



Mainsheet

24 August 2015

COMING UP

- Working Bee – Saturday 5 September, 0900 hrs start. A wide range of tasks on the list: office tidy, replacing decking around the donation box, putting stainless sheets in the chiller cupboards, giving toilets a spring clean, floor and seat repairs. More details next week.
- Pool Knockout Tournament – Friday 28 August, 11 September, and 25 September. Small entry fee, half of the entry fee goes to the prize pool, half to the club, everyone gets at least two games, 1800 hrs start. Contact Simon 027 499 1123 if interested.
- Race 3 of the 3 race Winter Series – Sunday 13 September, noon start.
- Days getting longer – daylight savings starts Sunday 27 September.
- First evening race – Cater Marine Spring Series race 1, Wednesday 30 September, 1800 hrs start.
- our 2015-2016 calendar is being prepared, and should be out in mid-September. Do you want an ad in it? Only \$75 plus gst. Contact Andrew Riddell (4037177).



OUR JETTY

Our jetty is better than ever, out in deeper water, with a new pontoon ramp and mast crane; all ready for the coming summer. Well almost – there are still some stays and bracing to come for the mast crane before it is ready for use.

Here are a couple of ways to make it easier for everyone to use the jetty:

First, please tie your dinghy up using a long painter (3 metres or more) so more dinghies can use the pontoon at the same time.

Second, if your dinghy is longer than 3.5 metres odd, please tie it up on the outside of the pontoon, closest the moorings. This leaves more room for smaller dinghies on the rest of the jetty.

And don't forget the jetty maintenance donation box.

Thanks to all who helped with the upgrade to the jetty and the mast crane, especially Harbour Marine Services (Hylton Edmonds), Bonus Contractors (Ross Norman), BOI Septic Tank Cleaners (Simon Taylor), Steve Hardcastle Engineering (Steve Hardcastle), Russell Emerson & Heather Dalton, Miller Marine (Miller Marine), and NZ Yacht Services (Paul Smith).



Russell Boating Club comes second in interclub round robin pool and darts tournament – Simon Taylor's report.

The last interclub comp was held at the bowls club and despite ferocious competition, the offer of double the points scored, huge vocal support and a lot of amber fluid drinking the Grand Penguin Trophy remains firmly entrenched within the hosting club's walls. But it was briefly captured by our resident pirate for a photo (see above) to remind us all of the glory that can be ours next year when we participate again !

All in all everyone had a great time and big thanks to the hosts of each club and also to Gary Houson for his organization skills, MC humour and obvious poor addition!!

This Friday 28th we are going to start our own fortnightly pool comp at the boat club .. 6pm start ... already have some 12 players keen to participate so let me know if you wish to be in the draw and keep an eye out on your emails for further details shortly on costs / dates etc

Welcome to Alice, our new cook. Come on down and sample her great cooking.

Membership renewals due Subs are now due for the 2015 2016 year. All current members should have received an invoice for their renewal. Be great if you could pay promptly, it helps our cash flow over the winter! In case you want to join and didn't get an invoice, or know someone else who wants to join, you can get a [membership form here](#).

RACING NEWS

Winter series We have held two races of the three race winter series, with *E-Nine*, *Caprice* and *K-Dee* turning up to both races. *Sky Rocket* joined them for the second race.

The first race was on one of those glorious fine winter days, with only one problem, hardly any wind. A 12.3 nm course was set, but after 3 hours racing, we called it a day with just 6.6 nm sailed. *E-Nine* took the double..

The second race had a chilly chilly wind, but at least there was wind. Out around Paramena and back was the course. *K-Dee* was the handicap winner, with just 10 seconds separating *E Nine* in third and *Caprice* in fourth.

The series is looking very close with one more race to go, on Sunday 13 September.

Not long now to 30 September and the first evening race of the new season.

Finally something on [lifejackets](#) to think about.

Volunteers' Corner

In the last newsletter we started a regular section showing how you can help keep you club running, with some little jobs that can be done by volunteers. Here are a couple more:

Club night helpers – make visitors welcome, help in the kitchen and the bar during the busy times. If we get enough volunteers we can set up a roster where you have a turn once every month or so. Contact Simon Taylor (027 499 1123) or Andrew Riddell (4037177) to volunteer, or email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

Getting some speakers – You might remember the talks from weather man Bob McDavit or Americas Cup helmsman Peter Holmberg, or the recent one from Lyndsay Alexander on whaling. Be great to have talks like that, on boating matters, regularly. Would you like to to organise some speakers. If we can get three volunteers for this, then each has to organise a speaker only once every three months. Easy, eh? Contact Andrew Riddell (4037177) or email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz



Did you know? That the Russell Boating Club paid for our race start box on the Russell wharf, with the agreement of the then Northland Harbour Board?

Vin Hill's account: "Prior to the early 1980s the OOD on race days gave his signals standing on the end of the wharf with hand signalling flags and fog horn, and with the public for company.

"Around 1983-84 the wharf was almost completely rebuilt and the old cargo shed replaced with present building used mainly as an information centre.

"Lyll Hewitt, a committee member at that time, suggested that the Club

approach the Northland Harbour Board, who were responsible for the project, to include in the new building some simple facility for yacht racing purposes.

“The Board, being well disposed towards the Club because of our restoration of its derelict property in Matauwhi Bay, agreed to add a bare mezzanine floor and a sliding window at the seaward end. The Club was to pay \$1000 to cover the additional expense of materials and labour. This was all done informally and as far as I can remember there was no paperwork, although the committee minutes of that time will have verified the expenditure.

“We had a key to the place, provided our own ladder and took care not to step backwards down to the lower floor. Some years later a back wall and staircase were added and the space shared with a yacht charterer. The Club did not contribute to these improvements.”

From your Committee: Tony Hanlon (Commodore, commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz), Simon Taylor (Club House Captain 027 499 1123), Andrew Riddell (Secretary-Treasurer, info@russellboatingclub.org.nz), Terry Bundell (co-opted), Jay Howell, Jonathan MacInnes (co-opted), David Nicolson, Helen Ough Dealy, John Seal.

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