

Mainsheet

17 December 2015

XMAS REMINDERS

Kid's Xmas Party changed to
Sunday 20 December

All welcome - just bring a plate of food to share

When? 2pm to 4pm

Where? Russell Boating Club club rooms

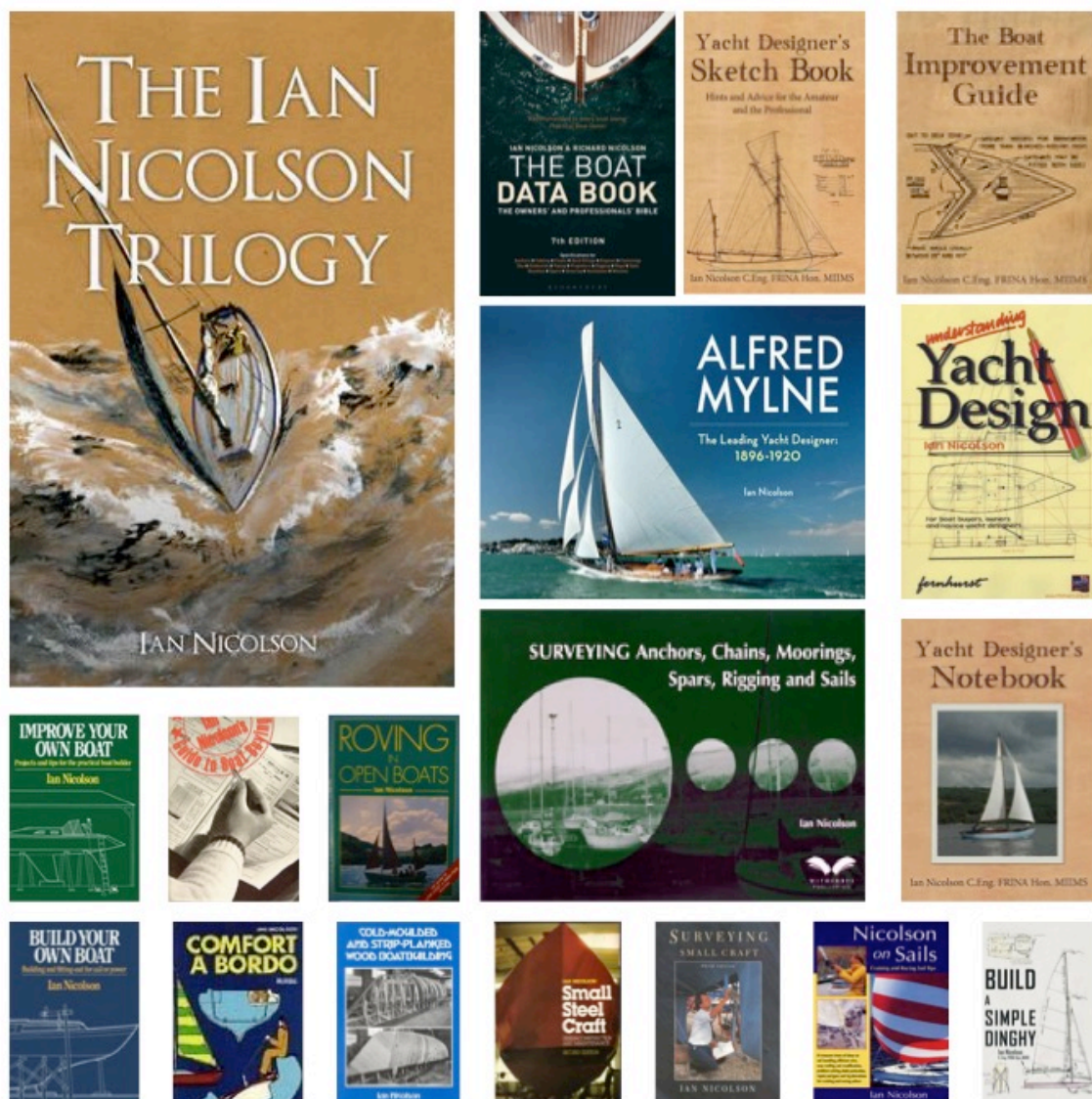
What? Party games, competitions, prizes, Rudolf and Santa
arriving by dinghy!

