



# Mainsheet

## 2 December 2015

### COMING UP

- Thursday 3 December -- **First Aid on Boats Talk** -- talk starts at 1900 hrs, bar opens at 1800 hrs
- Saturday 5 December -- **Working Bee** -- more details below
- Friday 18 December -- **a quiet Xmas Party** -- bring a secret Santa gift or three (up to \$5-\$10 value)
- Saturday 19 December -- **Kids Christmas Party** -- complete with Santa, in the afternoon, more details the week before
- Sunday 27 December -- **Ian Nicolson Talk** *70 years in the boating industry* -- Ian Nicolson surveyor, designer, yachting journalist & author; 1700 hrs
- Thursday 31 December -- **Commodore's New Year's Eve Barbecue**
- All of week 4 - 8 December -- **Getting ready for Tall Ships** -- watch for the emails and notices closer to the day
- Saturday 9 December -- **Tall Ships Regatta**



The Kids Halloween Ghost party was, once again, a great success. Some magnificent costumes! Well worth running it again next Halloween.

(images from Simon Taylor)

**Working Bee This Saturday 5 December 2015.**

Lots on the list for the working bee next Saturday morning, including:

- build steps on slip and set up two posts on the northern side of the slip

- tidy rear entrance and back of club house
- start preparing the Tall Ships hangi area (weed eaters needed here)
- clean toilets and shower
- lubricate winch wire and tidy winch shed, and fix door on winch shed
- fix dance floor where it is lifting
- wash windows at club, including the kitchen windows (ladders needed)

So roll up on Saturday morning, bring tools to do your preferred job from those listed above.

Any queries to Jonathan (403 7349) or Simon (027 499 1123).

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A soon-to-be-world-famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra concert -- just the thing for a Sunday evening at the boat club.

Tide in, warm, great music, .... what more could you wish for?

Thanks orchestra, and come again.

(Image courtesy of Martha Meyer)

## SHORT TACKS

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Water at the Club. We do provide some water at the club for boaties. However we only have a limited water storage and need to make sure the

Xmas party. Our Xmas party is on Friday 18 December. It is also a race night so we are planning a low key get-together Xmas party. One extra this

club house has enough water to continue to operate. The outlook is for a drought again this summer. To make sure we have enough water for the club house we are limiting water for boaties to club members only.

Internet coming to the club. We are setting up a wireless internet network covering the club house and boats in Matauwhi Bay (exact coverage depending on the wifi aerial coverage). More details and pricing coming.

Club rules. The Boating Club is an incorporated society and as such must have its rules lodged with the Incorporated Society registrar. You can see an up to date [copy of our rules here](#).

Australian Sailboard Champion for 2015-16. Congratulations to Bruce Trotter. He has just won the Australian Sailboard Nationals, held this year in Queensland. So Bruce is now the current New Zealand champion and the current Australian champion.

Better news than the cricket. (You may recall Bruce's account of the New Zealand championship in the 30 October Mainsheet.)

Hopefully Bruce will provide a blow by blow account for the next Mainsheet (hint hint).

year is secret Santa presents. Bring along one or more secret Santa presents (up to the value \$5 to \$10), put them in the container by the door, and Santa will distribute them during the evening.

Pool games. We have a pool table which you are all welcome to use. A reminder though that you need to pay a gold coin for each game. Thanks. (And yes we will have more pool tournaments.)

Calendars for sale. Extra copies of our magnificent 2015-2016 calendar are for sale at the bar at \$6 each. They make great presents.

All current members should have been sent a copy of the calendar -- if you haven't received one contact Andrew at 403-7177.

History corner. We have had old Russell Boating Club newsletters donated to the club (thanks to Vin Hill and Alister Greig). So we will scan and attach of these newsletters in each edition of Mainsheet, until you have seen them all. Spot the common themes.

Starting with 1983 to 1985:

- [Mid 1983](#)
  - [October 1983 \(incomplete\)](#)
  - [October 1984](#)
  - [December 1984](#)
  - [January 1985](#)
  - [June-July 1985](#)
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## Slip, Jetty and Mast Crane Update

Anyone who has been down to the club recently will see the progress on our major upgrade to the jetty, mast crane and slip. While there is quite a bit more work to do before the slip can start operating the mast crane is ready to be used and boats can dry out alongside the clubhouse.

Our coastal permit does mean there are restrictions on what you can do when drying out alongside the clubhouse or beside the mast crane.

Until bracing is installed there is an 8 tonne weight limit on boats drying out alongside the mast crane. No hull cleaning can occur beside the mast crane.

Boats can dry out alongside the club house subject to the following (summarised from the coastal permit):

- when the slip is operating, the hauling and launching of boats on the slip has priority and boats cannot dry out on those days (you would block the cradle)
- current full and racing members have priority over others
- you can clean your hull while dried out alongside but only:
  - removal of slimes and/or films from vessels by wet wiping with 'soft tools' such as cloths, squeegees or wiper systems, sponges, soft brushes or other non-abrasive methods
  - removal of macro marine growths, being those that are not slimes and/or films, from propellers, drive shafts, and sea chests using hand tools; where the marine growth has to be collected using drop cloths, bins or similar devices placed directly under the hull area being worked on.
- you can also inspect hulls and carry out minor repairs and maintenance so long as there is no discharge of contaminants to the sea or sea bed.

