

Mainsheet

12 May 2016

COMING UP

Every FRIDAY -- the jackpot draw, a current member's name is drawn sometime between 6.30 and 7.30 pm, if present that person wins the jackpot -
- currently the pot is \$70 and increasing by \$10 each week it isn't won.

WHATEVER WEDNESDAYS -- come along to the club on Wednesday afternoon for, well, whatever. More details below.

HERB KINGI CUP -- Saturday 14 May -- race in the afternoon, the soon to be internationally famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra in the evening, glazed ham dinner, chocolate brownie dessert, ...

OPUA-RUSSELL INTERCLUB -- 3 race series starts Sunday 29 May; will Russell get the Fisher & Paykel Trophy back? It has been a while.

WORKING BEE -- Saturday 18 June

PRIZE GIVING AND AGM -- Friday 24 June

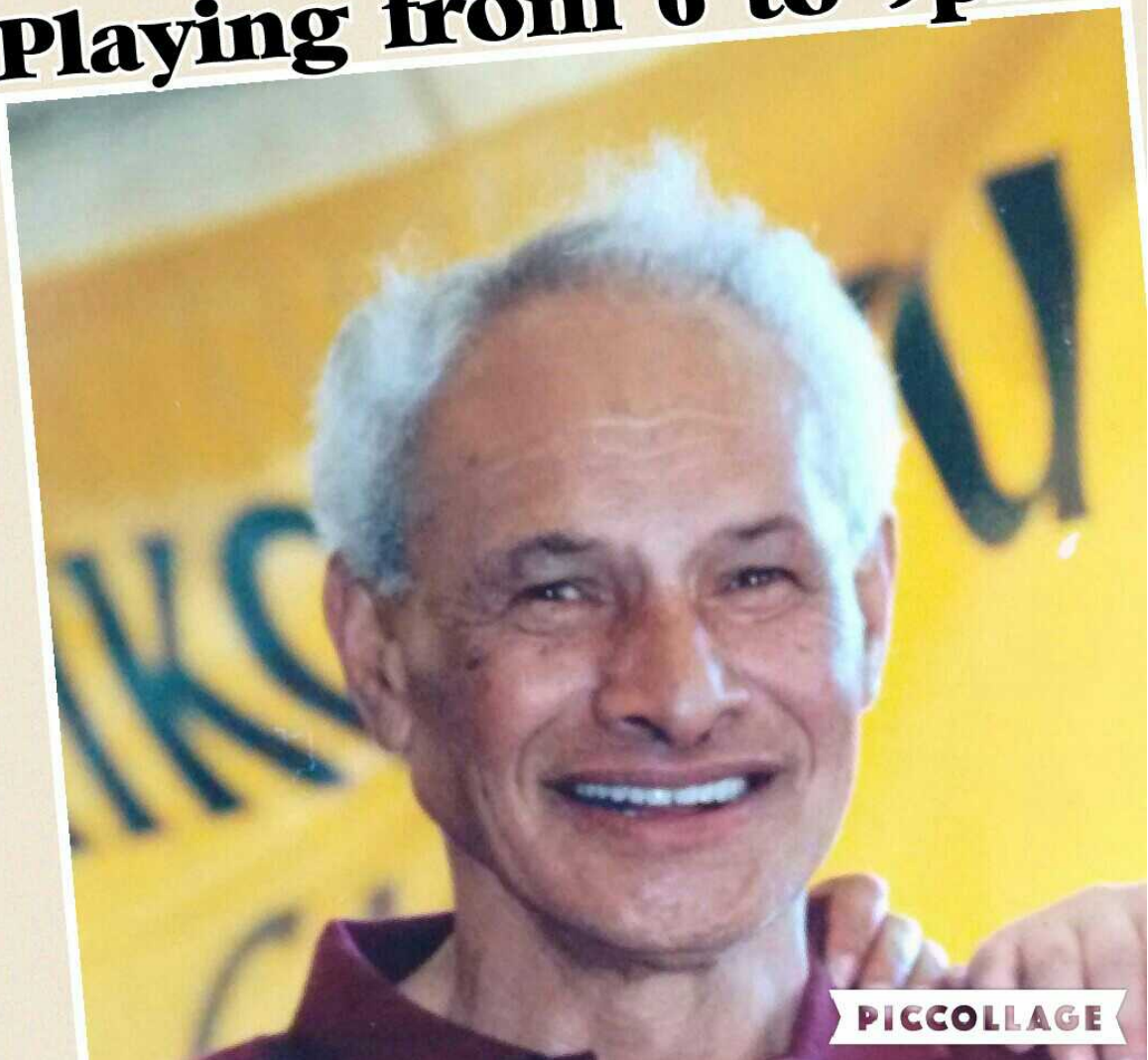
Herb Kingi Cup

yacht race memorial dinner dance

**Sat 14th may
Russell boat club**

Famous Russell ukulele orchestra

Playing from 6 to 9pm



FROM THE COMMODORE'S PENCIL ...

As is advertised in the Russell Boating Club's Programme, and elsewhere, the RBC's Annual General Meeting will be held on this coming 24th of June.

Your current Committee has spent a considerable amount of time deliberating on succession planning and is now appealing to Club members who would like to have a say in the management of the Russell Boating Club to come forward and make themselves available as General Committee members for the 2016-17 season.

For many years now, and I could suggest that from the very beginnings of the RBC, the RBC has been managed from members from the sailing fraternity. It has been these members who have steered our Club to be a predominately sailing club. We have a highly successful and proud history as a result of this management. I particularly refer to the Tall Ships Regatta and those who have steered this event to the success that it is.

The name of our club is the Russell Boating Club. It is not the Russell Sailing Club. It is referred to locally as the Boating Club.

We have seen this past season the successful running of the Short Ships event. An event that was conceived by our members and one that resulted in a different group of members, other than the everyday sailing group of members, enjoying what our Club has to offer. It is events such as this that will ensure a positive future for the Russell Boating Club. The Short Ships event saw those members with various forms of dinghies, wakas, and kayaks, have a great day.

We now need to open up on the Short Ships initiative and look at events that would involve those with other interests in the boating world. Those with runabouts, those with launches, those who would like to see some cruising options, or those who just like "messaging about in boats". What about fishermen and a Fishing Contest?

