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COMMODORE'S CORNER

From DOUG FRANCE - COMMODORE

Happy New Year to all club members. January has not been that good weather wise but hope the weather gods will improve in Feb and March.

We have some exciting activities coming up, such as the Volvo Yachting NZ Open Day 20th Feb from centre board to keelers racing or cruisers. All will be advertised and paid for Volvo. Keep a look-out for details in an upcoming Thursday email notice.

Commodore's Shout is on 14th Feb, as it is on St Valentine's Day we plan to make a few changes to previous outings!!!

Also in Feb we have a welcome to all new members, an evening of drinks and nibbles up in the Teapot Bar, date still to be decided. Please keep an eye on Jo's news e-mail every Thursday. Everyone welcome.

Now we have finished the grassed area down at the marina for the rigging and storage of centre board members we encourage any budding centre boarders both members and non members to meet there on Saturdays. There are boats available for use.

With 12 KCC yachts we were well represented in the BOI Racing Week. As a participant I wish to thank all the many helpers from KCC, and there were too many to name them all, for their help to run this very successful event.

We have had a visit from FNDC checking on our parking arrangements and adhering to our resource consent. With this in mind I urge all members to continue to park with consideration for others, in particular centre board sailors and dinghy racks which are defined by yellow lines.

From time to time the general committee has to make difficult decisions. The sub committees are requested to have input but all issues are discussed by the general committee before any consensus reached becomes final. As in all democratic societies, not all will agree all the time. Just a reminder we are here to serve the members and club and, as such, we do try to be impartial.

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HOUSE & SOCIAL REPORT

From **PETER WILSON - REAR COMMODORE**

House and Social - written on "10 No Trumps" somewhere in the bay.

Not a lot to report for January. The clubhouse has been open most days of the month, providing members, and their guests, a great venue for having a few drinks and a meal, with arguably the best view in the world. Luan has done an excellent job filling in for Charles over the summer.

A beach BBQ to celebrate Neil Burson's birthday was held in the club owing to indifferent weather. However it was well attended, and a pleasant afternoon was had by all. Neil and his family were most generous, in assisting with the food and refreshments, as well as organising some really fun games for the children, of which there were many.

The next outing on the calendar, is the Commodore's Shout. Details will be circulated shortly. But weather permitting will be on a beach nearby. Again, anybody needing a lift to the beach - please let the marina office know, and we will arrange a boat ride for you. This is always a fun day, so make sure you come along.

That's it.

Diane and I are cruising for the next couple of weeks. Don't know where to, and don't care.

As well as the usual committee reports we bring you when available, every month we try to bring you items of interest. If you have something to share, feel free to send it along. Regatta Ramblings wraps up the BOI Regatta with links to all the results and media releases.

In December a media release from YNZ saw them in partnership with Melanoma New Zealand and our own Blair Tuke taking the role as ambassador. Read all about it in this issue.

Keep those 'stories on the sea' coming in; we do enjoy reading other's experiences.

Cheryl Rymer
Editor

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KEELBOAT REPORT

From Craig Jones

Sadly, we have to report that because of his extensive commitments in other areas of sailing, including that of President of Yachting New Zealand and his continuing involvement in the Bay of Islands Sailing Week, Ray Haslar has had to forego his job on the Keelboat Committee. We are extremely grateful for the total commitment to this job since taking it over. Among a very large basket full of fresh ideas has been the development of the club's new yearbook. We wish him well for the future and in his further involvement with the club in other areas.

If anyone out there feels that they could help increase the number on the Keelboat committee, currently standing at five, we would love to hear from you.

Bay of Islands Sailing Week

This ever-popular event has come and gone, with a total of nine KCC yachts being represented across four divisions. The forecast light winds were there on the Wednesday but gave way to a better breeze on Thursday and an equally good sea breeze when it eventually came in on Friday. Animal Biscuits (Craig Partridge) found it tough going in the Sport Boats division this year but kept the brand new (and very fast) Shaw designed "Angry Dragon" honest in this very competitive fleet. In B Division we had Tony Dalbeth-Hudson sail Deep Throttle to 5th on handicap and 4th on PHRF against such boats as Icebreaker, Carrera, Georgia One and Anarchy. Island Racing A division had Commodore Doug France bring Cotton Blossom II home in 4th place on handicap and 7th on PHRF in a 12 boat fleet. In Island Racing B division there were a further six Kerikeri yachts racing in a fleet of 27, the largest in the regatta. Well done to the "Chopper" syndicate aboard Tongue Twister which was well sailed to a 3rd place on handicaps and a second consecutive divisional win on PHRF, having done the same in C Division last year. Also sailing in this division were Physical Favours (Pete Woods), Rock n Roll (Max Newport), Scout (Martin Farrand), Spank (Mark Beauchamp) and Valentine (Blue Newport). Well done everyone. Meanwhile yours faithfully hopped aboard Tony and Nina Kiff's "Weatherly" for racing on days two and three and were pipped out of a podium finish by Tongue Twister in Island Racing B, so I can't complain too much. Yet another brilliantly run regatta!

