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COMMODORE'S CORNER

From DOUG FRANCE - COMMODORE

Suddenly with spring, the club has it seems, burst into life!

Thanks to all the new hands and old hands working hard in their sub committees.

Craig Jones with many helpers have hosted the 5.9s over 3 blustery days resulting in near collisions round ups and generally a good time had by participants and helpers. The 2 handed and rum races have started again, adding to the view while dining on Charles' excellent fare.

Likewise, centre board sailing following Blair Tuke's win has had an explosion of interest in learning to sail, with some adults and children ranging from 6 to 16 filling the lake each Saturday morning with 8 coaches.

To add to those 26 we have another 10 sailing at Doves Bay on Thursday after school with Averil and helpers. Great for the future to have sailing as a sport, which has, after all a longer span of possible participation into old age.

Hope you are all booking Sunday 11 December in your dairies, it is the Commodores Christmas Party in the Bay. We hope as many families as possible will come to enjoy the fun. We will have the barge for the barbecue and bar, thought if everyone bought a salad or desert then Charles could have a day off too. Remember those members who do not have a boat and invite them along, time for young old and those in between to celebrate the joy of living in such a great place and belonging to a vibrant yacht club.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS...

At the foot of the stairs at the marina office is a gold mine!!

A large cardboard box has a great pile of older NZ boating memories which has proven to be a real lucky dip. While the paper and printing quality is poor the content is far superior to the present day offerings.

It brings back memories of the reasons why we all first became interested in boating and rather than a surfeit of photos and very little actual writing these older magazines show us just what we are missing now.

The first mag I put my hand on was an early 90's combo of Sea Spray and Power Boat and rather than the usual quick skim as I sat on the throne I kept coming across little gems that kept me there long past the time I should have been out and about. The opening piece was an in depth study of just why we lost the Americas cup challenge against Italy without the usual glossing over the faults. Turn the page and a similar piece by Paul Cayard on why they won.

Following that was that old favourite Diesel Diary by Len Gilbert. Still relevant today after a decade or two. A real rib tickler by an American couple who hauled out their yacht in Whangarei which would have the regional council turning in its grave with their casual number eight wire mentality. Should be required reading for Melanie to see how far we have come.

The prices in the second hand boat market was an eye opener with yachts like a Reactor going for \$25K and a 30ft Townson for \$47k.

A small piece about the Townson 32 NZ champs where the late Barry Gunn's name featured in Bird of Dawning bought back having him on Golden Delicious and my soaking up his great knowledge. I had hoped to find an old Seaspray where I wrote a column called Cruising but alas it was not be, but it just might be at the bottom of the pile

For those of us who are getting on and live on memories that cardboard box has proved to be a joy. Drop in and have a rummage, you may just learn something .

Brian White

Elliot's 5.9 Winner Rough and Ready and a shot of the fleet. See page 9 for results.