For too long our Club has existed solely on the participation of those sailing members who race their boats on Wednesdays and Fridays with the occasional weekend race thrown in. This past year the Club has relied on those few sailing members to keep our Club active.

Your General Committee now appeals to all of our members, especially those whose interest in boating is other than just racing their yacht, to assist our Club's management team by coming forward and offering their expertise and enthusiasm, and steering our Club into the future and ensuring that the next 40 years will be as progressive and successful as the last 40 years.

WHATEVER WEDNESDAY



WHATEVER WEDNESDAY every Wednesday at Russell Boating Club from 2PM. This is an opportunity for you to do *WHATEVER* you want! Play board games, play cards, jigsaws, bring your knitting etc... We might even be able to answer some of your simple computer questions?? Come down just for a chat and meet others. Tea and coffee provided. Look forward to seeing you :) ALL WELCOME

(images supplied by Heather Worsley)

SHORT TACKS

SPOT DRAW

On Friday evenings, sometime between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm we draw a current member's name. If that member is present he or she wins a cash jackpot prize. If that person is not there, the jackpot increases by \$10 and another draw is held the following Friday. And so it goes unless the jackpot gets up to \$500 in which case names will continue to be drawn until the \$500 is won.

This started on Friday 29 April, when

IN IRONS

There were some "deliberate" mistakes :- in the last Mainsheet. Who spotted them?

The Junior Prizegiving wasn't on Friday 22 April, as published. It was on Friday 8 April.

Our winter maintenance closure will be from 11 to 31 July, not to 28-31 August. August is for club pool tournaments and things. And a winter race. And

Peter Tait's name was drawn. Not present so \$10 added.

On Friday 6 May Jonathan MacInnes' name was drawn. Not present so the jackpot for the 13 May draw is \$70.

AGM

Our AGM is on Friday 24 June. Any notices of motion need to be received by the Secretary by 3 June. The Committee will be putting up notices of motion on adding an indemnity clause to our Club rules, and explicitly setting when any notices of motion must be received before a general meeting.

The next Mainsheet should include nomination forms for committee and officer positions: Patron, Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and general committee. So think about which position is for YOU.

SLIP UPDATE

Slow but steady progress on the slip upgrade. The wash down water collection system is ready for final plumbing and wiring, the screening curtains are in place, the signs required by the coastal permit are being prepared. Still to go is the engineer's sign off, the final draft of the slip management plan and then ask the Regional Council for the final okay.