Blair Boats Short Handed series

This competitive six-race series was contested by a total of eight yachts, the series lead being shared around as races were sailed. In the end it was Physical Favours (Pete Woods and Ric McCready) on a total of 5 points holding out Andy and Shirley August on Aalita on 6.5 points and Wakanui (Daniel Wise and Darren Kitchingman) on 8.5 taking out third place.

C Partridge Yachts Round the Islands race

The wild weather (both wind and rain) was still forecast for this usually very popular race, resulting in a disappointingly small fleet, all in A Division. It was unfortunate that nobody fronted up for either B or the Classic divisions. The course was shortened to keep everyone well away from the open water where a big swell was operating. The race around the Black Rocks, Brampton and back through Kent Passage saw Spank revel in the conditions and come home ahead of Physical Favours and Bob Donaldson's Demonstrator. Handicap and PHRF positions were also in this order.

Blair Boats Single Handed race

Another small fleet for this race with just two starters. It was another race in the 5 to 10 knot range that had them sail a shorter than usual nine mile course. Physical Favours prevailed in the light conditions, coming home first and holding out on handicap from Peter Hooper's Stray Cat which continues to suffer from a lack of a good breeze.

Willis Sails Poor Knights race

This race attracted four entrants to the start line, with another two Kerikeri boats unable to make it because of either crew shortage or the promised very light weather. Also at the start was Sharon Ferris' exciting GC32 foiling catamaran which, while not an official entrant, was using the first leg of the race out to Cape Brett as part of its training for the upcoming Bay regatta. Just a few knots of easterly to get the fleet going on Saturday morning, certainly too little to have the cat get up on its foils. First out to the cape abreast of the cat was Chris Hornell's TP52

Kia Kaha from Opuia, followed by Paul White's new Shaw 9m Learning Curve and the Elliott 9m E-Nine from Russell. Last boat to the cape was the 12m trimaran "Ave Gitana" sailed by club member Antonio Pasquale. This tri has sailed extensively in offshore races both here and overseas, however the lack of wind off the start line meant that she simply wasn't able to get up to speed early on. Kia Kaha took until almost 1a.m. the following morning to complete the course, followed in by Ave Gitana, Learning Curve and E-Nine. While a protest was received on the general handicap results the PHRF section of the race was won by E-Nine followed by Kia Kaha. The final results will be posted on the club's web site once confirmed.

Scottronic Technologies Wednesday Night series

Seven races have now been sailed in this eleven race series. Physical Favours continues to lead in A Division and is currently just four points ahead of Deep Throttle which is another two points ahead of Animal Biscuits. In B Division Aalita has a healthy lead of ten points over Valentine with another two points back to Stray Cat. Physical Favours continues to lead the PHRF series on 14 points from Deep Throttle on 18 and Demonstrator on 32. A number of boats still carry points for races that they didn't start in and these will begin to be discarded following the next race, so expect positions in this series to start changing significantly.

Craigs Investment Partners Summer Rum Race series

Seven races have also been completed in this ten race series. The new 'fleet' racing format appears to be popular and the number of yachts competing remains healthy. The divisional results in A Division have Physical Favours on 20 points ahead of Demonstrator on 23 and Learning Curve on 25. B Division has Aalita out in front on 34 points from Mathias (Richard Pilling) on 41 and Freedom Five (Milton Johnson) on 44.5. Discards in this series also come into force following the next race.

Go to www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/sailing/keelboat-racing/race-results to view the latest race and series results on the club's web site.

