



Russell Boat Club

newsletter

JUNE 1996

A.G.M. - 6 JULY 1996

The Club's Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving Dinner will be held on SATURDAY, 6 JULY 1996 at 17.00 hours, at the Clubrooms. Copy of proposed Agenda attached.

If you wish to discuss any business other than that on the Agenda could you please give written notice to the secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

The following Officers will be elected at the A.G.M. - Patron, Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Club House Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, and a General Committee (12 members).

New members on the committee are welcomed - would you like to be more involved in the Club, do you have skills that the Club could use?

RACING : CRUISING

There were good fleets out on the water on race days and we extend a welcome to new members racing - Dave on Summerhaze, Sandy on Gjoa, Barry and Colleen on Bird of Dawning, Shane O'Brien on Tia Maria to name just a few.

New boats on the water were the multihulls - Max's Taranui and Jeff's new catamaran.

Chris represented the Club in the Coastal Classic and the Auckland to Tauranga Race on Blue Dude, plus crewed on Bob's Young 88 Fall Out in a recent Auckland series.

The picnic "races" were enjoyed and the Russell-Whangamumu overnighter looks like becoming a regular feature.

Optimists - we have a fleet of boats waiting for young sailors - the Club is happy to provide the venue, if parents want to get together to organise a programme for the young ones. (The young at heart were also seen out and about Matauwhi Bay over the summer - lots of fun to be had!)

WE HAVE A CLUB THAT IS BECOMING RENOWNED IN THE SAILING WORLD - LET'S KEEP SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND ENJOYING THE WATERS OF THE BAY!

TROPHIES - please make sure trophies are returned as soon as possible - thanks.



The Russell Boating Club's 21st Tall Ships' Race and 3rd Classic Invitation Races were held on Sunday, 7 January.



The day dawned overcast with clouds scudding from the east north east, and so a course to the famous Nine Pin Rock was set. This sentinel was reported as having a good easterly swell breaking against her sheer sides - guaranteed salt spray on the eyebrows of all the sailors.

65 boats made for the line at noon, the big square rigger Søren Larsen had her bowsprit right there; the little Lucy, a 22 ft open fishing boat of Tasmanian origin ducked and dived between the crowd of sails ... the sleeker boats lept away - Iorangi, Rawhiti and Fiery Cross in the Classic Division; Black Panther, Tindora and Calamity Jane leading the Tall Ships fleet.

Once clear of the confused seas off Tapeka they soon formed a procession of pure hull speed - canvas positions spread out from Black Rocks to the Nine Pin. No one blinked, all carried their topsails, their fisherman staysails and full mainsails.

Søren Larsen and the Spirit of New Zealand were busy putting in tacks for the Black Rocks - Spirit had a fledgling crew of forty cadets on board - what better introduction to their training course than the Tall Ships Race!

The return from the Nine Pin allowed sheets to be eased and with the swell more on the quarter good times were made. Diving home first was the John Spencer designed schooner BLACK PANTHER from Whangarei. She finished the eighteen mile plus course in 1 hour 36 minutes. A few minutes later was the S & S. Swan TINDORA from Finland. Then came the Logan thoroughbreds; IORANGI first, just holding off her slightly bigger sister RAWHITI. CALAMITY JANE, a S & S centreboarder was close by with the low wooded Jim Young design FIERY CROSS nipping on her heels. This was FIERY CROSS' day and she won the Classic Invitation Trophy on handicap.

The Tall Ship's Trophy went to the 51 ft topsail schooner WINDBORNE from Waipiro Bay, designed and built in Cornwall in 1928 to the pilot cutter model - she proudly strode her way to the Pin and back, delighting in the 20 knot breeze and finishing ahead of the other square rigged vessels.

After race formalities back at the Boating Club included presentation of the trophies with a few memories of the first Tall Ships Race being shared by Bill Sellars, Gumboot and a few competitors who still come to race twenty years later.

Meanwhile, Joe Cotton's team of willing workers had prepared another famous hangi of 850 delicious meals which went down well, followed by music and dancing until the weary sailors and friends flopped into their salty bunks and dreamed of big sails and fair breezes.