ANOTHER BOAT IN THE FLEET

Just arrived in Matauwhi Bay is a Beale 33 named Eliminator. It will be joining our racing fleet.

The owner has been trying to gull the handicapper by making much of the

....?

WHICH ANTIFOUL?

We were asked the other day which antifoul is best for Matauwhi Bay conditions. Good question.

Let us know your favourite -- send to info@russellboatingclub.org.nz or phone 4037177 -- and we will publish the replies in a future Mainsheet.

GETTING MAINSHEET BY POST?

Just over 30 people receive their Mainsheet by post, which is great.

But it does mean a delay getting your copy of the Mainsheet compared to those getting an email copy. So apologies that some of the event notices will be out of date by the time you get your Mainsheet.

We usually have a few articles linked to the Mainsheet which you can't open when you get your Mainsheet by mail.

If you want to see any of those articles feel free to ring Andrew at 4037177 and request them.

Happy reading.

FORMED PATH AND CONCESSION

During the last year we have had plans drawn up for a formed pathway across the Matauwhi Bay Recreation Reserve and for disabled access from the reserve to the back of the club house.

The next step is to get permission to undertake these works from the reserve administrator the Department of Conservation. A concession application will be made soon for a long term lease for a path and access

heavy cruising gear on board, claiming a very large fixed blade propellor and saying that all the sails are old, stretched bags.

I doubt it will work. One look at those 3DL sails and

and to renew the permission for the Opti shed, winch shed, water tank, retaining wall and steps - all of which are on reserve land. It is expected that the application will be publicly notified.

JUST CRUISIN'

Good news from [Yachting New Zealand](#) on getting protection of our Northland cruising waters and anchorages from future marine farms and other structures. Some extracts from the press release:

"Recreational boaties and yachties visiting the Northland region are assured of safe access to popular anchorages, harbour entrances, bays of refuge and navigational routes thanks to the collective advocacy efforts of Yachting New Zealand, the Auckland Yachting & Boating (AYBA) and Northland Yachting Associations.

"The changes, which include new aquaculture exclusion zones and new wording acknowledging the significance of recreational water users, come into operation today, 9 May 2016.

"The process of creating Regional Plans is often long, extending over a number of years, requiring the significant commitment on the part of those involved to see the process through to completion. In this case, Council hearings were held back in 2007, while appeals to the Environment Court were lodged in 2008. Due to additional delays resulting from various changes to legislation governing aquaculture, the final decision was not released by the Court until 2015.

"Notwithstanding the time and effort required, it is important that boating interests play a role in their preparation because Regional Coastal Plans control activities in the Coastal Marine Area. If the Regional Coastal Plan does not properly address those matters of concern to boaties up front, the boating community will have to face repeated battles regarding similar issues as each individual resource consent application for a Marine farm is made.

"The key areas where significant aquaculture-free zones will come into place include Whangaroa, the Cavalli Islands, Doubtless Bay, Bream Bay, the Bay of Islands and harbour access points including Whangaruru, Tutukaka and Whangarei entrances.

"The advocacy work that goes on largely behind the scenes at Yachting New Zealand is seen by the organisation as essential to preserve the freedom for all yachties and boaties to enjoy New Zealand's coastline, not limited to those who are members of clubs.

Follow [this link](#) for the full story.

WHERE ARE YOUR CRUISIN' STORIES?

We are happy to print your cruising stories (hint hint all of you sailing up to the islands in the next month). Just email your story with images to info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

RACING NEWS

OPUA-RUSSELL INTERCLUB

We have finished the Northland Spars and Rigging Two Handed series, and have one more race to go in the Duke of Marlborough Hotel weekend series, then it is time for the annual three race Opuia-Russell Interclub for the Fisher & Paykel trophy. Races are on Sunday 29 May, Opuia start; Sunday 12 June, Russell start; and Sunday 26 June, Opuia start.

Our record in the last few years in these interclubs has been abysmal -- too few Russell boats competing -- and the Fisher & Paykel trophy has been living at Opuia for far, far too long. We have a space reserved for it over the kitchen door

BAY OF ISLANDS SAILING WEEK

Bay of Islands Sailing Week runs the Sailing Week regatta each January. Its annual general meeting is on Monday 23 May, 7pm start, at the Bay of Islands Yacht Club. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Bay of Islands Sailing Week was set up by the four yacht clubs in the Bay of Islands, and each annual general meeting representatives of each club are elected onto the Sailing Week Committee.

