



Kerikeri Cruising Club

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March 2018 Newsletter

Commodore's Corner



Easter Rally - meet me on Saturday night for potluck BBQ at a bay to be advised. Call 10 NO TRUMPS or Russell Radio on the day by VHF on channel 77 for details . Pancakes will be cooked & served on the beach Sunday morning. No obligation to share your Easter eggs, Club will provide some sausages & the pancakes. Rally is weather permitting of course.



Derry Godbert is standing down from being the KCC representative on the Northland Yachting Association (NYA). Derry has represented KCC since NYA's inception. Derry's 40 plus years contribution to the Kerikeri Cruising Club, Teams Sailing Association, and Northland Yachting Association has been amazing. The sheer number of people, that he has influenced through sailing, in the whole of Northland is staggering. KCC has appointed Royce Clark to take his place with NYA.

Great to see Centerboard sailing going from strength to strength & we now have in excess of 100 new sailors participating regularly.

We are most fortunate to have the support of some very generous members, who are assisting the Club in its endeavours to promote sailing to young people. Not only do the children acquire the skill of sailing, which will be with them for life, but in addition they learn discipline and self reliance, that are all part of any sport. The added bonus in the sailing context, is that as they mature, they may also want to understand the science, technical, engineering and mathematics, of what makes a yacht sail. "STEM". The club is about to be donated an " Etchell" yacht which will be made available for the various sailing groups within the Club, to extend their skills.



The "Mast Gantry" reinstatement, has been delayed for another few weeks. This situation is totally out of the clubs control and is solely due to delays from the contractor. After the gantry is put in place, members of the KCC who have an interest in game fishing, will add some hardware, to facilitate the weighing of fish. This has attracted some negative comment from some club members with yachts. However, there are more launches than yachts in the marina, and at a recent count. There were 47 launches and 1 yacht, set up for game fishing, parked in the marina out of a total of 191 berths.

The Doc swap and the reclamation title are still buried in the bureaucratic process, which is moving somewhat slower than we initially thought. Touch wood, no new problems have surfaced to date.

The first of the "Ladies Races" has been sailed, with Alison Burdett on "10 No Trumps" being dealt a very hard handicap, leaving no possibility of a worse place

next time. I guess it just goes to show, that no matter what influence is exerted on the handicappers, they rule without fear or favour.

Centreboard

Open BIC Regatta Feb 2018

Skiff Sailing for New Zealand kids (under 19 years) at Kerikeri Cruising Club, with guys and girls in the same divisions; competitors from the Bay of Islands, around Auckland, and the most southern entry from Wanaka.

Sir Russell Coutts conducted a briefing for the competitors, really getting the kids involved. BIC racing is very popular throughout Europe and in the United States and is showing rapid growth in New Zealand. Sir Russell's very pertinent questions about the courses, tactics, with questions directed to the competitors on a "what if" basis – really got them thinking. It was great to watch. Sir Russell is very involved in training kids in the world of racing; a lot of work, but he said "worth it to see the kids having such fun while learning".

Peter Wilson, Commodore of the Kerikeri Cruising Club gave the pre-race briefing. After words of gratitude, and local information, Wilson turned the briefing over to Paddy Simms Race Officer, who explained the divisions, flags and start sequence. – The commencement of each race with the 3 minute gun and applicable flags. - Three minutes (gun & flag); two minutes (gun& flag); one minute (gun/flag) – START.

The Committee boat, Lady Claire, owned and operated by Club photographer Bruce Carter, then set up the start line for the 14 boats in Gold and Silver Divisions. Race one was a clean start in an 4-5 Knott easterly at 1144 hrs for the Gold Division, Silver following at 1157.5 hrs; two races before lunch. After an hour or so lunch break and social interaction, the afternoon offered four more races in varying winds initially 8-10 Knott's, making racing even more exciting for the kids on the water.