Who? Everyone! You don't need to be a Boating Club member to
come along

Adult's Xmas Party this Friday
18 December

Bring a secret Santa gift (value no more than \$5-\$10)

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY DECEMBER 25



“70 Years in the Boat Industry”
 Talk by Ian Nicolson* Russell Boat Club
 5.00 pm 27th December 2015

* Apprenticed to Frederick Parker and serving his journeyman ship with Thornycroft Ltd Ian was a pioneer in the field of ocean cruising, sailing to Vancouver from Britain in 1952. He worked for Thornton Grenfell before hitch-hiking across Canada, building a boat and sailing it back to Britain single handed. This adventure is recounted in *The Trilogy*.

After a spell as a naval architect to the magazine "Yachts and Yachting", Ian Nicolson became a partner in Mylne in 1959 and formed Nicolson Hughes Sails in 1973. He continues to race, design, write and consult as Ian Nicolson and Partners having written over 25 books besides lecturing widely. Apart from the numerous dinghies he has built, he has constructed six yachts for his own use to his own designs. Construction, design and racing combined when he jointly built a sea-worthy dinghy from scratch in 57 minutes and 39 seconds - a world record at the time.

WORKING BEE

Good attendance at the working bee on Saturday 5 December. As you can see from the photographs below a lot of the work was on the

slip. (Thanks Simon and Andrew for these photos.)

The reserve and car park also got a good tidy, getting ready for Tall Ships.

The next many-hands-make-light-work event is the week before Tall Ships with preparing the reserve, erecting the marquee and preparing the hangi all happening. We will send out a special Mainsheet or two about this closer to the day.



TALL SHIPS

Many people help prepare and run Tall Ships.

This is much appreciated. Without your help Tall Ships would not be the great community event that it is.

Expect one or two more Mainsheets between now and Tall Ships where we let you know what jobs are coming up, when the tent is being erected, when food needs preparing and such like.

Meanwhile a request from Helen Ough Dealy: If you would like to spare an hour or two on Saturday 9 January any of the following jobs, you will be helping make this occasion spectacular!

- selling hangi tickets
- selling raffles
- selling race merchandise

Give Helen a call if you would like more details 0272244115 or email words_that_work@xtra.co.nz

UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Wasn't it great having the soon to be internationally famous Russell Ukelele Orchestra playing on a balmy Sunday evening with the tide lapping around the club house? Well they have expressed an interest in coming back

Let's see if we can have live music regularly on Sunday over the rest of summer when it is high tide in the evening. Watch out for further announcements.

TALKS

We intend having some talks on the Fridays when there isn't an evening race, starting some time in January. Lindsay is keen to give a whaling talk

OMATA WINES

You may be aware that we sell selected top quality wine at \$35 a bottle. We are pleased to announce that we have added a selected wines from the local vineyard (and race sponsor) Omata Estate.

Sauvignon Blanc 2014 -- crisp and citrusy, with hints of passionfruit

Pinot Gris 2015 -- hints of lychee and pear, Northland's most popular wine. Medal winner at the New Zealand International Wine Show 2015.

Chardonnay 2013 -- whole bunch pressed and matured in two year old French oak.

Merlot 2013 -- soft and fruity on the nose.

Syrah 2013 -- earthy and peppery. Medal winner at the New Zealand International Wine Show 2015.

KERIKERI RACES

Kerikeri Cruising Club has a couple of races that may be of interest in January, and a bay boat cruise.

On 2 January it holds its annual C Patridge Yachts sponsored Round the Islands race. 11 am start.

And Friday January 15 at 1900 hours is the start of the Willis Sails sponsored Poor Knights race.

Let's hope there will be more wind than last year. For further details on these races go to www.kerikericruisingclub.org.nz/sailing/keelboat-racing/

A new initiative from Kerikeri is the Bay Boat Club Cruise, with a BBQ lunch in one of the bays in the Bay of Islands. Sunday 17 January. See the poster at the end of this newsletter for more details.

MELANOMA

Melanoma is a serious hazard for us sailors so it is good to see this initiative from Yachting NZ. We will publish further information on melanoma prevention and detection when we receive it from Yachting NZ.

Yachting New Zealand is proud to announce a partnership with Melanoma New Zealand, the not-for-profit organisation offering a national network of information and support, with a mission to save lives and support those affected by melanoma.

again. Bruce Trotter will be talking about winning the NZ and Australian Sailboard Champion, date to be settled. Maybe we will be able to convince some of our members who have worked for Team NZ to give a talk. Any suggestions welcome, contact Andrew at 4037177 or email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz.

