

Mainsheet

15 February 2017

COMING UP

THIS SATURDAY 18 Feb from 10 30 am -- Russell 'Fun' Dog Show
THEN ON SUNDAY EVENING 19 Feb from 6 pm -- the Russell Ukulele Orchestra
Thursday 23 February at 6 pm -- defibrillator training by St John, at club house
SATURDAY 4 MARCH from 8 am -- Short Ships
Sunday 5 March -- Open Mic Night (on first Sunday of every month)
THURSDAY 9 MARCH -- special general meeting
Friday 17 March -- talk by Lyndsay Alexander on Kororareka and Whaling
SATURDAY 1 APRIL -- Otehei Bay Picnic Cruise

mudcrabs beat greybeards





The Russell Boating Club's Annual Cricket Match between the Greybeards and the Mudcrabs took place on the sandspit by Motukeikei Island at low tide on 14th January.

Whilst there were a number of greying beards amongst the 46 players split across the two teams, the youngest player Eli Welling was only 4 and did a lot better than many more experienced players, scoring 2 runs.

Man of the match, or we should say men of the match, both playing for the Mudcrabs, were Steve Rawlings who scored the highest number of runs (24) and Todd Welling for a brilliant dive and catch as well as for not hesitating to put his team first by catching his son Isaac out who was playing for the Greybeards. That said Isaac followed dad's example by similarly catching his sister Annabel out.

The Mudcrabs had a spectacular win over the Greybeards, last year's winners, by 140 runs to 73 much to the delight of their captain, Charles Kelly. The Greybeards, captained by Peter Smith, have however vowed to restore honour and recapture the trophy at next year's event.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Russell 'Fun' Dog Show

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Fundraiser in aid of
Russell Boating Club 40k Challenge

Sponsored by



Home Baking, Ploughmans Lunches, Ice cream,
Tea & Coffee will be for sale

Music by Gary Wilson & Co

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

On the Matauwhi Bay Reserve, Russell

Class entries registration from 10.30 am

Judging will commence at 11.00 am

Classes \$5.00 each

CLASSES

1. Cutest Puppy (under 1 year)
2. Prettiest Female Dog
3. Most Handsome Male Dog
4. Best Veteran (Dog over 8 years)
5. Best Child (5-8 years) Handler
6. Best Child (9-12 years) Handler
7. Best Trick
8. Waggiest Tail
9. Best 6 Legs (dog & owner fancy dress)

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Download Registration Form or pick up from Delish or Russell Bookshop

Saturday 18th February is a date for your diary as it's when the 'Fun Dog Show' is taking place on Matauwhi Bay Reserve in aid of The Russell Boating Club's '40k Challenge' to raise money for the building fund and lifting of the Clubhouse.

Last year Kiki Nicolson asked for fund-raising ideas and I suggested a Fun Dog Show. Wilf and I want to show our support for the Club and will be donating all profits raised to the 40k/40yr building fund. We really do hope that RBC members and the Russell Community will come and support this event, with or without dog/s!

As you will see from the attached poster there will be live music and food for sale and it would be fabulous if anyone would like to donate extra home baking - sweet or savoury but NO fresh cream allowed - for us to sell on the day. If so, please get in touch with me or drop off at the RBC anytime after 9.00am on Saturday 18th.

Everything will be most gratefully received to aid the fundraising cause of the Boat Club!

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SHORT TACKS

WATER AT CLUB

We aren't able to store a lot of fresh rain water at the club. We use that water for the kitchen and bar, showers, and let people take some water for their boats when the tank is full. Unfortunately if people take too much water during the dry summer we have to buy water in. At least two tanker loads so far.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

The first Sunday of every month is our Open Mic night (well, except for February when it was cancelled). Next one is Sunday 5 March from around 6 pm. Get along and enjoy live music in great surroundings.

BAY OF ISLANDS SAILING WEEK

Another successful Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta at the end of January. Two Russell BC boats competed -- *Drop Dead Fred* and *Intérgité*. The sight of ninety plus boats heading in towards Tapeka all under spinnaker was spectacular. Russell Boating Club is also

UKULELE ORCHESTRA

The soon to be internationally famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra is playing at the Club this Sunday 19 February starting at 6 pm.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Want to know how to use one of those defibrillators you see located all around the town and at Te Wahapu? Come along to the club on Thursday 23 February at 6 pm. St John's is offering training. Useful, you never know when you will need it. Bring a gold coin.