Races to be sailed:

February	Race	Start time	Sponsor
3 rd	Wednesday Series race 8	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
7 th	Coastal Series race 1 - 30 miler	11:00	Willis Sails
12 th	Friday Rum Series race 8	18:00	Craigs Investment Partners
17 th	Wednesday Series race 9	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
26 th	Friday Rum Series race 9	18:00	Craigs Investment Partners
28 th	Ladies Series race 1	14:00	Blair Boats
March			
2 nd	Wednesday Series race 10	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
6 th	Coastal Series race 2 - Nine Pin	11:00	Willis Sails
11 th	Friday Rum Series race 10	18:00	Craigs Investment Partners
13 th	Ladies Series race 2	14:00	Blair Boats
16 th	Wednesday Series race 11	18:00	Scottronic Technologies
20 th	His and Hers race (Mark Foy start)	14:00	Blair Boats

Volvo introduction to yacht clubs

Volvo, in association with Yachting New Zealand, will shortly be placing advertisements in local newspapers throughout the country inviting the general public to visit their local yacht club see just what they get up to. So please keep the afternoon of Saturday February 20th free on your calendar as this is the day that the Kerikeri Cruising Club has set aside to show the general public, including older members of the club who may no longer visit as often as they once did, what we now offer. The dinghy sailors have their own program, so in conjunction with them we would like to have a few yachts on the breakwater at 12:30 or so on that day to invite people aboard before a fun 'race' in the bay. Following the serious business everyone will be welcome back to the clubhouse for a more informal gathering. More elsewhere in this newsletter. Commodore Doug will have Cotton Blossom along side; is there anyone else out there willing to give up a couple of hours for this good cause? If so please contact me (Craig) on 407 5261 on 021 2657133.

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CENTREBOARD REPORT

From *DERRY GODBERT*

Our KCC Centreboard scene is very varied with club days, Saturday afternoon Learn to Race, Lake YNZ learn to sail and a number of centreboarders doing their "Own Thing" as the Keelers do. These comments only touch on some of the activities.

We had a very successful team regatta at the Club in mid December and the Squad has started training again over two weekends then on to Saturdays. They have a busy schedule including hosting the Whangarei teams in March.

In the middle of January we had a very successful fun week at the Lake run by Aevril Andy and a couple of team sailors and very strongly supported by our flag officers. Up to 23 young sailors were treated to a wide range of 'messing around in boats' activities which kept them reasonably damp and happy for 5 days. As well as basic sailing; rowing, treasure hunts, water fights, swimming and exploring islands all helped to keep the sailors busy. This is the 10th year the fun week has been run.

The Lake learn to sail and after school sailing finished with numbers in the high 20s last term. They start again on the 13th Feb for the Saturday learn to sail and 15th Feb for after school sailing. The Saturday afternoon learn to race start day to be announced. Our next centreboard club Day is the 28th of February with our Autumn 1regatta, hope we have a good turn out.

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Skippers and interested parties meeting

And finally, and in recognition of the steadily decreasing number of yachts out racing this season, your keelboat committee would like your views on how the current season's racing has gone and how next season's sailing program might be modified or improved to encourage more boats on the start line.

An informal meeting will therefore be held on Friday March 18th in the Teapot bar commencing at 7:30 p.m. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Have we got it right? Do we need more or less racing? Do we need more or less of the serious racing, ditto the less serious side. Mark Foy starts? Destination races? Alternative courses? We need to know so please make an effort to be at the club on the evening of March 18th to share your thoughts. Why not a meal downstairs beforehand?

Happy sailing.



FUN DIVISION

From -Trixie Brown

The idea of the Fun Division was to cater for the yachts who wanted to have a bit of fun with like minded people to 'race' round a course but not be too serious about it, with no handicaps, where 'misdemeanours' were all part of the fun , and the results drawn out of a hat up at the club afterwards, with drinks and nibbles.

We have been holding them at regular intervals through out the year although we did go into hibernation over the winter. We will be emailing everyone who has taken part to date but anyone who does not race with the club is welcome to join us. If they would email me patri-cia.b@kinect.co.nz so I can add them to our mailing list.

. F-(FUN)DIVISION - for Summer season.

No Points score

Each event stands alone (No cumulative points score, no season champ

Rule - International rule of the Sea - avoid collision at all Costs

No extras (spinnakers outboards, oars, pushing)

A total family affair

Placings 1st, 2nd, 3rd - then spot prizes for misdemeanours, humorous situations etc (no booze prizes)

Or maybe 3rd last, 2nd and last to be different.

Rum race courses without Motuterakihi, but some destination courses for lunch etc

Race days - Sundays afternoon 1.00pm meet up and at the club to pay and get the course, then 2.00pm start.

Rallies are usually no longer than 1 - 1.30hrs.

Start - will be from the start box with the usual 5, 4 1 minute then start, unless no one is available to start us then it will be from a nominate boat on the day, usually Aperitif (Ray and Trixie).

Meet up at the club afterwards if not a destination course.

Types of yachts - family cruisers or similar, who do not participate in club races.