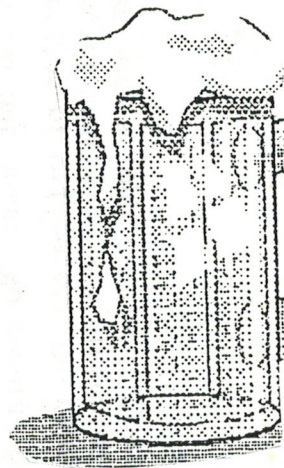
See you on the water.
Christine



BAR - BEERS !

The Breweries have been raising prices twice yearly and the Club has had its first price rise in four or five years!

If you could give a few hours one night over the next few months to serve drinks and have fun behind the bar please let our Bar Manager, Pete Redwood know, or any committee member. It's a great way to get to know the other Club members.



KITCHEN

Many thanks to Joe and his team of helpers - especially the cruising folk like Peggy, Larry and Gene. We have sampled an amazing variety of foods over the past year and the food has been much appreciated by members.

If you would like to cook on a Wednesday or Sunday evening, please put your name on the Roster - the more the merrier - it can be a lot of fun.

NEWS

- . Good luck and fair winds to - Gary and Isobel of Champagne, Gene of Makaira, Tony Val and Lee of Mulloka II, Bud and Pat of Ariel, Woody and Cathy of Welkin, and a host of other cruisers who have departed north to the warmer weather -
- . Good luck in Australia Lulu!
- . Final farewells - Dave Henderson, Jim Wilson and John Spencer.
- . Replacement of rubbish bin on causeway - after much negotiation we now have a permanent rubbish bin!!

SEE YOU AT THE AGM AND PRIZEGIVING DINNER!

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 5 AUGUST 1995 ON REVERSE.



RUSSELL BOATING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5 August 1995 at 1700 hours

pologies: Tom Aitken, Peter Paget, Gary Underwood and Beryl Hampson, Dave Samuels, Cliff and Heather Whiting, Max Cummings, Willie and Marilyn Irving, Dave Henderson, Kay Bosanquet, Wolfgang Losacker, Andrew Cumming, Uli and Marianne Weisbach, Alan Benseman and Ron Hope-Lewis.

Members present - 52 Diane Svenson/Peter Redwood

Minutes:

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 25 June 1994, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a true and correct record.
Diane Svenson/Rex Sawyer

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Commodore's Report: Jon gave his report and thanked everyone for attending - this was the spirit of the Club and what it stands for - we have a unique club and the people make the Club something very much alive. Jon thanked the committee members from the previous year and Joe for keeping us all on the straight and narrow. In the last year we had made a new wharf - thanks to Brett for his organisation and the members of the working bee. Sailing had been pretty quiet last year so for this year the emphasis will swing more to recreational sailing, without compromising our racing. An Optimist programme will be organised for a set period for the children.

Financial Report:

We have had a great year financially. Jon outlined points from an interim audit report and mentioned that the Club is considered no longer just a friendly little Club, but is becoming a business with a large turnover. Copies of the Audit would be available in a week's time and members who wished to see copies can obtain these from the Club. The Accounts for the year would be adopted by the General Committee at its first meeting to be held on 7 September.

General Business: No general business submitted to the meeting.
Election of Officers: The names of officers and members to the General Committee was presented - a carry on of people who have been here a long time and three new members.

Patron	Vin Hill	General Committee:	Shirley Owens
Commodore	Jon Maxwell		Louisa Pedersen
Vice-Commodore	Willie Irving		Richard Stephens
Rear Commodore	Brett Avery		Graham Gilmore
Club Captain	Joe Cotton		Roy Hornell
Treasurer	Rebecca Harper		Chris Hornell
Secretary	Lois Gilmore		Diane Svenson
Bar Manager	Peter Redwood		David Smythe
Honorary Members:			
Brian Baker	Ritchie Blomfield		
John Cater	Willie Irving		
Trevor Mowat	Jim Riley		
Alan Orams	Bill Sellars		
Tom Aitken	Brett Avery		
Kay Bosanquet,	Christine Hall, Rebecca Harper,		
Helen Pick and Andrew Riddell			
	Heather Paget/Alwyn Cumming		

New Life Members:

Don Beattie and Roy Hornell were proposed.
Mal Hughes/Richard Stephens

The meeting closed at 1745 hours.

Commodore:

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