Sir Russell spent some time on day one with the Bronze Division being run by Race office Claire Houry on 'Samaki' from Opuia; the Bronze division is mainly kids experiencing yacht racing for the first or second time regardless of age. Day two had a morning finish with a 'fun race' – all standing throughout the race – with deliberate 'capsizes' at the mark – and they loved it..... Afternoon racing was in light winds.

Gold fleet saw some tight racing in tricky conditions, but after 10 races over 2 days
Mattias

Coutts finished a clear first with local sailor Jake Pye second and Soren Johnston from Manly third.

The Prize giving was a festive affair; Sir Russell Coutts presented the prizes of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to wear around the neck – just like the Olympics. Then there was a table of gifts based on a ‘draw system’ so every competitor received a prize/recognition - giving a positive ending to the regatta. A Special award was given to Sebastian Rhind from Wanaka, for his assistance to others, positive attitude and the most distant competitor.

Kerikeri Cruising Club Geoff Pye from the Centre Board Committee was very grateful to the volunteers – making the Open Bic Regatta a real success – thank you to all.

by Lesley Haslar



[For more awesome pictures check out Bruce Carter's Flickr page - click here.](#)

[And for Bronze Fleet pics check out these provided by Denis Garner on Facebook - click here.](#)

Success in Club Learn to Sail Programme

Our Yachting NZ Learn to Sail programme gives new sailors 9-10 weeks of tuition for \$100 per person. There are 40 children learning to sail on Lake Manuawai. Lessons are on Saturdays & Sundays. Averil Hibbard is a sponsored coach for Level 2 & above. Level 1 is taught by local YNZ qualified volunteer coaches, many thanks to this term's cohort: Doug France, David Ferris, Harley Warren & Derry Godbert.

Monday “fun afternoon“ attracts an average of 10 people who hire the boats at the lake, and allows time for families to share the fun .

Riverview and Springbank Schools have an average of 33 children, participating in a day programme run by Averil from time to time. Te Tii and Matauri Learn to Sail 1 have a total of 16 children on Fridays.

At Doves Bay after school on Thursdays, Aevril coaches 10 Level 3 sailors in BICs ,Splashes and Mistals. These are sailors who have mastered the basics, are honing their skills & trying their hand at racing.

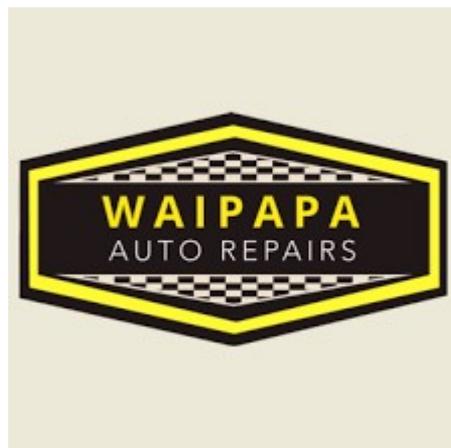
On Mondays after work 12 ladies also have a LTS programme in Mistrals and Splashes.

The programmes are all funded by fees collected from the sailors & crucial sponsorships. Many thanks to Waipapa Auto Repairs, Waipapa Rotary and New World Kerikeri. Also thanks to Mark Turner for funding a further 2 BICs and an Etchell.

This participation is showing in our increase membership of youth and family subscriptions.

With 88 sailors in our LTS programme plus the 33 school children, we may have to increase our learn to sail fees for the coming season or entice more sponsors because of the maintenance of the boats and storage facilities.

Vonnie France



Bio-security fees, Marine Pathways Plan - Effects for marina & mooring users

Kerikeri Cruising Club (as part of the "Marinas Group", with Opua, Whangaroa, Tutukaka, Whangarei Town Basin marinas) is currently in Environment Court ordered confidential mediation with Northland Regional Council (NRC) over the contents of NRC's Marine Pathways Plan. This is the plan that will affect boaties as soon as they enter Northland from another region or between 'designated areas' within Northland. The plan will dictate the level of fouling permissible on boats & the actions & remedies that NRC can insist boat owners undertake.

Doug France & Gill Durham are taking the lead in representing our Club in a bid to gain some common sense concessions so that the Plan is more effective & practical.