Each boat must have responsible skipper, who may nominate helmsman

Entry fee \$5 per yacht. Collected at the club when you sign in or at the club after the event.

Visiting boats welcome





As the organisers and committee debrief and wrap-up a successful regatta, catch up with all the results, daily media releases and photos by clicking on the link below. Click on race day 3 and find further links for the photos and videos.

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=170e825d9f&id=1297a3837b>

Have you read Craig Jones's report? (page 3).

We will have a fuller round-up of the regatta in next month's newsletter.



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Venue: Coastguard Bay of Islands

Start date: 27th February
Duration: 2 weekends &
2 Wed. evenings
Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm &
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Fee: \$475.00



Day Skipper

Venue: Coastguard Bay of Islands

Start date: 27th February
Duration: 1 weekend (Sat & Sun)
Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Fee: \$240.00



Maritime VHF Radio Operator

Venue: Coastguard Bay of Islands

Start date: 19th March
Duration: 1 day (Sat)

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$116.00

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Yachting New Zealand announces Melanoma New Zealand partnership

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Yachting New Zealand is proud to announce a partnership with Melanoma New Zealand, the not-for-profit organisation offering a national network of information and support, with a mission to save lives and support those affected by melanoma.

By sharing knowledge about melanoma prevention and early detection with the sailing community, more people will become aware of the dangers, check their skin regularly and take care in the sun.

2015 ISAF World Sailor of the Year and 49er World Champion Blair Tuke has come on board as an ambassador for Melanoma New Zealand to be the face of the partnership, with the aim of raising awareness of melanoma in the sailing community.

"Sailors and boaties spend many hours out on the water, so melanoma is an important topic which we need to educate the sailing and boating community about," Blair says. "Acting as a role model and getting the message out there is an important part of being an ambassador, and I look forward to this relationship."

CEO of Melanoma New Zealand, Linda Flay says Melanoma New Zealand is delighted to partner with Yachting New Zealand.

"We want all Kiwis to enjoy being out on the water," Linda says. "It is part of our culture, but sun safety and melanoma awareness is paramount. To have Blair as an ambassador reinforces the awareness in the wider sailing and boating community."

Chief Executive of Yachting New Zealand David Abercrombie also welcomes the partnership.

"This is a perfect fit for Yachting New Zealand," David says. "We typically spend more time exposed to the sun when we're out on the water so we are a high risk group. If we can help Melanoma New Zealand by delivering their important messages then it's a win for everyone."

About Melanoma New Zealand

Melanoma New Zealand is a not for profit organisation which offers information around prevention, early detection, diagnosis and management, and provides a professional and caring support service for patients and their families and carers.

About Yachting New Zealand

Yachting New Zealand represents the needs and interests of member clubs, classes, organisations and their members from grass roots upwards.

Our vision is to help New Zealanders access, enjoy and succeed on the water for life.

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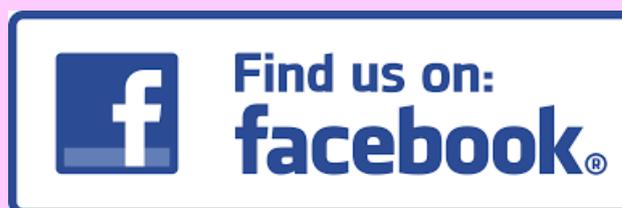
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For more serious fare, you can also join the Kerikeri Cruising Club Boating Education page on which Gill Durham has posted a lot of very useful information and advice. It also details upcoming *Coastguard Education* events.

UNWANTED



Image by Crispin Middleton, NIWA



Image by Serena Wilkens, NIWA

Mediterranean Fanworm (*Sabella Spallanzanii*)

Appearance: Brown tube worm with a brightly coloured orange, white and purple striped single spiral fan. The Fanworm very cleverly disguises itself as a muddy tube by retracting its fan when alarmed.

Warning: Could compete with native species for food & space. It is illegal to knowingly transport this exclusion marine pest to Northland.

Now Established: Waitemata Harbour & Lyttleton Harbour.

Previous Sightings: Marsden Cove Marina, Port Nikau (Whangarei)

Possible Sighting: Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve (Reotahi)

The Mediterranean Fanworm will anchor to any hard substrate, including piers, your hull, especially if it has been moored at Waitemata Harbour in Auckland or other known locations of this pest.

If you have seen this marine pest be alarmed! Take photo if possible, record the place, how many you saw, along with the date, contact Biosecurity officers at Northland Regional Council on **0800 002 004** or the MPI Biosecurity Hotline 0800 80 99 66.