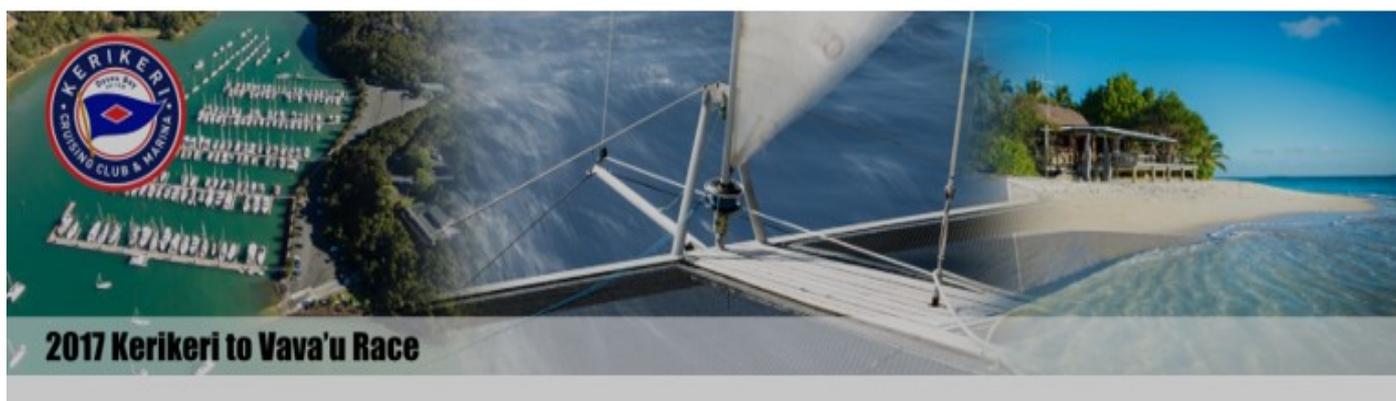


As space allows the 'stories on the sea' will be published; out-of-date transcripts are just as interesting for their adventures.

If you have something to share, feel free to send it along.

Cheryl Rymer
Editor

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2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race

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Preliminary Notice of Race

The Kerikeri Cruising Club invites all owners and charterers of eligible monohull and multihull boats to enter the 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race. This race is organised and conducted by the Kerikeri Cruising Club.

The Cruising division's starting window will be weather-dependent between May 3rd and May 5th 2017. The Racing division's start will be on May 6th 2017. Start times for both divisions will be at 1400 hours. The start line will be opposite the Kerikeri Cruising Club in the Kerikeri Inlet, Bay of Islands.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UspNIm8wiQ> for more information on this tropical destination.

The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing and associated Yachting New Zealand prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Sailing have been referred to in this document but will be superseded by the relevant World Yachting and Yachting New Zealand 2017-2020 documentation.

1 Rules

This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) in force at the time of the race.

The relevant Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations Part II Category 1 will apply, as will the Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Sailing.

The current rules of the YNZ Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicapping method using the Passage tcf.

The IRC Rules in force at the time.

2 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

The Notice of Race will be published on the race web site later this year.

The Sailing Instructions will be issued at, and may be available prior to, the race briefings.

3 Eligibility

The race is open to all sailing monohull and multihull boats whose owners or charterers are financial members of a club recognised by the competitor's national authority, and shall:

- Meet the requirements of YNZ Safety Requirements of Sailing Part II, Category 1.
- Have an overall length (LOA) not less than ten (10) metres.
- Be a New Zealand registered ship, or for overseas entrants an equivalent registration.

Further eligibility requirements will be detailed in the Notice of Race.

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4 Entry

Register your interest for this race on the event web site, where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted in due course.

5 Categories and Classes

The race will be conducted in two categories; monohull and multihull.

Multihulls will race using the Multihull Handicap system while Monohulls will race under IRC and PHRF Passage.

All Cruising Division yachts will be evaluated by the Handicap Committee and issued with a General Handicap.

6 Sponsors' Prize

All owners/charterers of yachts starting in this race will be eligible for the drawn prize of a trip for two to Vava'u including return international flights ex Auckland and internal flights in Tonga, staying seven nights at the TONGAN BEACH RESORT courtesy of MONDO TRAVEL Kerikeri, REAL AIR Tonga and the TONGAN BEACH RESORT. This prize will be drawn at the race prize giving in Vava'u.

Race prizes will be advised in the Notice of Race.

7 Further Information

For further information regarding the 2017 Kerikeri to Vava'u yacht race please contact:

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KEELBOAT REPORT

From Craig Jones

We are finally into another season, having had a few weeks off (most of us anyway) and looking forward to the warmer weather. While we were sleeping one of our long time club members, Simon Willis, was recognised by Yachting New Zealand. Some time ago Simon started out on what was the fulfilment of a dream that quickly turned out to be an epic journey, one that both he and the rest of us will remember for a very long time. Simon features in the current Yachting New Zealand annual awards, being the winner of the Cruising Award. Read what he got up to here:

<http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/news/201610/cruising-award-feature-simon-willis>

2015-2016 season prize giving

A great evening was had by all, especially for the junior sailors who enjoyed having Olympic gold medalist Blair Tuke there to hand out their prizes.

