



Mainsheet

13 March 2016

COMING SOON

RAISING THE FLAG -- Wednesday 16 March -- how much have we raised so far in the 40 yr/40 k challenge? More below

POSTPONED -- The March 19 working bee is postponed to a date yet to be set.

JUNIOR SAILING PRIZEGIVING -- coming soon, watch out for notices. Be good to have lots of support at the prizegiving.

CLUB CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY -- Yes we are closed on Good Friday 25 March.

GENERAL MEETING -- Tuesday 29 March, 5.30 pm. Open to all members. What is working, what isn't working around the club? An opportunity to raise matters of interest and share and discuss ideas. Your committee would like to hear from you.

SAILING MEETING -- Sunday 3 April at 4 pm. What racing do you want next season? Who is going to be the new racing secretary? More drama than a James Bond movie.

TWO HANDED SERIES -- Northland Spars and Rigging Two Handed Series (3 races) starts on Sunday 10 April.

UKULELE ORCHESTRA -- on Sunday 24 April. Back by popular demand.

40 YEAR/ 40 K CHALLENGE



Here is the clubhouse on a king tide two years ago. There is about 300-400 mm clearance to the bottom of the club house floor. With continuing sea level rise we will sooner or later have to either raise the club house floor or wear gumboots.

The 40 year/40 k challenge is our long term fundraising campaign is to get the funds to raise and rennovate the clubhouse.

Thanks to Kiki Nicolson for the concept, and to Kiki and Susan and everyone else for so enthusiastically kicking off the 40 year/40 k challenge.

SHORT SHIPS





Thanks to Sandra Egan and the Russell lady kayakers for introducing this new fun event to the Boating Club. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning in summer. More please.

The results on the day:

Kayaks -- women -- Kathy Petersen

-- men -- Paul Rudling

-- senior women -- Rose Bunnell

-- senior men -- T

-- master women -- Rosamund Scoffham

-- master men -- Emil Nye

-- child -- Noah Dragon

-- grand master -- Bertie Ellis

Wakas -- women -- Jo Brendon-Cook

-- group -- Tracy and Donna

Dinghies -- men -- John Fortier

-- senior men -- Ross Norman

-- master men -- Gary Tettlebach

-- group -- Helen Ough Dealy & Lyndsay Alexander

Paddle Boards -- senior women -- Claudine Maynard

-- senior men -- Giovanni Belgrano

-- master women -- Margot Hudson

-- master men -- Jamie Hudson

The other big winners were all those who provided baking for the home baking table.

(images by Steve Western and Andrew Riddell)



RAISING THE RUSSELL BOATING FLAG ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH

February has seen a great start to the '40 years, 40k challenge', with The Soon to be Internationally Famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra playing at the Club and our Valentines Raffle, the Wine Tasting & Quiz, and our Home Baking Sale & Raffle at the Short Ships event.

The Russell Boating Club would like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising in February, especially our generous donors: Flowing Wellness, Fishbone Café & 88 Below Wine Bar in Kerikeri, The Russell Smokehouse, Christmas Hampers NZ, Zig Zag Charters, Bay of Islands Parasail, Russell Boat & Bike Hire and everybody who kindly made home baking.

So now for some non-fundraising light hearted fun

The Russell Boating Club invites you to come down to the club on Wednesday 16th March when we will be announcing, around 8.00pm, how much we've raised so far

towards the \$40,000 target.

And the person who guesses closest to the Total Amount Raised in February will be bought a drink by Kiki Nicolson, '40 years, 40k challenge' Fundraiser

Look forward to seeing you there.



WINE TASTING & QUIZ FUNDRAISER

Saturday 20th February saw 54 dedicated supporters and potential 'wine buffs' arrive at the Russell Boating Club for the *Wine Tasting & Quiz* evening, the first ticketed fundraising event for the '40 years, 40k challenge'.

Ten teams, six blind tastings, 3 reds and 3 whites with three multiple choice questions for each. Steve White, proprietor of Fishbone Café & 88 Below Wine Bar in Kerikeri, was our wine and quiz master.

Competition was rife apart from the Zinfandel Team who were clearly more interested in deliberately coming last to successfully win the consolation prize of Maynard's Wine Gums.

The winner was the Chardonnay Team, who aptly won a bottle of Chardonnay for their efforts.

Tasting and quiz completed it was finally time to enjoy Susan's amazing 'platter style' buffet table with its stunning centre piece of two sides of smoked salmon fillets generously donated by Chris & Carmen from The Russell Smoke House.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and made it such a success.

Kiki Nicolson & Susan MacInnes

Photographs by Jo Brendon Cook



SHORT TACKS

DOGS ON LEADS

Did you know that the Matauwhi Bay Recreation Reserve is actually a dogs on lead area?

For consistency and safety, we are making the club jetty a dogs on lead area as well.

ATAWHAI

The club runabout *Atawhai* has just had its sort of annual servicing, thanks to JB Marine at Opuā. Hope this

WHALING TALK

Lyndsay Alexander is planning another whaling talk either later this month or in April. Likely to be on Sunday, but the date hasn't been decided yet.

