



Kerikeri Cruising Club

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February 2018 Newsletter

Commodore's Corner

I am looking out my window on a perfect, cool, crisp, Saturday morning prior to Waitangi Day. What a relief, after what seems like an eternity of hot, humid, easterlies.

Diane and I got up to Matai Bay, on our summer cruise. I had hoped to go up to the Cape, but the weather prevented that plan.

December saw the top part of the driveway concreted. A difficult job for the contractors, with the continual stream of traffic using the driveway. Unfortunately, the western slab has cracked in two places. Ray Haslar organised a meeting between ourselves, the contractor, and Firth, the suppliers of the cement. It has been agreed to cut the two sections of the drive, that are affected, and to replace those sections, and tie them back into the existing slabs. This remedial work will be undertaken after Easter, at no extra cost to the club.

Gill Durham, and Doug France, have been representing the KCC's interests regarding the NRC Marine Pathway Plan and the Marine Biosecurity Charge. The Marine Pathway Plan is now subject to confidential Environment Court directed mediation, between the Northern marina's and the council. Despite this process being in progress, and with the likelihood of a judicial review on the Marine Biosecurity Charge in the High Court, the NRC are threatening us, and all parties that have not yet paid this charge, with the debt collectors.

The government submissions on NRC's draft regional plan, that includes marine biosecurity, with both DOC and MPI clearly stating the shortcomings of the proposed

plan and the modifications sought by the Minister of Conservation, are such that DOC states “the Council may wish to consider withdrawing the plan and re-notifying to address the matters identified in the Minister’s submission”

Both the DOC land swap and the title to the reclamation, are still awaiting finalisation, which we are hopeful will happen soon, now that NZ has returned to work.

The week before last, saw me up at Lake Manuwai, assisting Aevril with the second “School Holiday Program” of the year. We are most fortunate to have Aevril run these programs, the children have an absolute blast, with all sorts of water based activities encouraged. What is great to see, is the initial apprehension, or in some cases, outright fear, dissolving over the course of the week, and being replaced by complete water confidence. Whilst the program is all about having fun, a variety of skills are acquired. Sailing, rowing, canoeing. Who wants to be last in the treasure hunt, better get their as fast as possible. Mmm, probably need to work out how to get this boat to windward - etc. The club is fortunate to have been gifted four BIC yachts by a most generous member. These modern simple boats are ideal for advanced beginners, and we have a growing fleet throughout the country. If any member would like to assist the club acquire some more of these excellent boats, we would love to hear from you. We are holding a BIC Regatta at Doves Bay on the 24th Feb, and expect 30 boats to participate.

The clubhouse has been busy again this summer, with Friday nights being very popular. All credit to Charles and his crew for coping with some very large numbers.

At peak times, there have been delays at the bar, as people order their meals. We are looking at ways of alleviating this problem. We will soon introduce a POS system, which will do away with scraps of paper and streamline the whole ordering system. This will allow us to differentiate and offer discounts to members as against visitors.

That's all for now.

Peter Wilson

Commodore



BIC Regatta

Our Club is hosting an O'pen BIC Regatta on 23-25 February inclusive.

This regatta will likely involve in excess of 30 young sailors. Access to the car park & boat ramp will be restricted during this time.

Keelboat



Crew work on Cotton Blossom

BOI Race Week

As expected a great sailing event was enjoyed by all participants in the Bay of Islands Race Week again this year, now the biggest regatta in NZ. This is a chance for local BOI boats to move outside their comfort zone and take on the challenge of racing against Auckland, Whangarei, and even Australian yachts who line up for 3 days of close racing, where one mistake can turn you from rooster to feather duster very, very quickly!!

The three day event which attracted 99 yachts was held with the lightest winds so far in the month but sea breezes came in late morning each race day, although it was later and later each day allowing for crews to cool off with swims around their yachts before Friday racing started.

Congratulations to Pete Woods on Physical Favours winning 1st on PHRF in B Division in the Island Racing with Brian Hutching and David Ferris driving Tongue Twister taking 3rd.

Craig Partridge on Animal Biscuits took 3rd on line in the Sports Division.

Also participating were Cotton Blossom in Div A Island Racing, Rock and Roll in Div 3 Island Racing, and Deep Throttle entered the windward/leeward race fleet.

A special thanks to those working behind the scene committee & scores of generous volunteers, notably from our Club, Ron Olds & Dennis Corbett who make themselves & their beautiful vessels available as committee boats & our own hard working Melanie, as well as race officials who put in the hard yards sometimes unseen and unable to get out on the water at all.

Once again a thoroughly exhausting, totally exhilarating, 3 days of sailing and 3

nights of great company. Those of us on Cotton Blossom recommend the regatta to all comers & challenge more Kerikeri club boats to race next year.