For the slightly older among us the winners of the various race and series trophies were already known through the postings on the KCC web page, but here is a list of the trophies that were presented for series that were not so obvious:

Summer points A Division: Physical Favours - Pete Woods

Summer Points B Division: Aalita - Andy August

Most Fastest Times A Division: Deep Throttle (10 wins) - Tony Dalbeth-Hudson

Most Fastest Times B Division: Mean Streak - Murray Williams, Stray Cat - Peter Hooper and Vim - Gary Colebrook (all with 9 wins each)

PHRF club champion: Deep Throttle - Tony Dalbeth-Hudson

Also presented on the evening were:

The Simon Wallace Memorial trophy (crew member contribution): Ric McCready (Physical Favours)

The Youth Crew Member trophy: Samantha McSweeney (Cotton Blossom)

The two Scottronic Technologies drawn prizes:

Draw 1 - a GoPro camera: Aalita (Andy on strict instructions which prize to take)

Draw 2 - a 27" computer screen: Physical Favours (NOT a set up despite Ric being a crew member)

Lost and Found

Following the above evening a finger nail covered in a silver-sparkled glitter was found. Could be false but if not it must have hurt a lot coming off. Can be claimed from the race office on proof of loss, as long as there's not too much blood!

2016 Coastal Classic

Our club was well represented by Rikki - Ray Haslar (1st PHRF div 1a, 9th in fleet on PHRF and 2nd in fleet on IRC), Spank - Mark Beauchamp (3rd PHRF Div 2 and 20th in fleet on PHRF-see report page 9) and Physical Favours - Pete Woods (15th PHRF Div 2 and 60th in fleet on PHRF). There was a total of 122 monohulls in the fleet and a further 18 in the multihull divisions, 140 boats in all.

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Well done the KCC team made up of these three boats by taking out third place in the team's race. A perfect wind direction and speed for this event, making it one of the more pleasant races in a number of years. On board the finish boat off the Russell wharf from midnight for eight hours and enjoying the later arrivals were yours truly along with Irene, Leslie and Annette.

Scottronic Technologies Wednesday series

Race 1, the first race for the new season, was sailed in a good breeze with a fleet of eleven. Both divisions sailed the same 7.9 mile course. While Rikki (Ray Haslar) took the A Division line honours from Craig Partridge's Animal Biscuits and Tony Dalbeth-Hudson's Deep Throttle, however it was Leroi Ford's GBE Plan B that took handicap from Rikki and Animal Biscuits. PHRF results went to Rikki from Deep Throttle and Physical Favours (Pete Woods). In the B Division race the multihull Stray Cat (Peter Hooper) was first home ahead of Vim (Garry Colebrook) and Blue Newport's new boat Enhance (complete with a wheel and prod!). Handicap positions went to Stray Cat from Aalita (Andy August) and Rock n Roll (Max Newport). Interestingly, the first on handicap in each division were the two multihulls and separated by just five seconds on corrected time.

Willis Sails Two Handed series

The first race in this five race series got off to a good start with eight on the start line in a westerly of 15 knots. Plan B found conditions to her liking once again, leading the fleet home from Mean Streak (Murray Williams) and Stray Cat. On handicap the placings went to Pete Mclea's That Girl from Aalita and Stray Cat.

Craigs Investment Partners Rum series

These races are using the Mark Foy starting system for the first time this summer, and the increased turnout for this race (fourteen starters this year versus nine in the same race last year) suggests that the new format could be a good thing. A short course of just 5.6 n.m. to begin with and wind in the lower range had the start spread out over more than half an hour, but at the other end of the race all but one finished a few seconds outside five minutes. First home was B Division's Stray Cat, followed 5 seconds later by A Division's Plan B, both of these cats looking very fast at the moment. Third boat home was Vim, also looking fast and clearly suited to these conditions.

The little Reactor De Ja Vu, sailed by Neill Scott, hasn't been out on the water for a very long time and although being last to finish she was sailed very well despite having to sail an extra leg soon after the start. It's good to have boats getting out on the water once more and taking part in this type of activity.

2016-2017 club handbook

These have been posted out. If members need an extra copy for the boat there are some available from the race office. Pick yours up there.

Race entry fees

A reminder that individual race entry fees this season are \$7.00. Meanwhile entry fees in each series remains at the original \$5 per race.