Maybe he will also talk about whaling in Mexico?

WIFI ON BOATS

The Club has wifi internet available in the club house and beamed out over

means it idles better than it did at Tall Ships.

Next on the list is a replacement vhf for the boat (and a second one for the start box).

GENERAL MEETING

On 29 March we are having another general meeting for all members, but especially those who won't be able to attend our AGM in late June.

You may recall that we had a similar general meeting in early April last year.

So come along and let the committee know what we are doing well, and any suggestions for improving the club. Your input, your club.

We hope these become a well attended annual event.

Matauwahi Bay. If you want good reception on your boat we suggest you get a wifi aerial on the boat. The wifi signal gets to your boat fine via the aerial. The return signal from the boat is often weak if you are relying on your laptop transmitter, at least at the distances involved. And the wifi needs good two way traffic to work. A boat aerial could be the way to go. Talk to John Seale (022 601 0611) for more details.

COASTGUARD COURSES

The Coastguard is running local courses for the maritime vhf Radio Operator Certificate and for Day Skipper.

These are at the Swordfish Club. One day vhf courses are on 2 and 30 April.

The day skipper course is over the weekend of 23 and 24 April.

Contact Coastguard Boating Education 0800 40 80 90 if you are interested in either course.

HISTORY CORNER

David Hope-Lewis recently donated a copy of the Bay of Islands Regatta booklet for the regatta at Russell on Boxing Day 1951.

This annual regatta was organised by the Bay of Islands Regatta Club.

The first written record of a regatta was 1912, although they certainly occurred before then. The regattas ended at the start of WW1, restarted between 1922 and 1930; and started again in 1946 (with a year off in 1948 because of "the infantile paralysis epidemic").

The keel yacht course was start off Russell, Haumi Buoy, Brampton Buoy, and back to Russell - 2 laps, 12 miles. Ten shillings to enter, but healthy cash prizes (10

pounds for first). The winner also held the T.R.Clow Challenge Cup for one year.

Other courses were for tuck stern boats, centreboard boats, speedboats and outboard, dinghies, and launches.

Lots of carnival events, swimming races and the like. And a dance afterwards.

At 1.15 pm there was the Best Ankle Contest. At 2 pm "Mr Ao-Te-A-Roa", a contest for the best proportioned and developed man in bathing suit.

Should we revive these events?

ROY HORNELL



TRIBUTE FROM OUR COMMODORE TONY HANLON (given at funeral)

I first met Roy Hornell in, I think, 1988 when he was the manager at Fullers Slipway. The coldest place in the Bay of Islands. I brought my team up to effectively put a new bottom on the "Koru". It was here that I first got to know the measure of the man.

I caught up again with Roy in 1999 when he was contracting. John Gebbie was helping us lay out the site for our home in Te Wahapu. Roy was there with his digger. Part of the job was to swing the driveway from the existing driveway into the house site. We had to make compromises as there were a couple of very large pine trees to skirt around. We left John and Roy to carry on as we were still commuting to Auckland in those days.

When we got back we witnessed the practicality of this man. Blow the compromises. Shift the trees. He and John were like cats on a hot tin roof. There was no evidence of any trees ever being there. No inspector would ever know the difference. They were so proud of their work.

But I'm not here to talk about our home.

Now is the time to commemorate and acknowledge Roy Hornell's contribution to the Russell Boating Club.

That's why John and I are up here. Like any good boat crew, we need a team. That's what Roy's contribution means to the Club and to us, and we figure that it takes a team to acknowledge Roy Hornell.

From the days when the Russell Boating Club was formed, this man was there.

Racing on board with Jill and *Macushla*, their efforts were well rewarded. *Macushla* is a 22 ft Mullety. (Contrary to what Jake has said, they did alright.)

I have here a 1983 End of season report, and I will take the liberty and read from that Report :-

"Another successful yacht this season was Macushla, a mullety belonging to and crewed by Roy and Jill Hornell. This old campaigner, aged 47 years and still going strong, won the James Wright Scott Trophy, the Friendship Cup and the Ladies Race Trophy, donated by the late Jim Bruton."

With Jill and *Macushla*, this guy was a stalwart of the Club. Along with Joe Cotton, and here is another story which actually has me wondering just what did happen.

"One of My Most Embarrassing Moment Dept: An enthusiastic Joe Cotton and crew was first yacht home in the Fullers Trophy Race but it didn't count. Apparently even with mainsheet in the teeth and knuckles white on the tiller, there weren't enough arms and legs on board Macushla to keep effective control in a blow near Ninepin and the lads sensibly accepted a tow home."

But it wasn't only just the playing.

His Committee participation started in the early days.

He was the Russell Boating Club Commodore from 1986 thru to 89.

For services to the Russell Boating Club he was made a life member in 95

And for his continued support, and because he was such a good bastard, he was made the Russell Boating Club's Patron in 2011. And as far as we are concerned, remains our Patron.

The Russell Boating Club owes a huge debt of gratitude to this man.

Our club house is a great venue to rent for parties, weddings, anniversaries. If you want to rent it for your event contact Simon Taylor or ask at the bar.

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