



Mainsheet

30 October 2015

Coming Up:

- **31 October** Saturday night is Halloween Night at the Russell Boating Club.
- From 1700-1900 hrs it is the **kids' halloween party**, with spooketti bolognaise and prizes for the best costumes.
- From 1930 hrs it is **the adult kids' turn**. Tony and Deon will be rocking' the zombies. Dress to scare.
- **8 November** The Nine Pin Bird Rock race for the Fullers Cup. Race 2 in the Duke of Marlborough Hotel weekend series. 1000 hrs start, results at 1830 hrs or as soon thereafter as possible. Come and listen to the results, hear the tales of daring-do with this major ocean race.
- **5 December** Working bee, get the club house spick and span for the summer holidays.
- **9 January** **The 41st Tall Ships regatta**. Not that far away now See below for ways that how you can help make it another great event.



TALL SHIPS exciting jobs available

The Tall Ships is a well-known annual event.

On the way to reaching forty-plus years there have been many of us who have "stood a long watch" - managing it for many years - such is

the enjoyment of it all.

Having longstanding organisers means our ways are well rehearsed and we have evolved the simplest possible ways of doing things so that anybody can participate -- we all learnt the ropes alongside others with experience in an atmosphere of friendly encouragement, sharing the work and fun.

As Race Co-ordinator for a few years Christine Hall is now seeking folk who would like to learn/share her jobs and hopefully take them over. These can be done by many different people, not by just one person.

[Click here](#) for more information and a summary of tasks.

Feel free to volunteer for any one or more of these tasks. Contact Christine Hall at 4037968 for further information.

(Tall Ships images courtesy of Mike Trotter and Simon Taylor)



THE SLIP UPGRADE

The slip is looking good after the major concrete pour. Still work to do before it can be used though -- things like installing wash down water collection system plumbing, preparing the slip management plan and getting

WEBSITE

Our website www.russellboatingclub.org.nz is being re-designed so it is more useful. Something more to look forward to.

CALENDAR

Regional Council approval for it, and training for slip masters.

On that note, we are looking for volunteers for slip masters-- the more we have the easier it is on everyone. Contact Simon Taylor (0274991123) or Andrew Riddell (4037177) if you are interested.

Big big thanks to all who helped with the preparation and concrete slab pour -- too many to name here in this short article, but there are many very generous people and businesses who helped.

TALL SHIPS RAFFLES

We sell raffles at Tall Ships. If you have any new items or goods (preferably nautical) that would be good to include in a raffle contact Christine Hall (4037968).

MEMBERSHIP FORM

In case you need a membership form to give to someone, you can [download one here](#).

The 2015-2016 calendar is out and all current (2015-2016) members should have received a copy. They make great presents. Extra copies available at the bar -- good buying at \$6 a copy.

MEMBERSHIP

Roughly two thirds of last year's members have paid their subs for the 2015-2016 year. We have just sent out reminders. Prompt payment helps your club.

COASTAL CLASSIC

E-Nine was the Russell Boating Club boat racing in this year's Coastal Classic. And pretty satisfying results: 3rd on handicap in division 4, and 43rd keeler overall. And only 44 seconds behind the second placed yacht in division 4.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

A request about the community gardens at Matauwhi Bay. Please don't leave your unwanted boat bits in the gardens. Dispose of them properly. Thanks.



RACING CORNER

A National Champion we have a national sailing champion racing with us. Here is an account of how it happened, and what next, from Bruce Trotter -

It seems a little bit too late to tell you this now, but earlier this year I won the New Zealand Raceboard Nationals.

Raceboard is a windsurfing class that comprises most long sailboards with centreplates, including all the Olympic windsurfing classes prior to 2008. It is also the windsurfing class most like conventional yachting - with a traditional windward-leeward course.

Raceboard has a mostly open class rule. You can have two sails, with a maximum size of 9.5m², and the hull has to be a production hull recognized by ISAF. Otherwise there is considerable room for development, particularly with foils, masts, booms, and sails. And, yes, unfortunately, pumping is legal.

Until I went to the New Zealand Nationals this year, I hadn't really raced another windsurfer in 15 years. My goal was to win my age division – which had the humble 'tag' of - "Grand-Master" (for those in the 45-55 year old age group). Age aside, my real concern was that when you sail alone you either end up going slow or not pointing very well, or both.



I am glad to say that all those evenings spent racing *Breeze Bender* and *Hard Drive*, and trying to point as high as *Caprice*, or just beat *Warringal* on handicap, must have paid off. I was very surprised to discover that I was competitive. And in the end I am almost ashamed to say that I won relatively easily. In part this was because there wasn't a great depth to the fleet, but also we raced in my best wind conditions. For this reason I have been saying that I accidentally won the New Zealand Nationals - but I don't pretend that it will be so easy next time around.

Of course I was thrilled to win a National event, but in normal circumstances there wouldn't be much more to say....except...recently Australia were formally granted the rights to host the 2016 Raceboard World Championships. They will be held in November next year, and hosted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in Brisbane. There could be as many as 20 New Zealanders who will attend this event.

I have already begun training for these Worlds. This includes racing in the 2015 Australian Nationals that will also be held in Brisbane at the end of this coming November – in just 4 weeks time. Once again my sensible goal is to do well in my age group...but I do have delusions of grandeur. It is possible that the World Champion (who is Polish) will also be at this event and it will be my first opportunity to learn about the venue and just how much work I have to do in the next 12 months.

The boats in our yacht club are my best training partners, and I also really appreciate the regular racing that we get. I look forward to sailing with you all this summer.

If you want to follow my progress at the Australian Nationals this upcoming 27-29 November then please check out www.raceboard.org or 'Raceboard Windsurfing' on Facebook, or just ask Mum & Dad.

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