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COMMODORE'S CORNER

From DOUG FRANCE - COMMODORE

You may notice in the newsletter that Northland Regional Council has its annual plan and charging policy, regional pests and marine pathway management plan and rules for keeping people safe on water.

They will allow submissions from the 18th March to the 25th April which doesn't give us much time to get a handle on it. It is proposed to charge an additional \$122.00 per boat, on moorings, marina and poles. This proposed fee is for bio security in Northland waters.

It will cost the KCC marina over \$23,000.00.

This is just another example of asking the club to be their benefactor, other examples I have witnessed: non club members using our rubbish skip and bottle recycling which is cost us \$10,000.00 last year, parking, shower, toilets and laundry as well as the break water being used a loading and unloading facility.

We have just had a quote for repairing the driveway of approximately \$20,000.00.

In the days when the marina was first built the public attitude was a lot congenial and certainly today's attitude from the public, leaves a lot to be desired. I have witnessed, with many others, asking the free loaders to become members and their reply is negative and their explanation is that they already have all this free.

I think KCC members are being very generous; perhaps it's time for reflection.

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Mistral sailing Thursday evenings.

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Fundraiser

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CENTREBOARD REPORT

From *DERRY GODBERT*

February and beginning of March have gone by with full Saturday mornings learn to sail activities going very well. We have had keen coaches like Doug, David, Ray, and Bart, plus an excellent back up team of very helpful parents hauling boats over the ever increasing distance to the water's edge as the lake has shrunk into its bed. Mud has been the order of the day with lots of squelching and subsequent washing off. Fortunately, the current rain has turned the tide and at least covered the most muddy zone. The five groups of young sailors have had much lighter winds than we had in November but are still making good progress in a mixture of Optimists, Able dinghies, Sunbursts Sabots, and 'P' class, etc. Sundays have been equally successful with Aevril running the Level II group supported by a good band of coaches and using Bics as well as the other classes there.

Aevril's Thursday afternoon sailing has also been going well with support from Ric, Geoff and Doug. Splashes, Bics and occasionally Mistrals have been the main classes used. There is a rather wide ability range in the group, and the weather has on occasion been 'unfriendly' but there have also been some very pleasant sailing experienced. Monday after school sailing has been rather lightly attended, partly due to the weather blowing us off the water on half of our sailing days. Doug and Denis have been doing all the work for a small group of sailors who have enjoyed three reasonably productive sessions.

The School squad coached by Reuben has continued to train hard with two teams being selected to go to the Regional regatta at Algie's Bay on the 26th March after our planned fund raising evening at the Club on the 25th.

There is a lot of work going on 'behind the scenes' to fund raise and obtain more boats, especially for use at Dove's Bay. The Splash Association has provided 2 more boats and Garry is working on an old hull to add to the fleet. Geoff is looking after the Bics which now number four. See pic below: thanks Mark Turner for donating two of the Open Bic boats to the club. Both classes have had representatives travel to Auckland for regattas.



A big thank you to Mark Turner for donating 2 Open Bics to KCC for the centre board sailing programme.

KEELBOAT REPORT

From CRAIG JONES

We're into autumn and just a few more races before we will be into winter racing once again. So get out there and enjoy the warmer weather while we still have some.

Scottronic Technologies Wednesday series

Nine of the programmed ten races have now been sailed in this series and the competition in both divisions is pretty hot. Leading A Division on 15 points is Titan, driven by Sam Oxley. It was good to see co-owner Hans Smith aboard once again during the latest race (which Titan won) following more surgery on his shoulder. Following close behind and keeping them honest is Rikki (Ray Haslar) on 17 points while Craig Partridge's Animal Biscuits is third on 22 but with a 'dnc' worth 8 points still to be discarded. The PHRF section of this series has Rikki a clear leader on 7 points from Deep Throttle (Tony Dalbeth-Hudson) on 27 and Physical Favours (Pete Woods) on 29.

In B Division it is Stray Cat (Peter Hooper) leading on 16 points, just one point ahead of Aalita (Andy August) on 17, followed by Enhance (Blue Newport) on 22 - with a 'dnc' worth 9 points still to be discarded. So in both divisions it will literally be down to the wire in the final race.

