



# Kerikeri Cruising Club

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## November 2017 Newsletter

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### Commodore's Corner



Will Santa Claus & his Christmas Fairies be back?  
To find out you'll have to join in the Commodore's Christmas  
Cruise, Sunday 3 December.  
More information to follow.

On Thursday 8th October we had the hearing before a commissioner appointed by the F.N.D.C. to determine whether an objection to the swap of land between the KCC and D.O.C. had merit. The commissioner determined that the swap should proceed, subject to various conditions being met. None of which are unusual. This is the culmination of many years hard work by Tim Bingham, and Bob Donaldson to get to this point, and should there be no appeal lodged within the next couple of days, will go ahead. I would like to also



acknowledge the support that we received throughout the process and at the hearing from Ngati Rehia and Ngati Torehina who have been good neighbours to the Club, since its inception.

Last autumn Lake Manuwai was subject to an algae bloom which gave the council reason to close the lake for recreational use. Recent advice from both the council and the DHB, has led us to having all our learn to sail programs down at Dove's Bay. The most recent water test has shown greatly reduced algae levels, and we should soon have another two independent test results. Should these prove favourable, we would hope to be back on the lake reasonably soon.

Meanwhile our resources at Dove's Bay are stretched with our C/B programme and the KHS teams sailing group co-operating well together, to make it all work.

The Launch and Cruise committee have been re-activated, and we look forward to seeing some fun activities during the summer.

All members, and their families and hangers-ons are invited to a fun picnic day on Sunday 3rd December on a beach nearby. We have kindly been offered the barge again this year, and we can arrange rides, for anybody, on various boats. I am reliably told that Santa's helpers will be a lot more attractive this year, than last. So put it in your diary now.

Have fun on the water.

Peter Wilson

Commodore



We are proudly following young club members Brad Farrand and Blair Tuke as they compete in the Volvo Ocean Race. Kristin Farrand reports about their departure from Alicante:

"Brad and Blair were in great spirits just before the start of the Volvo Ocean Race last Sunday in Alicante. There was a lot going on behind the scenes with Brads team Akzo Nobel but they left with the rest of the fleet after borrowing a spare sailor to navigate off Scallywag/ Dongfeng for the leg to Lisbon.

The atmosphere was fantastic at the race village and the King of Spain was there to support his team Mapfre. We enjoyed a fantastic afternoon on a beautifully hot autumn day on a ferry chartered by Akzo Nobel for the start of the race and got a wonderful view of some of the fleet as they charged through the spectator fleet and out to sea."

## Centreboard

Last weekend , 28-29 October three Learn to Sail sessions were held for 30 children over the 2 days, using our new sailing simulator kindly donated by Ray & Lesley Hasler. The simulator is an excellent tool that rotates smoothly through 360 degrees and allows students to practice tacking and gybing before taking to the water. As well as being great for teaching the finer adjustments at each point of sail.

The new seasons programme kicked off on opening day with the experienced centreboard sailors racing alongside the keelers, in fresh warm breezes.

Because of the algae risk at Lake Manuwai (we are taking independent tests) all our centreboard activities are held at Doves Bay, (a logistical nightmare) but the students and coaches are coping well and enjoying the more challenging venue. We have just completed our second weekend with light conditions, we have a great team of coaches and rib operators for Saturday morning and rib operators to support our coach, Averil who is coaching women in Mistrals after work on Mondays, level 3 on Tuesdays after school, & Level 2 on Sundays.

Thank you to our Learn to Sail sponsors, Waipapa Auto Repairs & New World Kerikeri.

Last Friday saw the first of the Friday centreboard race series with Officer of the Day, Tony Dalbeth. 14 boats including BICs, Lasers, 420s & 'old farts' in Splashes. All comers are welcome with their own boats or hire the club boats, but please book at the office.

We are very proud of our BIC sailors who since the last newsletter have raced at Manly and Taipa in the BIC Regattas.

Bruce has continued taking great photos of our events <http://www.flickr.com/photos/kerikeriyachtraces>

The Club is holding a Spring regatta on 25, 26 November, on line entries are welcome.