JETTY AND PONTOON

A couple of reminders about sharing our jetty and pontoon. First, tie you dinghy up with a long painter (3 m plus) -- this gives much more room for dinghies. Second, keep the outer (eastern) face of the pontoon free for boats to load and unload. It is a pontoon for all boats, not just dinghies.

It is a very good idea to have your name and

represented with Jonh Grant as the chairman of the organising committee of this great regatta.

Also spectacular (but unintentional) was the Navy boat finishing a race with her spinnaker set perfectly in the water behind the boat.

WANT TO HELP JUNIOR SAILING?

Brett would like someone to help with regular maintenance on our fleet of Optimists and Lasers. If you would like to help contact Brett Avery at 403 7799. Thanks.

OUR NEW OPTIMIST

Our thanks to Bob Bilkey for donating an Optimist to the Club.

HOBIE CAT

And thanks to the anonymous donor of a Hobie Cat, with trailer, which we will be advertising for sale soon.

WHANGAROA RACE

Bay of Islands Yacht Club has told us the Whangaroa Race will be held on Saturday 1 April. When we know more we will let y'all know.

phone number on your dinghy so we can contact you if need be.

MARINE PESTS

Not sure what biosecurity controls there are on travelling between Bay of Islands and the Hauraki Gulf and beyond? Not sure what marine pest species look like? Visit <http://marinepests.nz/> to find out.

This concern about marine pests being transported on fouled hulls is not just an Auckland-Northland concern. Compare what we have to do here with what is expected if you travel to Fiordland; read about [the Fiordland Pests Pathway Plan in a recent Yachting New Zealand newsletter](#).

CALENDAR EDITOR

Our calendar editor has decided that after over 15 years of producing the calendar it is time for someone else to do it. Calendar preparation is over July to September each year. If you are interested in giving it a go, contact Andrew at 403 7177 or info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

A COMMODORE'S APPRECIATION

As I look back on what a great boating month January was, I am reminded of the Herculean effort that Russell Boating Club members put in to pull off the annual Tall Ships Race. This Race, now 42 years old, is an international quality event, hosted and managed by a Club whose total membership is only around 173 (and 40-odd active members).

This event is not an overnight sensation. Those whose foresight it was to conceive such a race as this must be well pleased to see that it is still run in keeping with the ideals envisaged by those founders. In those years since the first race there has been many at the helm but all have maintained those original concepts from day one. We have to thank the likes of, amongst others, Bill Sellers, Vin Hill, Roy Grant, Joe Cotton, Herb Kingi, John Grant, Roy Hornell, Christine Hall, and of course, all the previous Commodores and committees. We now have one of the best sailing events in New Zealand. It is always humbling to see the families of Russell, be they members of the Boating Club or not, come down to our club and give their time and labour to make this event the success that it is. A lot has been written by people better qualified than I, but I would like to acknowledge our present membership's, and our friends, efforts in maintaining this Race's tradition. Thank you.

Even an hour before the first fleet's start at midday, the spectacle of sail on the waters between Waitangi and Russell was a sight to behold. Whether you were on

the water, or watching from some vantage point, you could not help but be impressed. The weather gods came to the party. The bulk of the Tall Ships and Classic & Invitation fleets ran with eased sheets from the start to what was, at start time, the leeward mark. When the wind changed it became the windward mark and after a short tack we saw those fleets ease sheets again for a dog-leg course back to the finish. It was not quite so good for the All-Comers Division and the turnabout course did not help everyone, but the sail was good. A great day.

Once again, Christine Hall and her team saw to it that (mostly) all of the T's were crossed and the i's dotted. Christine (I don't care if you are embarrassed) has once again done a fantastic job and our club is indebted to her for her input and untiring efforts.