Craigs Investment Partners Rum series

And on to race 9 in this series, but where was everyone? The forecast was for a bit of wind (which occasionally got up to 20 knots but was mostly around 10) and rain (none during the race). Just three boats turned up; Stray Cat, Physical Favours and Demonstrator, all finishing in that order. Given the wind strength, and the reaching nature of the course due to the fluctuating direction, the fastest time over the course was Stray Cat, leaving the two A Division boats in its twin hulled wake. By almost three minutes!

Apart from this race it has been a very well attended series with a total of nine boats having sailed in A Division races and another fourteen getting out on the water in the B Division starts. With just one race to go the series points to date in A Division have Demonstrator (Bob Donaldson) leading on 15 points Physical Favours on 19 and Hicky Burr (Steve Miller) on 24. The leader in B Division is Stray Cat on 17, two ahead of Petty Cash (Frank de Vries) and Vim (Garry Colebrook) a further 7 points back in third place.

Willis Sails Two Handed series

This series had a good turnout of twelve yachts competing over the five races and in the end there was very little in it. The series points up to the final race had That Girl (Pete Mclea) leading on 15 points from Freedom Five (Milton Johnson) and Stray Cat (Peter Hooper) both on 17. A good wind for the last race generated a smile on Peter Hooper's face as he brought Stray Cat home for a very good win in the long race, thus securing a win in the series. Stray Cat's 9 points gave her a 3½ point lead over That Girl with another point back to Learning Curve (Paul White). Close behind these three were Freedom Five and Mean Streak (Murray Williams), both on 14 points.

Beds R Us Ladies series

Not very big fleets to date but there have been lots of women (and girls) taking advantage of some very pleasant sailing conditions. Both races to date have been led home by Rikki (helmed by Annie Prestt) followed by Cotton Blossom II (Vonnice France). Race 1 also had Rikki, Cotton Blossom and Aalita (Shirley August) not only finishing in that order but on handicap as well. Race two took place while Aalita was doing some serious cruising, so just the two boats (but still twenty or more women) were sent all of the way out to the Nine Pin in a north-easterly that brought with it a lazy ocean swell. Just a couple of minutes between them at the finish. Race three is due to be sailed this coming Sunday but the weather (wind and even more rain) will likely determine the outcome, if the race is held.

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Pioneer Restaurant & Bar Single Handed race

This popular annual race was sailed in winds on the lighter side and was a close fought event. Physical Favours (Pete Woods) came home a clear ten minutes ahead of That Girl (Pete Mclea) but it was That Girl on handicap by a mere nine seconds from a well sailed Freedom Five (Milton Johnson) and Physical Favours. The race was sponsored this year by the Pioneer, another local business that we hope will be back with us again next season.

Coastal series

Winds of up to twelve knots saw Physical Favours come home just ahead of Enhance in race 1, but losing out on handicap by barely one minute. Race 2, the 30-miler, was abandoned when the very light breeze attracted just one boat to the start line. Hopefully there will be better conditions for the Nine Pin race in early April.

Did they do well or what?

Down in Auckland the Balokovic Cup race, part of the combined clubs Gold Cup series, was hosted this year by RAYC and held in late February. Rikki was there on the start line and finished the race in third place over the line, second on PHRF and first on IRC. An excellent result, especially given that Ray and the crew aboard Rikki were up against yachts that sail in this highly competitive environment week in and week out.

Just a week later in the annual 'Route 66' race from Richmond Yacht Club up to Marsden Cove, Pete Mclea sailing his 'slightly' modified Davidson 28 That Girl won the single-handed division once again, having also done so a couple of years ago. If you think that was pretty clever, he also won this race outright by cleaning up the entire fleet of thirty four yachts, many of which were fully crewed.

Skippers (and interested parties) meeting

With a date still to be confirmed, but likely to be some time next month, it is time once again to assess the results of the past year with a view to making any future improvements to the keelboat program.

The Mark Foy starting system has been in use since last season's winter rum race series and since then numbers have picked up on previous years. Please start giving some thought as to whether we need more or less of them.

How can we get more boats on the water for ladies races? These races have generally been 'non-extra' races where spinnakers and gennakers have not been used. Over recent years we have tried various mixes of women vs men where the men cannot assist with the physical side of racing, but with limited success. We currently have two large yachts that between them take twenty or more women between them, which is great, but only two yachts? Is it time to open these races up to having at least a woman on the helm but otherwise fully or mixed-crewed where everyone can help and allow the use of spinnakers/gennakers? We know that there are plenty of young women coming through the 'learn to sail' program; how can we include more of them in this series?

