notice of Race: NYC Regatta 2017 - 28/29 October 2017

Organising Authority is the Northland Yachting Association (NYA).

The regatta venue and hosting club will be Opua Cruising Club. This regatta will rotate between the Bay of Islands Whangarei and Monganui areas in the future.

Event. NYA Keelboat Regatta 2017.

This Notice of Race covers all racing for NYA Keelboat Regatta October 28/29 2017 & can be downloaded here.

#### Harcourts Winter series

The weather for Race 7 saw a very light 3 to 8 knot breeze come through which kept almost all of the heavy-weather boats at home. All A Division people spent the day doing something else, which left B Division boats sailing an 11.7 mile course to battle it out. Vim (Gary Colebrook) not only arrived home first but also achieved well sailed first on handicap. Blue Newport brought Enhanse home to take second in both sections and Chiara (Ian McGregor) took out the minor places in both sections. Better wind for race 8 at ten to eighteen knots. Tongue Twister (Dave Ferris) came home ahead of Physical Favours (Pete Woods), handicap results also in this order. Vim once again led B Division home but it was Chiara that took out the first on handicap in the fresher conditions ahead of Vim and Aalita (Andy August). The weather came in with a vengeance for race 9 with an easterly quarter threatening to blow at well over 30 knots during the afternoon. R.O. Leroi called racing off for the day.

The General Handicap series results still has Physical Favours leading A Division on 16 points followed by Deep Throttle on 21 and Tongue Twister on 24. In B Division Chiara remains in the lead on 11 points from Vim on 13 and Enhanse on 17. The Divisional Championship series has Titan still leading with 58 points from Animal Biscuits (Craig Partridge) on 80 points and Rikki (Ray Haslar) on 81. The PHRF series has Physical Favours on 20 points, tied with Deep Throttle on points but leading on count-back, and Tongue Twister is just 3 points further back in third place. In B Division Aalita (Andy August) remains the leader on 49 points followed by Enhanse on 53 and Vim a close third on 54. With just one race to go and another discard to come into force there are still places up for grabs.

#### Fell Engineering Rum series

Race 7 was sailed in a five to ten knot northerly, suiting a fast finishing Cotton

Blossom II (Doug France) down to the ground. Making it something of an A Division race, Demonstrator (Bob Donaldson) came home in second place and Physical Favours filled third spot.

Slightly more wind for race 8 and yet another A Division benefit with Demonstrator leading Physical Favours and Rikki (Ray Haslar) home in that order. A good fleet however, with ten boats contesting this race.

Race 9 has just been sailed in nice south westerly. The starts are becoming much more competitive with the average delay between each yacht's start signal and the time to actually cross the start line reducing to twelve seconds from an average of twenty six seconds in the first race of this series. Cotton Blossom II was the first boat home, thankful that the shorter course had been used to calculate the race start times. Hard on her heels and closing fast was Rikki followed in quick order by That Girl (Pete Mclea, Aalita and Vim (these three finishing within twenty seconds of each other).

With just one more race to be sailed, the series results A Division has Cotton Blossom II leading on 15 points ahead of Demonstrator on 18 and Physical Favours on 21. B Division is led by Enhanse on 16 points from Vim and Inferno both sharing 25 points. So with just one more race to go there could still be some significant changes at the top of the leader board.

To view all race and series results go to http://www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/sailing/keelboat-racing/race-results.html

#### Dinghy and Keelboat prize giving

You will all be aware that the prize giving evening for this season will commence at 6:30 pm on Saturday October 7th at the clubhouse. If you have not already done so would you please contact the office to reserve your tickets in advance as we will need to know the numbers needed for catering. This event promises to be another outstanding evening of this season.

We know that the following yachts, in name order, will receive club trophies and/or plaques this year. PLEASE make sure that your yacht is represented on the night: Aalita, Animal Biscuits, Cotton Blossom II, Demonstrator, Enhanse, Freedom Five, Green Label, Hicky Burr, Learning Curve, Petty Cash, Physical Favours, Plan B, Rikki, Stray Cat, That Girl and Vim. A number of other names will be added to this list following the last two races to be sailed. If your boat's name doesn't appear at this stage please don't give up hope.