Vonnie France



Awatea, Kerikeri boat owned by Dennis Corbett was committee boat for the Island Racing divisions.

Fore more Bay of Islands Sailing Week photos

Check out: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kerikeriyachtraces>

Rikki's Australian Adventure

The plan was to compete in the Pittwater to Southport Coastal Race (370 miles) – and then a four day regatta at Southport.

December 14, Thursday. (Never go to sea on a Friday). With crew of four, myself, Andy Shields, Paul Donohue and Jack Dalbeth-Hudson we set out with a large high in the middle of the Tasman. We motor sailed all the way to Lord Howe Island where we got our first wind.. The aim was to go above the centre of the high, looking for an easterly wind, and then a northerly on the back of the high to take us in to Australia; finally some breeze kicked in, which enabled us to turn the engine off – yeh. This new breeze with a couple of wind-shifts, took us through to Newcastle, our port of entry; total crossing in seven days, pretty slow. We cleared into Newcastle forty

miles north of Pittwater, rather than get all tangled up in the Sydney traffic.

Pittwater to Southport race, started off in light head winds; on the second day, winds freshened to a thirty knot southerly. In the stronger winds we were doing very well when a bad jibe ripped our mainsail from luff to leach above the third reef. That was the end of our 'serious' racing, and we limped into Southport with a hand sewn temporary repair.

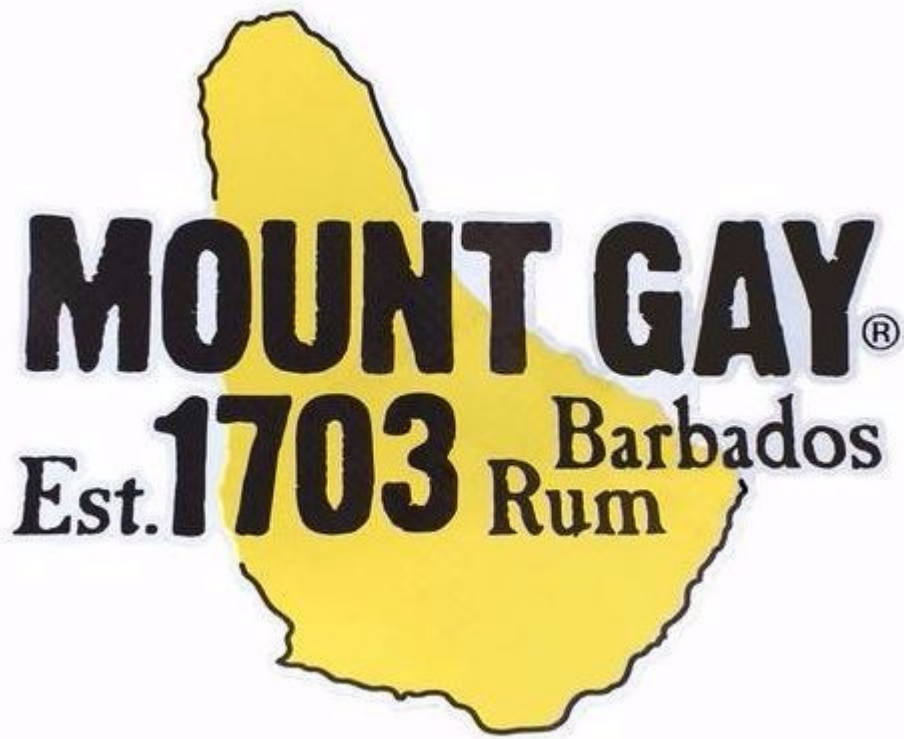
With mainsail repaired by a local sail maker, we began the Four Day Regatta off Southport beach, which consisted of Windward/Leeward races with one Passage race. We were first to finish in all seven races. On IRC, third overall - and ORCI second overall. This was a pleasing result for the crew.

January 11 – With a partial change of delivery crew; myself and Jack, Shea Donohue and Ned Dalbeth-Hudson, we set sail for Opuia. We were just over half way home, and it was looking to be a dream ride, when 'Huey' the Wind-God decided to slow us down with a twenty five to thirty knot ENE wind. The sea state was violent and we slowed the boat down to six knots to avoid being 'air borne'. Passing north of Three Kings (just) and North Cape, before we could ease sheets and ease down the coast. This was a six day crossing to the minute, with both crew and boat safely home.

All the crew came from Kerikeri Cruising Club – my thanks to a great crew (in no particular order) Andy Shields, Dave Ferris, Paul Donahoe, Shea Donahoe, Dean Smith, Gavin Wakelin, Jack and Ned Dalbeth-Hudson, Sam Oxley, Andrew Child.

Ray Haslar





Craigs Investment Partners Rum Race Series

