



Mainsheet

27 September 2015

2015-2016 subs due now

Your subs help keep your club going. Contact Andrew

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Coming Up

30 September Evening racing starts. Cater Marine Spring Series Race 1.

2-4 October BOI Walking Weekend - the Russell Clubs walk visits RBC

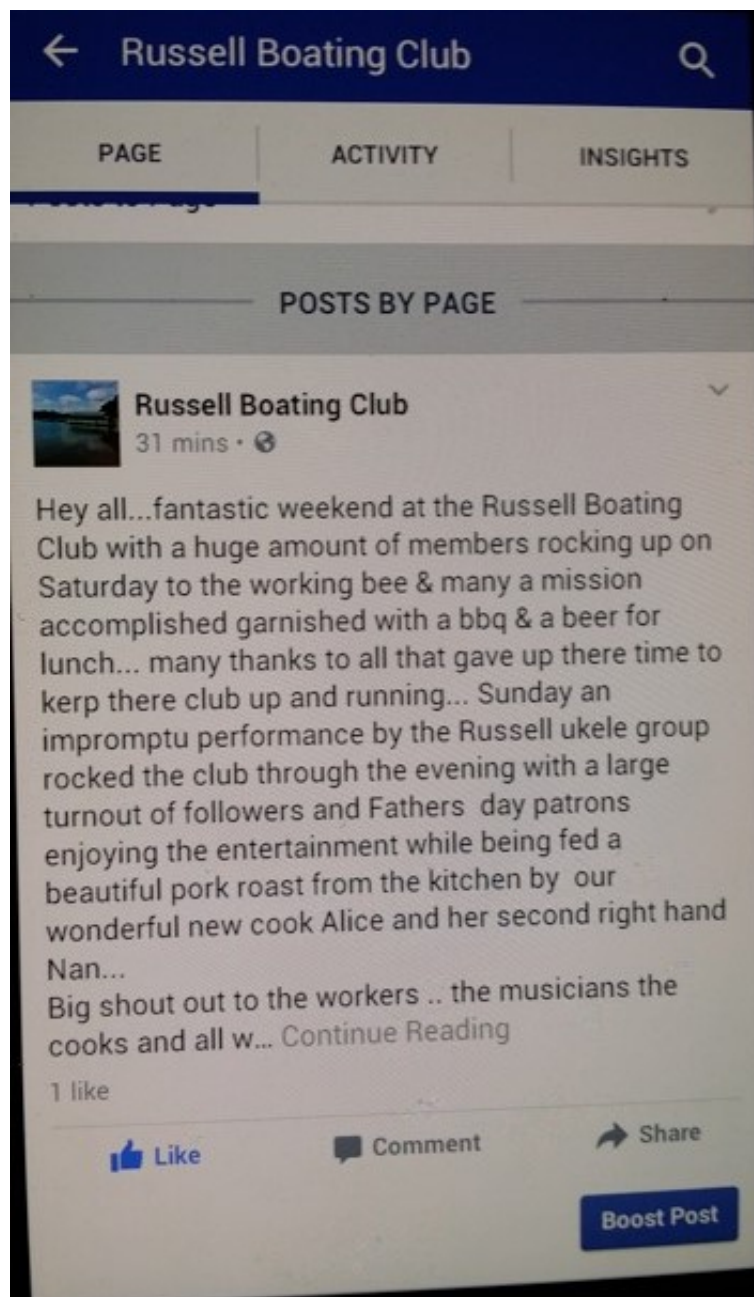
11 October RBC Opening Day Race, James Wright Scott Cup, Race 1 of the Duke of Marlborough Weekend series

31 October RBC Halloween dance

2-3 November Yachting NZ Have a Go Programme (Junior Sailing)



The final of the RBC pool competition, held on Friday 28th August, was hotly contended by the remaining five players and ended with Pirate winning over Tommo in the best of three. Congratulations to them both. The lucky draw went to Neal from the yacht *Kapai*, so when you are on the club next, Neal, your winnings are with Maddy behind the bar. Thanks to all who participated and there will be something similar again soon in the way of a comp so keep up those skills!



Great day, lots of work done and fun had at the recent working bee at the club. Thanks for everyone for getting involved!

Spirit of New Zealand cruise

The *Spirit of New Zealand* are offering places for anyone over 18 years on a cruise from Napier to Wellington, from the 2nd to 5th December 2015. \$590 per person. Email summer@spiritofadventure.org.nz or phone 09 373 2060 for more details.

Your Yachting New Zealand membership card is coming. One of the perks of joining the Russell Boating Club this year is the Yachting New Zealand purchase card which you will also be sent. This card gets you discounts at many boating and other places. Those who have paid their 2015-2016 membership subscription can expect to receive their card from October on.

From *A/vei*, a bit of her cruise report:

It was a 735-mile sail from Suva to Luganville, Vanuatu. With only four in the crew we had to stand watch and watch, four hours on and four off. The first day underway was a slow start, with light winds from the north and south. We had to use the engine for eight hours to get clear of the reefs and islands in the Kandavu Passage.

It was not until our third day at sea, when light airs gave way to fresh trade winds and we started making good time with a fresh breeze on the starboard quarter. After that we had a number of hundred mile days that saw *A/vei* bouncing along with three to four metre seas and 15 to 20 knots of wind.

We set the square top'sail to push us through the Selwyn Straits and into the inland sea between Malekula and Pentacost Islands. Becalmed between the islands we had to use the engine the last 10 hours to anchor off the Beachfront Resort in the early morning hours on the first of September.

Since then we have loaded some medical supplies. The wood mill projects have been put on hold until Brian can budget enough time to oversee the proper use of the equipment.

Our primary task is to visit the Project MARC sites around Malekula and Ambrym to assess the damage from Cyclone Pam. We will visit some of the smaller islands between Epi and Port Vila to learn if some aid work needs to be done there.

We'll be in Port Vila by early October and again underway for New Zealand by the middle of the month.

Junior sailing

On November 2 and 3 we are hosting the Yachting New Zealand Have a Go! programme. This is a programme designed to give school students aged between 8 and 12 the opportunity to learn about sailing. Russell School has the (would-be) sailors, Brett Avery is coordinating this event for the Boating Club.

Moorings wanted

Hamish (021 421 904) is looking for a mooring to rent, suitable for a 9m Townson yacht, between 20 and 28 December 2015.

Rob (021 079 9961) is looking for a mooring to rent for a 35-foot, keeler drawing five foot for December 2015, January and possibly February 2016.

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