We will be introducing a booking system for the slip, drying out and mast crane.

Charges. Your Committee has set the following gst included charges for the mast crane and for drying out:

- mast crane: full member or racing member \$20 per day; others \$30 per day
- drying out: full member \$15 per day, racing member \$10 per day, others \$23 per day

This major upgrade to the jetty and slip has only happened with generous support from sponsors, club members and others. Thank you very much. We will be acknowledging your help further. Watch this space.

## Junior Sailing

Early in November the Yachting New Zealand Have a Go programme had a two day learning to sail session in Matawhi Bay. Well attended and enjoyed by all. When the boats were

all out sailing all that was left were the boat trailers on the beach.

Junior sailing continues under Brett's careful eye each Monday afternoon after school. Contact Brett at 403 7744 for more information.

(Image courtesy of Andrew Riddell)



*E-Nine* (pictured above, courtesy of Charlie Brendon-Cook) came third in her division in this year's Coastal Classic. Here is her story.

E-Nine completed and placed third in the Coastal Classic race from Auckland to Russell over Labour Day weekend. Wind was nor-westerly, so upwind for most of the race, with a storm front providing 25 knots towards the end of the race. Of the 120 boats that started the race, only 70 finished before the 2pm cut-off time on Saturday. E-Nine sailed in division 4, which had 12 starts, of which only three finished. On handicap, we finished 13 minutes behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place boat (Predator – Beale 9000), and 44 seconds behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> place boat (Promise – Stewart 34), so quite close for a 26 hour race. The Stewart 34 benefited from its longer waterline length.

I sailed with three crew including Jeff Cartridge and a junior sailing whiz I picked up in Auckland who taught us all a lot about sail trim and technique during the race.

We got a good clean start off the Devonport wharf in clean air, and set the code zero for the deep reach to North head. Like last year, the boats all converged at North head, slowing through the wind shadow and jostling for clean air. There was quite a

bit of yelling between boats as some who were flying kites got squeezed from the leeward. After rounding North head, kites were dropped, we furled our code zero, and the fleet set off on a beam reach for Kawau. Also, about this time, Team Vodafone screeched past us, having started 15 minutes after our class.

The wind was too strong and far forward to carry the code zero, so we hoisted the #1, making the mistake of not sheeting to the outside for the close reach. After a while we realized, set a lazy sheet to the outside helping our speed somewhat, and we had a fast sail to Kawau.

At Bream Bay, things got interesting. Predict Wind showed a westerly developing close to shore, a strong nor-westerly coming down from Whangarei Heads, and a funky convergence zone in the middle. The fleet split up with some going inside, some going outside, and some changing their mind. We opted to go up the middle, and got stuck in the funky dead air. Luckily it didn't last long, and the westerly filled in as predicted, and we had a nice line straight across Bream Bay, escorted by a couple dolphins as dusk set in. We alternated between our code zero and deep reaching gennaker, reaching Whangarei heads after dark, but in good shape comparatively. Those that went outside ended up in light winds and bouncy seas, and got knocked from the westerly.

Overnight, the predicted strong nor-westerly did not fill in, and we beat up the coast in 6-10 knots of wind, closing in on the heels of Predator, and being chased by Promise. Predict Wind showed a blast of 25 knot wind filling in at 4 am. Luckily this did not come until after daybreak, when we were off Whangaruru. At this point, we put two reefs in the main, switched from the #1 to #3 and battled ever increasing waves for three hours until we were able to round Cape Brett on the inside in breaking seas. Unfortunately, Promise had pulled ahead due to their longer waterline length, and Predator had extended its lead, apparently due to better boat handling in the strong winds.

From Cape Brett it was a much easier and fast close reach to Tapeka and a short run to the finish. The crew balked at hoisting the kite, otherwise we probably would have advanced to 2<sup>nd</sup>. The lesson – even in a long race, the little things often make the difference.

All in all, the boat and crew did great, and while it was a gruelling 26 hours, particularly towards the end, everyone enjoyed themselves. While officially we placed third, unofficially, per the online Racetrack handicap system results, we placed 1st of the boats our division, so great results.



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Each January we have the very popular Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta. Russell boats always participate in this enjoyable regatta. More boats entering would be great though.

The regatta is organised by the Bay of Islands Sailing Week committee on behalf of the four boat clubs in the Bay of Islands. The chairman of the Sailing Week



committee is John Grant.

The regatta depends on volunteers for its success. If you want to volunteer to help, including on the bar in the evenings, contact John Grant at 403-8231.

### Classified Ads

Mooring available at Matauwhi Bay.

Long term preferred at \$70 monthly for up to a 12 metre vessel.

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al.cj@xtra.co.nz

If you have anything boat related you want to buy, sell or rent why not put a classified ad in Mainsheet? Only \$5 for up to 30 words for current members. Contact Andrew at 403 7177 or [info@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:info@russellboatingclub.org.nz)

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