The Marinas Group is also challenging the legality of NRC's "Bio-security fee". Unfortunately the timing of this challenge is such that we have had to pay the first year's fees despite the High Court action being taken. NRC in it's inimitable style sent this account to the debt collectors. Unfortunately, this means that the Club in turn will be invoicing pile mooring & marina berth licencees for these charges. The Marinas Group's legal adviser indicates there is a good chance of redress against the fee charging system that NRC have chosen so it is hoped that these fees will be refunded.

Keelboat

We're now nearing the end of the various races and series in the summer racing program. The weather has generally been good, having fortunately sneaked past most of the torrential downpours and stormy conditions

The **Willis Sails Two Handed series** ended just before Christmas and after a thrilling five races it was Andy August aboard Aalita that took it out, followed closely by Brian Hutching on Tongue Twister and Pete McLea on That Girl. This annual series continues to be a very good and closely fought one.

The **Craig Partridge Yachts Round the Islands race** sailed back in January got the New Year away to a good start with Craig Partridge bringing Animal Biscuits home in first place on both line and also taking out the handicap prize. Peter Hooper's Stray

Cat did the same in B Division, as did Alastair Wells and Green Label in the Classic Division. It was an absolutely perfect sailing day that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The **Pioneer Restaurant & Bar Single Handed race** this year was contested by six single handed skippers, fastest time taken out by Pete Woods sailing Physical Favours. Unfortunately for Pete, and everyone else it turned out, it was Wakanui (Dan Wise) finishing almost an hour after Physical Favours that took out the handicap prize, followed by Physical Favours and Aalita.

On the Friday of the Bay of Islands Sailing Week we ran a “**Non BOISW Fun race**” that attracted a sizable fleet sailing a shortened course in light winds. Gary Colebrook brought Vim home ahead of the rest of them, while on handicap the order was Lelant (Royce Clark) from the H28 La Pajara (Max Sceats) and Wakanui.

The **Creative Design Store His and Hers race** saw Plan B sailed by Leroi Ford and Samantha McSweeney take line honours as expected, but the corrected time handicap prize was won by Milton and Hilary Johnson sailing Freedom Five from Plan B and Enhance Wallace on board.

Which brings us pretty much up to the present

Scottronic Technologies Wednesday series

Nine races have now been sailed, with just one more to go to complete this series. Both divisions have been slightly down on numbers so far this season, but because points from both this and the winter Harcourt series count toward the clubs Divisional Championship series it is important to make every race count. The series results currently has Animal Biscuits leading the charge in A Division, just a single point ahead of Physical Favours and another three back to Ray Haslar's Rikki. Physical Favours is leading in the PHRF series from Rikki and Deep Throttle. In B Division we have Aalita with a slightly more comfortable lead of six points from Stray Cat and Enhance.

Craigs Investment Partners Friday Rum series

Nine of the ten races in this series have also been sailed. In race 8 most boats had young Open BIC competitors aboard, up here for their regatta on the following two days. Rikki, Deep Throttle and Titan all had either BIC sailors or High School crews aboard on another brilliant sailing evening that everyone was able to enjoy, even the boats' owners! Following race nine the series points had Hicky Burr leading in A Division from Physical Favours and Demonstrator, and in B Division Aalita leads from Enhance and Vim. Much is riding on the results of the final race in this series for both divisions.

Beds R Us Ladies series

Race 1 was abandoned due to bad weather but race 2 went very well for Rikki, in this race helmed by Maeve White, coming home first and also winning on handicap from Physical Favours (Maree Sharp) and Cotton Blossom II (Vonnice France). Race 1 will be re-sailed on March 11th with the final two races held on the following two Sundays

Crombie Lockwood Coastal series

The first race was sailed, the second abandoned due to another bad weather bullet but will most probably be rescheduled. So the next race in this series is the all-important Cavalli Islands race on March 24th, a race not run by this club for a good number of years. At around fifty nautical miles it should be a really good day out..