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CENTREBOARD REPORT

From *DERRY GODBERT*

The 2016 / 2017 CB season has started with a hiss and a roar if that means rain, wind and people.

The 20th. of October saw a YNZ coaching course, the KCC Learn to Sail course and KYSG open day all operating very successfully, with lots of support and with heaps of wind. The trainee coaches were not really trainees involving as they did two of our flag officers, two of our best sailmakers and two of our keenest club members! They all came to the lake on Saturday and took out the majority of the 24 learners who turned up. The group included 7 LTS adults, teenagers and smaller people down to 4 year olds. Some went out in Sunbursts, others in Able dinghies and Optimists and of course the regulation number of RIBs were used.

The KYSG open day was also affected by the wind but managed to take a number of new faces out for high speed dashes from which most returned determined to come back again.

Aevril's Thursday afternoons and the Monday Lake Manuwai after school sailing have also got off to good starts, still room for more sailors.

Our big event in November not sure whether it counts as CB or Keeler is the Elliot 5.9 Nationals from Thursday 3rd. to Sunday 6th. This will benefit from support and spectating!

There is a mutter about a dinghy / Keel boat cruising day on the second week in November, Sunday 13th. details still to be confirmed.

After that our Spring regatta 26th. and 27th. of November is our most important CB regatta of the season we hope to field a good fleet of our members and visitors please join to sail or help if you can.

Looking ahead we have a team going to the Squadron week in early December and our Team Sailing Week

From 18th. to 20th. December.



MARINA REPORT/ANNUAL ROUND UP

The new Marina Committee (Jim Murdoch (Chair), Phil Harris (Deputy Chair), Lane Ayr, Mike Carere, Paul Pederson, Kit Staff & Peter Williams) are now installed. The Marina Committee meets once a month, usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month & are mandated with managing the marina.

A marina condition audit carried out earlier in the year highlighted the breakwater through bolts as a structural element of the marina that is coming due for replacement. This week a marine contractor has withdrawn a sample of the through bolts to a) view the bolts in their entirety & b) get a better estimate of the time & scope of full replacement of these items. This important work will now be fully costed & scheduled. With March 2017 a likely start date. Significant marina maintenance is avoided (unless crucial) during December & January due to the increased volume of people, cars & boats.

The marina berth rentals are very full with Christmas/summer demand for casual berths outstripping supply. This has partly been caused by a rush in berth licence sales. As many licence holders will know, for some years during we had a list of 12m berth licences awaiting sale. That situation has now changed & once again there are waiting lists for berth licences of every size. New licensees are occupying the berths with their own boats & this has put the squeeze on rentals.

Mediterranean Fanworm has been found last week on a licensee's boat when it was haul-out for maintenance at Opuā. The Fanworm on the vessel were mature & the vessel had been coming & going from our marina. The marina is being checked for Fanworm now itself. This incident highlights our individual responsibility to keep anti-foul effective, & to haul out & clean boat hulls if a boat visits infested locations (anywhere south of Tutukaka is a good rule). The cost of clearing the marina of an infestation is unknown ... & not something we ever want to be faced with.



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That trophy is for “Smallest Boat To Finish”

A proud Mark Beauchamp recaps his latest race in the PIC Insurance Brokers Coastal Classic:

“We were in Division two which is made up of mostly of 35 to 40 ft. yachts.

We reached speeds of over 20 knots and regularly sat on 18.

The windward beat from Cape Brett into Russell didn't suit the boat and after being second to the Cape, Spank was passed by 4 big boats, relegating us to 6th on line though we were pleased to finish before midnight.

We were 3rd on PHRF in our division.

Thanks to crew Nathan Tuke, Neville Wright and Ben Lutze, all of whom ended up extremely wet and very cold.”

As this was Mark's last Coastal Classic, the boat is for sale.

2016 Elliott 5.9 Nationals

The club has been heavily involved in the running of the 2016 Elliott 5.9 Nationals over the past weekend, a three-day event involving fourteen one design boats from all over the country. Each of these yachts was sailed by a crew of three and the class is strictly controlled so that all boats fall within the one-design class rule.