And don't forget we have Ian Nicolson talking on Sunday 27 December. See the poster above.

HISTORY CORNER

I was sorting through heaps of old files in the office and found some even older newsletters than the ones mentioned in the last Mainsheet; also newspaper clippings from 1981 to 1985 on club races and agms. Here is a newsletter from [July 1982](#), and an end of season roundup that appears to be from [autumn 1983](#). If anyone has earlier newsletters it would be great to get copies.

GREYBEARDS V MUD CRABS

Hope you are all practicing your batting, bowling and fielding for the revived *clash of the titans* between the Greybeards and Mud Crabs on the cricket pitch on the sand bar south of Motukiekie Island on 23 January.

By sharing knowledge about melanoma prevention and early detection with the sailing community, more people will become aware of the dangers, check their skin regularly and take care in the sun.

RACING NEWS

Great to see *Lucille* back out racing. But man is her handicap going to change.

Also good to welcome *Black Betty* back for the rest of the season.

The Friendship Cup saw another first-time-out-for-the-season-boat with *Jiminy Cricket*, which won the second race. Flash paint job.

Southerns claimed yet another victim during an evening race with the old "hook the spinnaker halyard on the beacon" trick. Makes a change from the usual chaos when Russell and Opu are rounding the Southerns in different directions.

The spring series of evening races are almost over. The summer series start after Tall Ships. Also in January is the first of the single handed races.

Last but not least the Bay of Island Sailing Week regatta is in the last week of January. Enter before January 1 and avoid the late entry penalty.

www.bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz

RAFFLES

We are running raffles on club nights again. Often a meat pack but thanks to Maureen for the Christmas cake raffle (won by Tommo) and to Gail and Jeff for the Xmas hamper. You can buy tickets in this Xmas hamper raffle anytime up to Christmas.

DRYING OUT (AGAIN)

As was reported in the last Mainsheet boats are able to dry out alongside the club and use the mast crane again. There are restrictions on what can be done though imposed by our coastal permit. If the coastal permit conditions are breached the

Club could be prosecuted so please respect the restrictions.

You can see the [relevant consent conditions here](#). In summary:

Drying Out Alongside Permitted boat maintenance activities are:

(a) inspection of vessel hulls

(b) cleaning hulls LIMITED TO (i) removal of slimes and/or films by wet wiping with 'soft tools' such as cloths, squeegees or wiper systems, sponges, soft brushes or other non-abrasive methods; and (ii) removal of macro marine growths (not being slimes and/or films) from propellers, drive shafts, and sea chests using hand tools, with the marine growths collected using drop cloths, bins or similar, and the collected marine growths being disposed of to land; and

(c) minor repairs and maintenance involving no discharge of contaminants to the sea or sea bed.

All other boat maintenance is prohibited in the drying out area, including any boat maintenance activity likely to involve a discharge of antifouling or similar.

At the mast crane Boat maintenance activities including mast or engine removal or replacement shall not result in any discharge to the coastal marine area.

There is a booking system and a charge for use of these facilities. To book contact Terry Blundell 027 918 5809.



RIVALE REPORTS:

Wish I could be there for the Tall Ships race but the boat and I are land-locked in Palmy. We're doing educational tours with young people who might not normally get to climb aboard a boat.

We wish you all the best for the season.
See you soon.

The photo to the left is of Rivale at Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North (courtesy of Rivale)

BAY BOAT CLUB CRUISE SUN 17TH JANUARY

Kerikeri Cruising Club invites members of Bay of Islands Yacht Club, Opuia Cruising Club & Russell Boating Club to join us for a BBQ lunch.

LOCATION: A beach in the bay to be advised via Russell Radio or call VHF 77 on the day.

DINING DETAILS: BYO food & drink to share. BBQ's & some goodies will be provided.



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 <p>Sylvie 4038800 enreco@xtra.co.nz</p> <p>SAILS CANVAS SUNSHADES</p> <p>266 Aucks Rd, Okiato. Measures & Quotes in the mornings - At the workshop every afternoon</p>	<p>Original and Print Art, Framing and Art Supplies</p> <p>South Sea Art Gallery</p> <p>www.southseaart.co.nz 15 York Street, Russell</p> <p>Ph: (09) 403 7268 A/hrs 021 1499 261</p> 	 <p>Resource Management Advice</p> <p>ariddell@orcon.net.nz 403 7177</p>
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