Thought is being given to having an opening day fun race/s event for both dinghies and keelers in front of the club, stand-alone events for which trophies would be up for grabs with a following BBQ-type function up in the club.

Please give some thought to what you would like to see happen, or not, and come to the meeting to voice your thoughts. A date will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Purely as a matter of interest . . .

I've been comparing the number of boats out on the water this season with numbers for the same races last season. To date this season we are 43 starters ahead; last season we had 199 starters to this point in the season against the current 242 starters for the same races. Keep it up!

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Race Calendar

March	Race	Start time	Sponsor
19 th	His N Hers race	14:00 (Mark Foy start)	Creative Design Store
24 th	Friday rum series race 10	18:00 (Mark Foy start)	Craigs Investment Partners
26 th	Ladies series race 4	14:00 (Mark Foy start)	Beds R Us
April			
1 st	BOIYC to Whangaroa race	?	BOI Yacht Club
2 nd	Coastal series race 3	11:00	
9 th	Ladies series race 5	14:00 (Mark Foy start)	Beds R Us
May			
7 th	Winter series race 1	11:00	Harcourts
14 th	Winter rum series race 1	14:00 (Mark Foy start)	Fell Engineering

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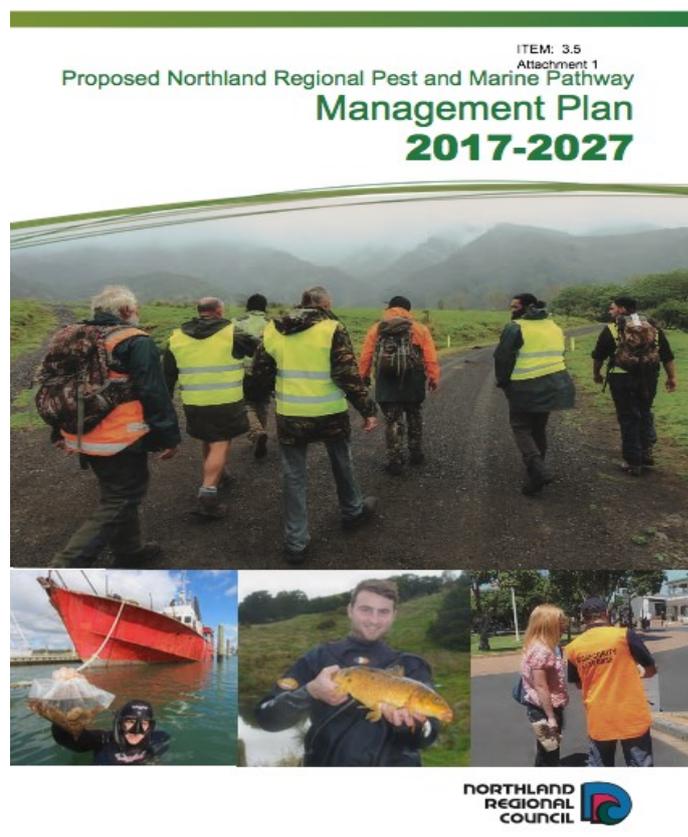
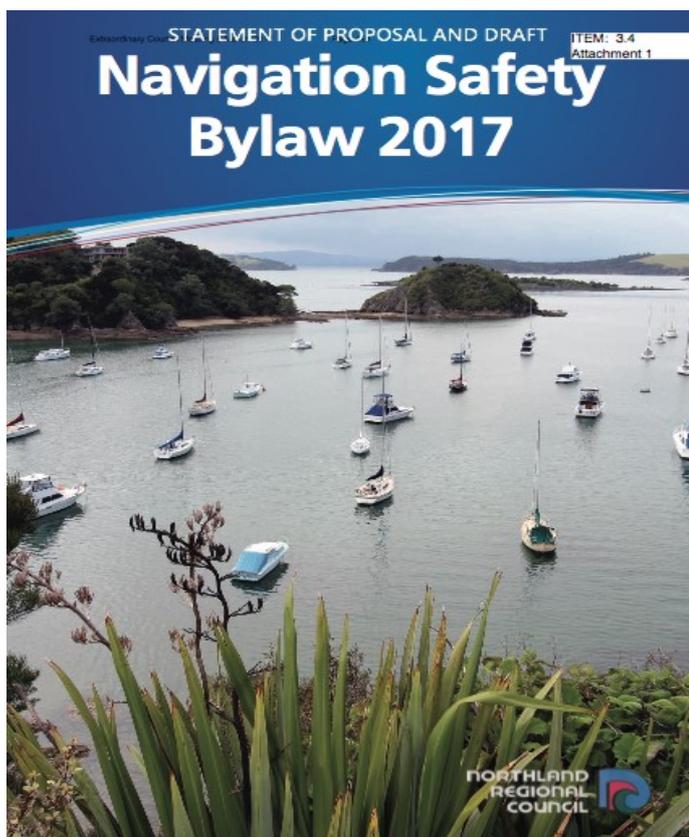
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Boaties, Marine Industry urged to take keen interest