Russell is currently represented by John Grant (chairman) and Andrew Riddell (secretary).

RACEBOARD NATIONALS

Bruce Trotter recently attended the New Zealand Raceboard Championship at Murrays Bay. His report:



Many of you know that later this year, in a moment of middle-aged madness, I will enter the Raceboard World Championships in Australia. As part of my preparation for the Worlds I recently attended the New Zealand Raceboard Nationals at Murrays Bay over the long Anzac Weekend.

I am proud to say that I have been anointed 'New Zealand Raceboard Champion' – although

this time it comes with a couple of important footnotes. I feel that it is very important to say that the event was actually won by Kiran Badloe of The Netherlands. I came second, and was only crowned National Champion because I was the first placed New Zealander. Kiran is part of the Dutch Olympic Team; was recently third in the Olympic Class RS:X World Championships; and is also coached by fellow kiwi Aaron McIntosh. In short, Kiran is the third best windsurfer in the World, and he is so good that it is easy to imagine him winning a gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. (His teammate Dorian van Rijsselberghe is defending Olympic Champion and recently came second at the RS:X World Championships.) Kiran is 21 years old and 6 foot 5.... I am 47 years old and didn't shave....so my competition could see my grey whiskers and hopefully take it easy on me – and they probably did.

I also need to say that I was tied for second place with fellow kiwi Antonio Cozzilino – and only won on a count back because I had more first places. Antonio is New Zealand's heir apparent in the RS:X Olympic Class and we are all hoping that he will eventually gain a nomination for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

It was a real privilege to get a front row seat to watch these guys sail. I am very happy that I was able to win three races, and to still have an opportunity to win the contest outright - right up to the last race. That said, I am also aware that I have managed to sneak my National title – by one of my grey whiskers.

I am now looking forward to the World Championships. I will focus on developing my high wind rig...as soon as we get some wind. And I also look forward to laying down a good fitness base over the winter months. My speed at the Nationals was mostly very good and I am lucky enough to have a couple more tricks up my sleeve.

I will sail with the Club a bit more over winter than I normally do. I look forward to seeing you on the water. Thanks for all your support.

Bruce

HISTORY CORNER

This time a look at some old newsletters.

20 years ago -- [June 1996 Russell Boating Club newsletter](#)

- notice given of agm to be held on 6 July 1996
- new racing members included Dave on *Summerhaze*, Sandy on *Gjoa* and Shane on *Tia Maria*
- a couple of new multihulls had been launched -- Max's trimaran *Taranui* and the coach's catamaran *Sticky Moments*
- 'The picnic 'races' were enjoyed and the Russell-Whangamumu overnighter looks like becoming a regular feature." Is this the time *Blue Troy* broke her bow sprit?
- a report on the Tall Ships race was included, winner that year was *Windborne*; Joe Cotton's team cooked up 850 hangi meals.
- the beer price was raised for the first time in four or five years

- the kitchen was run by volunteers; who remembers Peggy, Larry and Gene?
- final farewells for Dave Henderson, Jim Wilson and John Spencer
- and this gem "Replacement of rubbish bin on causeway -- after much negotiation we now have a permanent rubbish bin!!"
- the minutes of the 1995 agm took only a page and half

30 years ago -- [May 1986 Mainsheet](#)

- the main theme was the agm on Saturday 14 June, conflicting with the National Boat Show, creating a quandry for members -- agm or boat show?
- the Club was looking at an Optimist building and sail-training programme, with twelve school pupils interested in taking part
- the Committee were planning an ambitious programme for the major re-development of the Club building. The result was the kitchen addition
- the club house was broken into and a stereo stolen
- the keelboat racing had finished for the season but small boat races continued every second Sunday
- "Special mention should be made of those who devised the course for Closing Day: It was particularly interesting, with three laps that allowed everyone to keep in touch with everyone else's progress."
- *Rumbletum* won the most trophies -- Duke of Marlborough Cup, James Wright Scott Cup, and Cater Marine Trophy.

Our club house is a great venue to rent for parties, weddings, anniversaries. If you are interested in renting it. Here is [a form setting out the terms and conditions](#).

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 email info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

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