Day one had racing held in Te Puna in a light to moderate south westerly that shifted around a fair bit and testing everyone's ability. Four races were held; the first one being abandoned by Race Officer Paddy Simms after one of the top marks was carried away by one of the boats.

Day two was again sailed in Te Puna, but following two races there the wind died and racing resumed opposite the club in the Kerikeri Inlet where a further two races were completed.

Day three had the promised north westerly coming down Te Puna, at times increasing to over 20 knots in the puffs. The required twelve races were completed, including the re-sail of the first day's race 1. The heavier conditions forced some to retire from the contest with gear damage. Superior crew skill was evident on some boats in the off wind legs, while others struggled with broaches and trawled spinnakers. All good fun from the safety of the launch, of course.

At the end of the series it was Craig Satterthwaite sailing 'Rough & Ready' who became the 2016 national champion, cementing his win with four bullets on the final day. Second was Nathan Williams sailing 'Cheeky Darcy' and third was Craig Coolum sailing 'Retro'.

There were a few protests following the first day's racing which the protest committee made up of Ruben Corbett, Derry Godbert and Robbie Robertson dealt with in a thoroughly professional manner.

Thanks must also go to launch owner Bruce Carter who kindly made his launch Lady Claire available to us on both Friday and Saturday, and to Ruth McSweeney who was there for us on Sunday with her launch Diamantina. And let us not forget Commodore Doug who, along with Garry Colebrook, Leroi Ford, Ray Haslar and Pete Woods who between them were bouncing around in the ribs, setting and moving marks over the three days. Thanks to everyone involved.



The winners of the Elliott 5.9 Nationals (the yacht 'Rough & Ready') looking suitably embarrassed at their prize giving



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CRUISING AWARD FEATURE: SIMON WILLIS

Remarkable tale behind 2016 Yachting New Zealand Cruising award recipient.

This year an exceptional story of self reliance and personal responsibility surrounds the recipient of Yachting New Zealand's Cruising award.



Accomplished sailor and Kerikeri local Simon Willis was sailing from Punta del Este in Uruguay to Grenada in the Caribbean following six months of cruising on his yacht Sagitta II when he found himself paralysed down the right hand side of his body having suffered a stroke while on delivery single-handed.

Simon has completed thousands of offshore miles both cruising and racing, and is a well known sail maker and experienced seaman in the far north. It was when he was unable to properly communicate following the stroke that the level of his experience and capability in handling extreme situations was truly shown.

"Things fell out of my hands. I fell over a lot, and could not do the daily maintenance necessary. I still knew what I needed to do, just couldn't really do it. So I sailed three thousand miles under main only, and made it to St George about three weeks after the stroke," he explains.

In the months prior to Simon's stroke he had travelled with a crew of three from New Zealand to Chatham Islands, on to Chile and eventually onto the most southernmost town in the world – Puerto Williams.

The crew had sailed through some harsh conditions, with a blizzard covering the boat in four feet of snow while in Puerto Williams, and 10 metre seas in the Falklands causing the tiller to break shortly after the boat had pitch poled during the night. A sound knowledge of his boat and vast experience at sea saw them get through these testing conditions and get to Port Stanley to carry out repairs and clean and dry the boat. Carrying on the journey to Argentina and then Uruguay was where Simon found himself single handed for the next stage heading for the Caribbean.

When he docked into Granada friends took Simon to hospital, with the neurologist suggesting that a month of occupational therapy was probably the best thing he could have done and it was likely he would make a full recovery.

Speaking to YNZ safety inspector Angus Willison just a few months after he had returned to New Zealand Simon had commented on his handling of the experience as like "any Kiwi yachtsman would".

His attitude of "what else could I do, and plenty of other people would have done the same thing" epitomises the reason for which he is so worthy of recognition by Yachting New Zealand this year.

In an age where communication is instant anywhere on the globe, it can't always be relied on to be the 'cavalry' when disaster strikes. As Simon Willis's remarkable story so perfectly depicts, it takes preparation, experience, and seamanship among many other things to be truly self reliant on the ocean.