Doug France



Ray Haslar (left), Rawhiri Warren (learn to sail student) & the new Sailing Simulator kindly donated by Ray & Lesley Haslar.

Summer has come with a rush as has the time for this newsletter. There has been quite a list of “happenings”

The America’s Cup visit was much appreciated and the presence of some centreboard dinghies on top of the excellent enthusiasm of Andy Malony and other sailors helped encourage a number of new recruits.

The prize giving evening went well and we hope to have a few more events to celebrate next year, see the new calendar.

Partly as a result of the situation at Lake Manuwai we took some boats over to Te Tii. On the day it blew 20 to 30 + knots so we ended up over Labour weekend helping with safety cover for the Waka Ama regatta, which was appreciated.

Over the same weekend Doug and Vonnie drove down to Tarewera to pick up a Topper Vibe which was given to us by Warwick Lewisham from Auckland. We trialed it on our Kerikeri High School Teams Racing Squad open day. As with any new boat it got some bad press from some, but as shown by other users, the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages.

We now have a much busier sailing week than in the past. Starting with, Friday afternoons we have our Club sailing open to all club members, come and join in.

Saturday mornings there is Learn to Sail Level I

The same day the new expanded Kerikeri High School Youth Sailing Squad under Sharron Ferris and Neil Cates sails all day.

Sunday, Aevril Hibbard is coaching learn to sail level 2

Monday afternoons Aevril has a women's learn to sail session

Tuesday evenings Aevril has level III learn to race at Dove's Bay.

Wednesday and Thursday are for other activities!

In June we had a very successful Family fun co operative sailing day. This was entered in the calendar for November the 12<sup>th</sup>. but has had to be moved to Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. This will rule out the Sir Peter Blake sailors but we hope many others will come and join in a good learning and also social Day. Boats will be provided, see details in the NOR below.

Good luck,  
Derry Godbert



Kerikeri High School Teams Racing Squad practise their moves at Doves Bay.

# Keelboat



Hot off the press – a sneak preview of the new Americas Cup design

## Opening Day race

We are now into the new season, having started it off with the resurrection of a fun race on the Club's Opening Day which was won by Milton and Hilary Johnson aboard their yacht "Freedom Five". The new Law North-donated "Tony Ray Memorial Trophy" was presented by Tony's wife Leanne and their daughters Sophie and Olivia, all the way up from the mainland to be part of this fantastic day. We also had a few yachts take part that haven't appeared for some time, including the much-travelled Simon Willis' Sagitta II, Justin Graham's, Romany II and David McFadzien's, Rockabye. Even Craig Partridge had Animal Biscuits out there! Our thanks to the Kerikeri branch of New World for their sponsorship of this new event on our racing calendar.

## Craigs Investment Partners Friday Rum Series

Two races sailed so far, the first in sublime conditions that sent both divisions around a 6.6 n.m. course. B Division's mass start left at 6 pm while A Division went ten minutes later, unlike last season when we had Mark Foy starts for every race in this series. A bit of a B Division benefit that had Milton Johnson sail Freedom Five continue his (or should I say "their" Hilary?) excellent form from opening day to lead not only B Division but also the fleet on handicap, followed by Blue Yonder (Ian Derrick) and Enhanse (Blue Newport). In the end there was just short of 90 seconds separating these three. A Division Was led home by Plan B (Leroi Ford) who needed another twenty seconds to make up on handicap winner Hicky Burr (Steve Miller). Third on handicap was Demonstrator (Bob Donaldson).

Missing from this race due to their commitments in this year's PIC Coastal Classic were three of our A Division fleet who all performed particularly well; Deep Throttle (Tony Dalbeth-Hudson) 5<sup>th</sup> in fleet, Rikki (Ray Haslar) 11<sup>th</sup> in fleet and Cotton Blossom II (Doug France) 22<sup>nd</sup> in fleet from a total of 126 finishers. Well done to you all.

Race 2 in the Craigs Investment Partners series has just been sailed in a moderate northerly breeze that took the fleet to Kent and Te Puna before returning to do a triangle in the bay. A Division was led home by Learning Curve (Paul White) and B Division (and the fleet!) by Blue Newport's ever-improving Enhance. Hicky Burr won A Division on handicap from Learning Curve and Demonstrator, while B Division's handicap results went to Aalita from Enhance and Stray Cat.