Inter-Club race for the Epiglass Trophy

There has been a lot of interest from other clubs in the Bay to take away from our trophy cabinet the Epiglass Bay of Islands Interclub Cup, something that has been sitting in our trophy cabinet since won by us back in 2003. The Notice of Race is almost ready to go out and will roughly follow these criteria:

The race will be sailed on Saturday April 7 and will be a single division (fleet) race starting off Brampton Buoy and finishing at the Kerikeri Cruising Club.

The trophy will be competed for using General Handicaps to be agreed to by competing clubs.

As many yachts from each club may compete, but only

1. a minimum of the sum of three lowest corrected times will make up each club's score.
2. if a minimum of four yachts compete for each club then the lowest four corrected times will be used.
3. if five or more yachts compete from each club then no more than their lowest five corrected times will be used.

This should be another good day out among yachts from the other clubs in our area.

View all race and series results by clicking on:

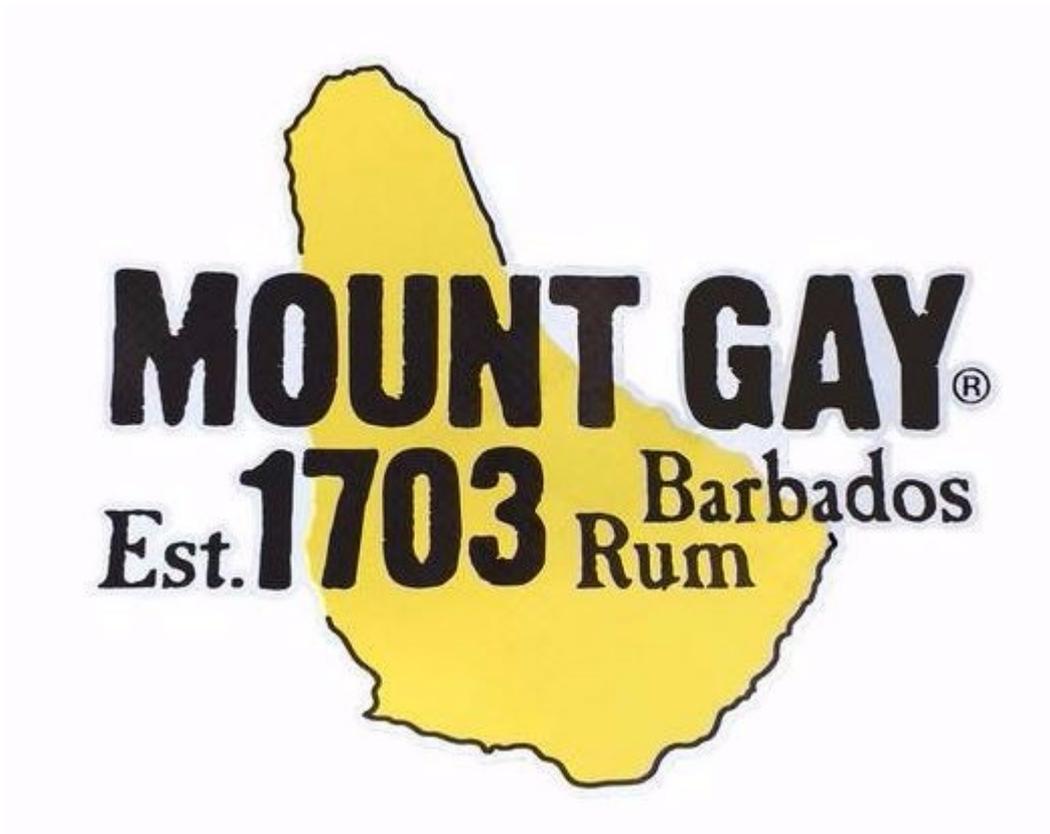
<http://www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/sailing/keelboat-racing/race-results.html>

Happy sailing

Craig Jones



Will Hicky Burr's mix of experience & extreme youth be the winning formula in Craigs Investment Partners Friday Rum Race Series?



Craigs Investment Partners Rum Race Series



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