MELANOMA AWARENESS WEEK 14TH – 21ST NOVEMBER

Join Melanoma NZ during the week of 14th – 21st of November and spread the word about early detection. New Zealand has the highest melanoma incidence rate in the world. Every year over 300 New Zealanders die from melanoma and there are 4000 new diagnoses. These are shocking statistics for a cancer that is largely preventable and easily treated if caught early. Melanoma NZ is on a mission to change these statistics.

Blair Tuke is one of the ambassadors for Melanoma New Zealand:



We're asking all New Zealanders to check their skin regularly so you are aware of any changes, because melanoma diagnosed in its early stage can be successfully treated. Look out for any spots, moles or freckles that have changed or are different from others. If you notice anything unusual or different you should seek advice from your GP or specialist. Early detection saves lives.

Melanoma NZ is the only melanoma specific consumer group operating in this country and it receives no government funding; all campaigns and initiatives are made possible through the generosity of ambassadors, sponsors, grantors, fundraisers and donors. If you would like to help us save lives you can either text 2448 to donate \$3 (during the month of November) or visit our website www.melanoma.org.nz

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2016-2017 keelboat sponsors

The Keelboat committee welcomes aboard the following sponsors for the coming season. Club members are urged to support these businesses in whatever way you can.

Scottronic Technologies	Summer Wednesday series
Craigs Investment Partners	Summer Friday rum series
Willis Sails	Two Handed series
C Partridge Yachts	Round the Islands race
Beds R Us	Ladies series
Creative Design Store	His and Hers race
Harcourts	Winter series
Fell Engineering	Winter rum series

Race Calendar

November	Race	Start time	Sponsor
2 nd	Wednesday series race 2	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
4 th	Two Handed series race 2	17:30	Willis Sails
11 th	Friday rum series race 2	18:00 (Mark Foy start)	Craigs Investment Partners
16 th	Wednesday series race 3	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
18 th	Two Handed series race 3	17:30	Willis Sails
25 th	Friday rum series race 3	18:00 (Mark Foy start)	Craigs Investment Partners
30 th	Wednesday series race 4	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
December			
2 nd	Two Handed series race 4	17:30	Willis Sails
9 th	Friday rum series race 4	18:00 (Mark Foy start)	Craigs Investment Partners
14 th	Wednesday series race 5	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
18 th	Two Handed series race 5	10:00	Willis Sails
23 rd	Friday rum series race 5	18:00 (Mark Foy start)	Craigs Investment Partners

Want a good photo of your boat?

It turns out that club member Bruce Carter, owner of the classic launch Lady Claire, is also a pretty capable photographer. Over the past months Bruce has taken almost seven hundred photos of dinghies and keelboats racing out of the club; all are different and worthy of a close look. View them now by holding down the CTRL and clicking on this link: www.flickr.com/photos/kerikeriyachtraces/albums.

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Finally

I recently read and have been thinking about the following article in a recent Sailing Scuttlebutt newsletter (found at sailingscuttlebutt.com) and compared it to what has been happening in recent Bay of Islands Sailing Week regattas, the next one coming up in January:

MORE OPTIONS NEEDED (Scutt#4696)

I have to laugh at all the well-meaning theories on why the sport has shrunk. Time is short, dual income families, youth sports, etc. The truth is that we all make time for what is important, and simply stated, regattas have become less important. Why? Because they are not fun anymore.

The constant repetition of windward-leeward racing is only well suited to those boats that point high off the start line, have a functional deck layout and a well-skilled crew. All these hyped-up professional sailing teams and race officers want to spend all day on the water, leaving little time for the kind of socializing that can also be fun.

The boats haven't disappeared. The people haven't disappeared. What has disappeared is the fun. Gear more events for the masses and, with some serious outreach, the masses may return.

- Larry Whitters

With a wide variety of courses sending divisions all over the Bay of Islands during three days of pretty intense sailing, the BOISW fleets are tending to grow, not diminish. So let's try to have even better representation at this great regatta next year from our club.

Happy sailing, and have a great season.