Trophies on the day saw "Arcadian", a junk rigged schooner, take the Tall Ships Trophy, "Valeria", a 1913 22 foot Logan Mullet boat take the Classic & Invitation Trophy, "Silvertip", the one hundred and eleven foot Superyacht, take the Cock of the Bay award. David and Kiki Nicolson's "Idle Time" drew the Far North Holdings Free Haul-out Prize.

An extra award was presented to the skipper and crew of "Silvertip" for sportsmanship. "Silvertip" was in sight of the finish line when the turnabout instruction was given, and they then turned about and retraced their track to that finish line. She made a fine sight out there on the day and we were privileged to have her grace our regatta for the second year in a row.

The hangi was exceptional. I understand that there are those to whom a hangi is not their favourite repast, but for those of us who enjoy hangi, it was top notch. Warwick Cooper and Anthony George and their finely tuned team, ably assisted by their respective wives, Lynette and Nicole, and their ladies team, a hangi of classic quality was delivered. It is especially pleasing to see those of the younger generation assisting the masters in this Hangi Team.

Of course, to get into the venue there was a very efficient team, mostly Helen's and Trish's ladies, who saw to it that all of our visitors had their hangi tickets, their bar bracelets, their new tee shirts. While the awards were being awarded and the hangi was being consumed, Simon Taylor and Maddy Sigley and their merry crews were making sure that all of us at the venue stayed refreshed and that the liquid continued to flow.

And then there was the music, in the marquee, and our favourites and forever young Windjammers, in the Clubhouse. A great evening of entertainment. We are especially delighted to have the Windjammers grace us with their presence year after year.

When we have an event such as this Tall Ships Race, I am conscious that it is a privilege to be part of it. My personal thanks goes to you all for your time and efforts in the days leading up to the 7th, and on the actual day itself. My thanks goes also to our sponsors (Far North Holdings Ltd, Fullers Great Sights) for their generosity on the day, and to the support vessel owners who gave of their boats (Jamie & Margo Hudson and "Lady Crossley", Bram Cone and "Winterlude", Paul France and "Tryal"), their crews, and their time.



GYBING AROUND OUR CLUB HOUSE

WHAT ARE THEY DOING DOWN THERE?