Mediterranean Fanworm is an internationally recognised pest species. Take action against marine pests! **Check-Clean-Dry-Antifoul & Report Sightings.**

Experiencing Marine Reserves www.emr.org.nz is working in partnership with Northland Regional Council to keep this pest from being established in Northland.

THE OLDS DECEMBER UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

Yes, summer is definitely on it's way. The place is slowly warming up, enough for me to discard the thermals anyway and I notice cicadas singing in the trees ashore. Bloody wind still hanging around though.

Finally departed from Nelson, just before a blow, and went and hid in a nice bay just through French Pass. Murphy did his trick as soon as we were out of harbour. The weather was clagged in with low cloud, light rain and poor visibility so we had our navigation lights on, and immediately noticed one of our nav lights was not working - blown bulb. Fortunately had a replacement with us.

As soon as the wind abated we ran back around to Pelorus Sound and waited another few days for the weather to be calm enough to slip south. Skipped Queen Charlotte Sound and ran down Cook Strait to Underwood Harbour, about 35-40 miles south of Pelorus. And here we stayed for a week waiting for yet another blow to pass, recording 48.9 sustained knots on the wind meter at once stage.

Both Tiger and Skipper are now quite paranoid about wind. Such a shame. As soon as the wind starts getting up Tiger pins her ears back and, with big saucer wide eyes, runs for cover below decks. Skipper sits and shivers with anticipation and cuddles up to me. Mind you Ron and I aren't much better these days either.

While in Pelorus we tried our luck in a new scallop bed; managed to get 2 dozen which was better than none.

Watched as wild goats roamed the shoreline on Arapawa Island where we were holed up. Picked up some goat horns to bring home. Skipper chewed the last lot I had so I've hidden these ones away from her.

Another big forest fire in Marlborough. Watched as the fire started, the sky turned black, blotting out the sun which was a brilliant ball of orange before disappearing. Total fire ban in the area now as it is in severe draught conditions so that's the end of our fires on the beach to dispose of our rubbish.

Skipper has caught her first opossum. She is a demon on flushing them out but of course they run up into the trees where she can't catch them. However we notice around there the opossums are nesting in burroughs in the ground, or at the base of flax bushes, so from there she can dig them out. Guess there are little to no predators for them here as the places are so isolated, only residents are wild goats, pigs and deer.

Very pleased to report my washing machine is now working. The problem was as simple as an installation one and was found with the help of a friendly sales assistant at Harvey Norman. So no more hand washing, yay!

Have reached Lyttleton harbour at last and will stay here for Christmas and New Year. Our daughter and son in law will be joining us for New Year and being here makes it easy for them to fly in. Our trip down from Port Underwood to Lyttleton was yet another ordeal. Waited till we had a light westerly wind of 15 knots going variable forecast. Yeah right! Just after rounding Cape Campbell, yet another piece of wild disturbed water, we had NE winds of 25-30 knots steady. Fortunately behind us and Zora handles those conditions fairly well. By evening the wind died long enough for us to cook a meal then came in Westerly with very confused seas. We rocked and rolled all night but at around 2am the wind decided to come around to the SE fortunately not too strong but still with quite a swell running. Just can't get with the wind directions, right around the clock all within 24 hours. Still what else would I have to complain about?

I definitely don't like the 'sticky out bits' i.e. these damn capes we have to go around. The waters around them get very steep and confused. Would really hate to get caught having to round them in bad weather. Good weather is nasty enough for me thanks.

Nice to see the east coast. Passed Cloudy Bay, White Cliffs and Clifford Bay, all well known wine regions. The area is brown with draught so the green vineyards stand out against the brown. The Kaitiaki coast gave plenty of sea life with Hector dolphins milling playfully around and surfing our pressure waves. Seals swam across our bows as we neared, and the bird life was better than we've seen anywhere in New Zealand for many years. A sign that over population is definitely harmful to their environment.

Lovely to be here in Lyttleton with nice calm water. It's a lovely harbour, not a lot of space for anchoring and the small marina is too shallow for us to get into other than perhaps at a very high tide and we don't like being trapped! We have managed to get a pile berth for the time we are here but space is extremely limited as it is in many of these places. Certainly need to be better organised than us just wandering in. Really need to have an itinerary and book berths in advance. But then that would take the spontaneity out of things for us. I hate being that organised!

Time to wish you all a very merry and fun filled Christmas and all the best for the coming year. Will catch up again in 2016. Best wishes to all.

Cheers,

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NO LETTERS THIS MONTH

We welcome the following new members:

Kerikeri Cruising Club contacts and phone numbers

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