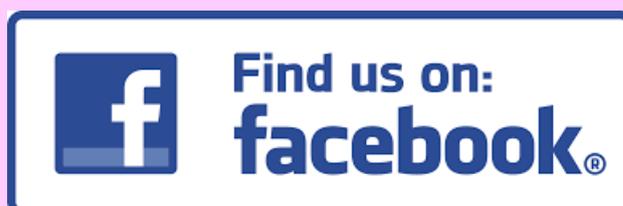
Friday Bar Meals and Sunday Roast

Sunday Roast Night this week will be Roast Pork and Roast Beef, no other menu items this week. Apple Strudel for dessert with ice cream. Kids meals for under 12 years half price. Roast on Sunday available from 4.30pm for Racers.

KERIKERI CRUISING CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

Search for Kerikeri Cruising Club on Facebook, and make a request to be added to the group. It is still very much in development, but those members who have joined so far have posted photos (e.g. Ball photos), comments, and videos. It will be handy, whether on the water or not, for Club members to connect with each other, sharing news and views, and updates on their travels, as well as photos and videos.

For more serious fare, you can also join the Kerikeri Cruising Club Boating Education page on which Gill Durham has posted a lot of very useful information and advice. It also details upcoming *Coastguard Education* events.



Visit www.bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz for more info.

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For the second year running, Bay of Islands Sailing Week has been selected to host the IRC Nationals. That means boats with valid IRC certificates will be able to compete for the prestigious Nationals trophies alongside the usual Bay Week honours.

If you're planning to race in Divisions A, B or C at Bay Week in 2017, we'd love to see you competing in the IRC Nationals too. We reckon it will really 'up the stakes' of the competition, and there's a very real chance you could sail away with a highly regarded and internationally recognised trophy!

Who can compete in the IRC Nationals?

Last year's IRC Nationals saw crews in Divisions A and B competing for IRC Class 1 and 2 trophies respectively. This year, we've introduced a third IRC Category - IRC Class 3 - for boats racing in C division in the Bay Week regatta. The change will make the IRC Nationals a far more inclusive event, opening it up to all sorts of boats - not just the 'formula one' racers with the highest handicaps. IRC divisions will be allocated as follows:

- IRC Class 1 - IRC Rating: 1.300 & above
- IRC Class 2 - IRC Rating: 1.100 – 1.299
- IRC Class 3 - IRC Rating: less than 1.100

To ensure good standards of competition and a fair event, there will be a **minimum requirement of 3 boats** in each IRC Class to qualify it as a Nationals event. We'd love to see big fleets competing in the IRC Nationals, so we hope you'll join us in 'rallying the troops'!

What's so good about IRC?

The subject of handicap systems always inspires debate, so we thought we'd explain what we think is great about IRC, and why we're keen for the IRC Nationals to be a well-contested and popular event:

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- **Keelboats of all shapes and sizes can join in**

Any keelboat can be rated under IRC - from classic cruisers to high-tech racers. IRC allows very different boats to race against each other, without preference to 'big budget' boats.

- **It's based on the boat - not performance**

IRC is a rating rule, based solely on a boat's physical characteristics. It isn't altered from race to race like a performance handicap, so no-one can get a better handicap by racing badly!

- **Designers can't take advantage of the rating rule**

The IRC 'rule' isn't published, which prevents designers from taking advantage of it when designing new boats, and means boats of all ages and types can win races under IRC.

Keen to race in the IRC Nationals?

To race in the IRC Nationals at Bay Week in January 2017, you'll need an [Endorsed IRC Certificate](#).

- **If your boat has held an IRC Certificate in the past...**

It could be super easy to get it revalidated. Contact [Kelly Mulcahy](#) at Yachting New Zealand to see how easy it can be.

- **If your boat hasn't previously held an IRC Certificate...**

You'll need to submit an application form - [available from YNZ](#) - and pay a fee. For an Endorsed certificate, you'll also need to arrange a measurement from an approved IRC Measurer.

If you're interested in taking part in the IRC Nationals, but you have questions or concerns, please do let us know and we'll do all we can to help - you can [contact the Bay Week Committee directly](#).



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Time: 08:30hrs —16:30hrs Saturday and Sunday

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Tutor: Gillian Durham

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We welcome letters from Members. These letters are considered the honest opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Club or this newsletter. All letters must be signed by a club member and should not contain personal remarks. We prefer to publish your name, but realise that this does not suit everyone.

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We welcome the following new members:

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