Feedback is being sought on possible new rules to prevent the spread of marine pests, how to foot the bill for marine biosecurity and updates to Northland's harbour safety rules.

Those issues are central to three important regional council documents, all of which will potentially impact on boaties and the marine industry in particular.

Chairman Bill Shepherd says from Saturday 18 March the council will be seeking feedback on its;

- Annual activities and budgets (via its Annual Plan and Charging Policy)
- How pests are managed (through its Northland Regional Pest and Marine Pathway Management Plan)
- Rules for keeping people safe on the water (via its Navigation Safety Bylaw).

"We've rolled all three into a single feedback process (which will run until Friday 21 April) to make it easier for submitters to have their say and strongly urge as many people as possible to take the opportunity to familiarise themselves with – and provide feedback on – these and other issues that may affect them."

Chairman Shepherd says all three documents contain changes that are likely to be of specific interest to boaties and the marine industry. They were officially approved for release later this month by councillors at a full council meeting in Whangarei yesterday.

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He says the biggest suggested change to council's existing pest plan is the addition of a Marine Pathway Plan, which has rules limiting hull fouling when vessels move to a new harbour or offshore island.

"Rules targeting the way marine pests are spread gives us a much more proactive and cost-effective approach; it'll mean that instead of simply responding to arrivals we can actively prevent them."

Implementation of the pathways plan would be done largely via the council's existing marine biosecurity hull-checks programme.

Chairman Shepherd says the council's wider programme to stop the spread of marine pests has expanded rapidly over the last five years and it's now weighing up the fairest way to pay for this.

"The reality is that movement of hull-fouled boats is the main way marine pests are spread, so boats are the core focus of our marine biosecurity work."

"While nothing is set in stone at this stage – and I really can't stress that point hard enough – we're also seriously considering whether a boat-focussed, user-pays type charge might be a fairer option to pay for it."

Chairman Shepherd says similarly, while it has served the region well over the past five years, the council's Navigation Safety Bylaw also needs to be updated, partially to ensure better alignment with rules in place in the north's nearest neighbour, Auckland.

"Again though, these issues I've highlighted are just some of those being consulted on."

He says in a bid to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the full range of topics, initiatives and potential changes, the council is producing a special eight-page edition of its Regional Report newsletter. The newsletter will be delivered to more than 60,000 properties region wide over the next few weeks.

The council also plans to hold several drop-in sessions – at Mangonui, Waitangi and Whangarei – where councillors and council staff will be available to talk to people about anything proposed.

All relevant documents – and a comprehensive range of supporting information – will also be available from Saturday 18 March on the council's website via: www.nrc.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Chairman Shepherd stresses the council's desire for feedback is genuine and greatly appreciated by councillors and staff alike.

"We need to ensure when we make our final decisions that we too are doing so from as an informed a position as possible and our communities' views are really integral to this process."

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Search for Kerikeri Cruising Club on Facebook, and 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 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 *Coast-guard Education* events.



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No reports this month from the:

**General, House and Social,
Launch and Cruise or Marina Com-
mittees**

LETTERS - IN MY OPINION

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.

We welcome the following new members:

Annie Prestt	Ali Goodall	David & Julia Nute
Sara Rogers	Robert Bryant	Michael & Suzel Hooper
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