



**BAY OF ISLANDS  
NEW ZEALAND**

## **Mainsheet**

21 January 2016

CRICKET, CRICKET AND CRICKET.

What else would a Boating Club do?

This Saturday 23 January is the Greybeards v Mud Crabs Cricket Match on the sand bar south of Motukiekie Island.

More details in the poster below but the four important things to note are:  
everyone welcome even the Australian cricket team (see last point)  
starts around noon  
confirmation given at 0900 hrs Saturday on vhf channel 77  
underarm bowling allowed

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# RBC CRICKET TROPHY

GREYBEARDS VS MUDCRABS

**Saturday January 23, 1200hrs**  
**Motukiekie Island Sandbar**

Kayak, motor or sail to the sandbar south of Motukiekie

(GPS -35 13' 26.39", 174 12' 29.16") and pitch anchor. **ALL welcome**, teams randomly selected on the day, umpire's decision final and with only passing reference to Marylebone Cricket Club rules. Bring picnics. Invitation to move to Army Bay overnight for post-match celebration, nothing formal just turn up.

Dress code: wetsuits optional. If anyone has space and is willing to take guests please get in touch with David via [kidavid\\_nicolson@hotmail.com](mailto:kidavid_nicolson@hotmail.com) indeed if you are willing to commit now, subject to weather on day, it would help to plan if we knew you were planning to come.... Children encouraged. Underarm permitted.

Confirmation of go-ahead will be made at 0900 on the day of the match and announced on Russell Radio with channel 77 being used for match communication under the callsign RBCCricketMatchHQ.  
SKIPPER'S ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CREW

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## TALL SHIPS

A big thank you to everyone who helped at Tall Ships. Without you it wouldn't be the success each year that it is.

More on Tall Ships in the next Mainsheet (after we have drawn breath a bit).

Here is what it looked like a couple of minutes after the start. Thanks to Mike Trotter for the image.



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#### BOI SAILING WEEK REGATTA

Next week it is the annual Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta, with over 80 boats out there racing from Wednesday 27 to Friday 28. Plus the super yachts in the Millennium Cup.

It isn't too late to enter, entries accepted until the close of registration at 6 pm on Tuesday 26 January.

And if you want to help by volunteering to work on the bar on one or more evenings that would be much appreciated.

Contact Andrew, 403 7177.

#### RACING NEWS

The Cater Marine women's series (3 evening races, 1 weekend race) started last night. A good turnout of 5 boats with their own start. *E-Nine* was

#### UKULELE ORCHESTRA

The soon to be world famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra is coming back on Valentines Day -- Sunday 14 February. Looking forward to it.

#### CLUB BIRTHDAY

On February 4 1976 the Russell Boating Club became an incorporated society; which means this year it is 40 years old!

We are planning a bit of a celebration on Friday night the 5th of February. Hopefully some of the original members talking about what the club and Matauwhi Bay was like back then.

#### INTERESTING TALKS

Lyndsay Alexander will be giving a talk on whaling on one of Friday club nights in March, date yet to be finalised.

first, *Caprice* second. But it is early days, things can change.

A new boat has joined our racing. Well two new ones actually. *Xanadu II*, 40 foot Spencer, and a foiling cat called *Marwin* were both raced in the evening race last night. *Xanadu II* was third in the women's race.

Next month we have the Russell Cup, race 4 in the 6 race Duke of Marlborough Hotel weekend series.

The Russell Cup is an interesting trophy. It started life in the 1920s as a cup for a passage race from Auckland to the Bay of Islands, then morphed into a cup for boats from all the boating clubs in the Bay of Islands after WW2.

Bay of Islands Yacht Club ran the races, with Russell Boating Club only taking over after the cup was found at the tip and given to Boating Club.

And once we work out suitable dates, we expect to be able to present a talk by Bruce Trotter on winning the Australian sailboard championship, and from a mystery speaker on racing in Europe.

If you have any other suggestions on speakers, or have just been on an interesting cruise (say to Stewart Island, hint hint) let us know and we will try to arrange more talks.

#### INTERNET

Wifi internet is now available at the club and across much of Matauwhi Bay. Enquire at the bar for rates and to purchase internet access.

#### FEELING LUCKY?

Then how about our casino night on Saturday 27 February?

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#### SHORT SHIPS RACE on Saturday, 27 February, 2016

A very scaled-down version of Tall Ships Race; this one for "hand-powered" vessels. The race is for the benefit of the Club, and is being organized by the Russell Lady Kayakers. All boats that use paddles or oars are welcome, with the public being most welcome to join in on this lively race around a bit of the Bay. Speed is to be counted, but, like Tall Ships, fun and zaniness also will be part of the day. We'll be having at least three races: men's kayaks, women's kayaks and rowing boats (shorter course). Awards and spot prizes will be given out, and an afternoon picnic will cap off the event.

We are planning for a 10:00 a.m. starting time, with staggered departures, expecting kayakers to complete the course in about an hour. For rowed boats the course will be shorter, but with some tricky bits. The entry fee will be \$10, 1/2 of each fee to go to the RBC, 1/2 for awards.

What we'd like help with are: a few motor boats to be stationed as monitors, a few prizes for winners, and any ideas and suggestions you might want to send us. Please come join us and bring friends to join or cheer us on. All one needs is a small boat, a paddle or oars, and knowledge of how to tie a bowline.....

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

We offer a classified ad service for members wanting to buy or sell or rent anything nautical. Cost \$5 for up to 30 words, \$10 for 31-50 words. Images extra. For enquiries or to place an ad in the next Mainsheet (mid-February) email [info@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:info@russellboatingclub.org.nz)

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