You will all be aware from the updating of the race and series winners on the club's web site the majority of those who are this season's trophy and plaque winner. Ric McCready will be on hand at our prize giving to present the Scottronic Technologies drawn prize which once again will have one entry per race in this series that each yacht started in. Be warned that if a yacht's owner/skipper is not present when the

winning boat name is called there will be a redraw. Yachts eligible to be in the draw for this prize are Aalita, Animal Biscuits, Deep Throttle, Demonstrator, Enhanse, Pet6ty Cash, Physical Favours, Plan B, Rikki, Rock n Roll, Stray Cat, That Girl, Titan and Vim. Make sure you are there, enjoy the evening, and good luck to you all.

#### Nominations required for two trophies

Two trophies that are presented annually require their recipients to be nominated. The first is the Simon Wallace Memorial Trophy which is awarded annually for the best contribution by a crew member. The second trophy is the Best Youth Crew Member Trophy which is awarded to the youth member of any crew. Nominations for both are required in writing which should be forwarded to either Mel in the club's office or dropped in the start box at the club.

A big thank you to this season's Keelboat sponsors

Our grateful thanks to those keelboat sponsors that have supporting this season's keelboat racing programme: Scottronic Technologies, Craigs Investment Partners, Willis Sails, C Partridge Yachts, the Pioneer Restaurant and Bar, Beds R Us, the Creative Design Store, Fell Engineering and Harcourts BOI. Also helping us out when needed, which has been often this season, was Moorings Northland which continues to help out with the laying and maintenance of all of our racing buoys.

#### Next Season's Race Calendar

With the prize giving looming advance notice must be given for the start of next season's racing. The keelboat calendar for the 2017-2018 year is yet to go to print but will be on the club's website on good time. This year we will be setting off the new season with an Opening Day event on Sunday October 15th. Law North have very kindly donated a new trophy in the name of the late Tony Ray, and this trophy will be competed for by the keeler fleet on this day. The calendar for the new season will also be found on the club's web site, as will the new Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Happy sailing - Craig Jones (Keelboat Committee Chair)















I love photographing sailing, races, yachts and the people involved. This month the focus is "Grinders"

http://www.flickr.com/photos/kerikeriyachtraces

Cheers Bruce Carter - Photographer

# Marina

# **Haul Out Bookings**

Please contact the office if you want a haul out before Christmas...bookings are filling up fast!

# Click Here for the Club Events Calendar

Centreboard & Keelboat racing, Learn to Sail, Holiday Programmes, Social Events,
Coastguard Courses & RIB Bookings

# Join Us On Facebook

Make a request to be added to the group. It will be handy, whether on the water or not, for Club members to connect with each other, sharing news & views, & updates on their travels, as well as photos & videos.

For more serious fare, you can also join the Kerikeri Cruising Club Boating Education page on which Gill Durham has posts useful information, advice & upcoming

Coastguard Education events.

## **Club Members Letters**

It was indeed a very proud moment at the Kerikeri Cruising Club when they hosted Blair Tuke on the night of Wednesday 23rd August. For the early part of the evening Blair spoke with junior yachties, then later on in the evening he gave a run-down on the America's Cup race including Team NZ dramas on & off the water. Members were encouraged to ask questions which they did in great numbers; the night was very well attended, with what looked like a near full house.

As a speaker, Blair was superb, & as always willing to give his time freely, encouraging the up & coming juniors & youth as well as talking with the more senior members.

Kerikeri Cruising Club is indeed lucky to have somebody with Blair's abilities as a Life Member.

Many thanks, Blair, your presence & time given are most appreciated by the many people present. One can only guess as to how many young people you have inspired to take up yachting.

A great night & I am sure we have learned a lot from you.

All the very best of luck for your participation in the Volvo Round the World Race.

Regards

Norman Little

# **Welcoming New Members**

Allan Carvell & Dale Sutherland Anthony Hall

Desmond Hendry
Graham Jones & Tracey Scott
Murray & Gail Lucas
Barry Smith
Graeme & Tandi Lidgard
Brian Hufton
Phil Spencer
Denis & Geraldine Garner

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