### **Scottronic Technologies Wednesday series**

A brilliant day for the first race in this series that also counts for points in the Divisional Championship series. A Division was led home by Rikki which also won on both handicap and PHRF. Second on handicap was Animal Biscuits (Craig Partridge) – but by a bare 14 seconds! – while in third place was Physical Favours (Pete Woods). B Division was led home by Stray Cat which also won on handicap from Enhance and That Girl (Pete Mclea).

### **Please don't forget the new Finish Line**

The Sailing Instructions for all races this season state that the FINISH LINE is BETWEEN the Inner and Outer distance Marks. Boats will no longer be finished if passing on the inshore side of the Inner Distance Mark.

Finally, this link is to a Youtube video that we DON'T want to see happen on our courses!

<https://youtu.be/Y9s9H-0Zwdc>

This one has a nautical Christmas theme

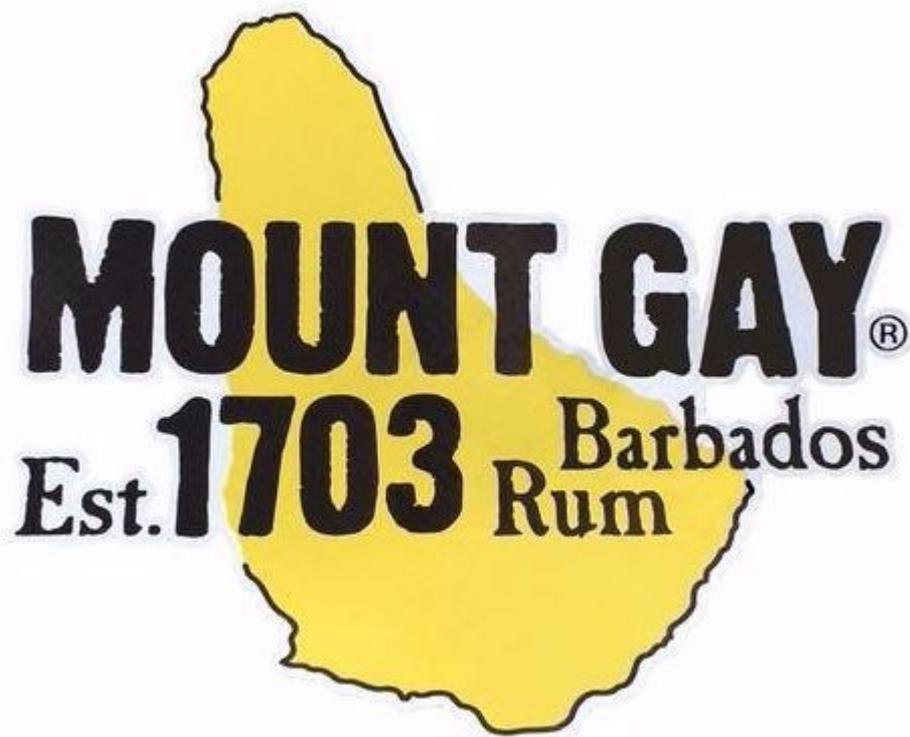
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2qZsUyWBjA>

And here's one for dinghy sailors. Was that a very young Doug in his Opti?

<https://youtu.be/aNXxVkaKUfw>

Happy sailing.

Craig Jones



Craigs Investment Partners Rum Race Series



## Marina

It's done! The Statutory Supervisor has been removed & the new Kerikeri Cruising Club Marina Trust is installed.

The haul out is flat tack at the moment with a boat booked almost every day between now & Christmas. The tiler is working in the men's toilet & the repaired facility should be open within weeks.

Christmas is coming. Please let us know if your berth can be available for casual renters. There is lots of demand & supply is short.



2017 2018 Yearbooks are now available. These will be mailed out with your membership cards & car stickers.

## [Click Here for the Club Events Calendar](#)

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

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## Learn to Sail

Lovely to see so many new sailors emerging from within the KCC maybe future crew for America's Cup.  
Bruce Carter



## 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.

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