

## MAINSHEET

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MAINSHEET'S MAIN THEME this time: The AGM is on Saturday 14 June. It's a bit earlier this year to allow more of the winter for the new committee to get cracking on necessary projects. By chance, the National Boat Show is earlier too, so they clash again and some of us won't be able to be there for the most important Club meeting of the year. The formal notice of the meeting is enclosed.

The Club has lost a good keen man in Alec Stafford. He was a former committee member and slip-master, and was always very willing, immensely generous and enthusiastic. The committee has decided to plant a tree for him.

At least twelve pupils of the Russell School are reported to be interested in taking part in an Optimist dinghy building and sail-training programme. The committee hopes there will be strong parental/adult support for them. A special committee is proposed to look after this project and small boats in general.

The kindly donated rescue boat is proving to be of valuable assistance during Small Boat Races. And fun too (it's new 25hp engine has now been run in).

The new committee will tackle an ambitious project for the major re-development of the Club building. Plans are now being drawn up. The main aims are to make more room and to make the bar and kitchen more efficient for the benefit of all.

The Club was broken into some weeks ago. The main loss was the stereo. The total loss was estimated at around \$1200.

A serious infestation of roaches has been successfully dealt with. The odd opossum has met its end also.

The racing programme for big boats has now ended for the season, but the small boat races continue every second Sunday. Club yachts scored a couple of nice take-aways recently. The Cater Marine Autohelm was deservedly awarded to the diligent Jacky and Adrian Stevens with their Townson Takahoa. A mere charter boat, the Noalex 30 Esprit, fluked the Closing Day Race prize of a micro-wave oven, donated by Raewyn and Karl Andersen of the Duke of Marlborough. Really guys, a bag of hangi stones would have done just as nicely. Special mention should be made of those who devised the course for Closing Day: It was particularly interesting, with three laps that allowed everyone to keep in touch with everyone else's progress.

A quick glance at the wall charts in the Club will show you the following summary of the season (and you may notice one name, beginning with "R", keeps cropping up): Duke of Marlborough Cup (6 races): Rumbletum; Patron's Cup (for attendance): Waverunner; Hassall Shield (6 Oct '85): Rumbletum; James Wright Scott Cup (17 Nov '85): Waverunner; Russell Hardware trophy (20 Oct '85): Rumbletum; Cater Marine trophy (1 Jan '86): Carino; Friendship Cup (2 Feb): Takahoa; Ladies Race (2 March): Huatahi; Russell Cup (23 March): Snoopy; Fullers Trophy (13 April): Carino; Little Ships (4 May): Solveig.

DON'T FORGET: 14 June.

5 pm