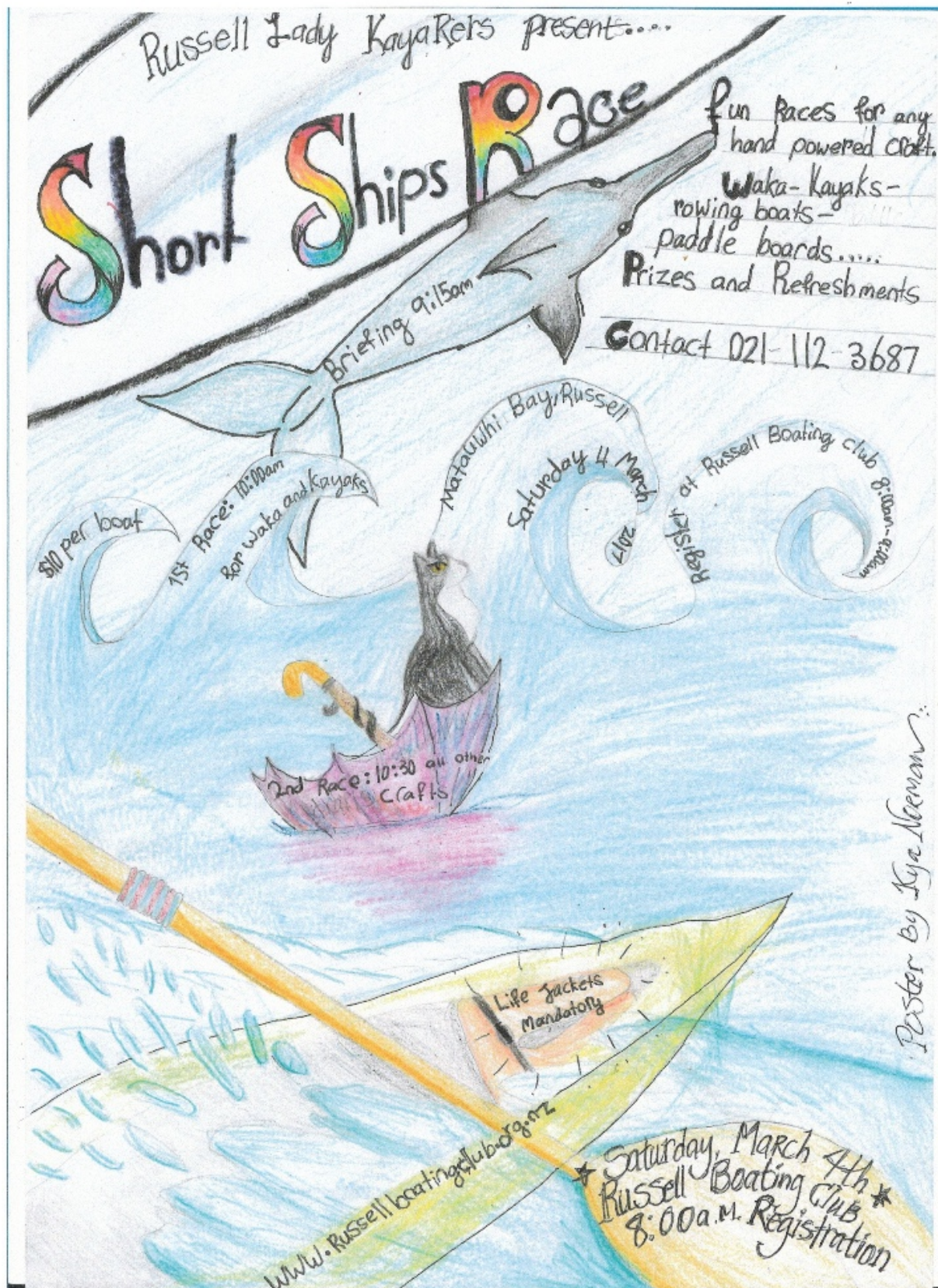
Clubhouse Maintenance

It might be hard to notice from above, but a substantial amount of maintenance work has been done by club volunteers underneath the clubhouse over the past year:

- Reinforcing of deck substructure including new poles
- Concrete reinforcing of poles under kitchen and rear of clubhouse
- Repairs and reinforcing of walkway around clubhouse
- Bracing of wharf around mast lift
- Floors repaired under women's toilets

There is still more maintenance underneath the club to be done this year. If you are interested in learning more about maintenance activities and/or helping please contact Jay Howell at 403 8537

RACING NEWS
this time a bit different



SHORT SHIPS -- SUNDAY 4 MARCH -- 8 AM ON

Short Ships' Race is going to be held again this year, with a good high tide, on Saturday, the 4th of March. Last year was our first race, an event intended to broaden the scope of the Boating Club, to add to the club's funds, and to have an event with the same light-hearted flavour as Tall Ships' Race, but for "hand-powered vessels". Half of the profits will be going to the Russell Boating Club's General Fund.

Russell Women Kayakers have had their first meeting, trying to set out good courses for kayaks, rowboats, wakas and paddleboards. We're improving several aspects of the races that didn't go so well and are hoping for more entrants, more costumes, better organization, and, of course, good weather! Please do join the fun. The only requirements are that you bring a vessel, oars or paddle, suitable life jacket, and \$10 for the entry fee. Early registration is available by calling Sandra on 021-112-3687. Registration forms will be at the club's bar, and one of the Russell Women Kayakers will be on hand on Wednesday nights for early registration and to answer questions as well.

Details: Registration will start at 0800 at the Boating Club. At 9:15 there will be a briefing and then the races will have staggered starts from 1000. A sausage sizzle with vegetarian option and salads will be on offer after the races and the prize-giving. Spot prizes will be included. The bar will open after the races finish. This year's rowboat and paddleboard course will be similar to last year's course, but the kayak/waka course will venture into Russell waterfront so that people there can see the race. Both courses will include some silly challenges and surprises.

HELP NEEDED: We would love to have the participation of club members. As many of the women kayakers want to race, we need people to handle some of the jobs during the race. We need a race monitor to see that people are lined up at the start line for their correct race. We need someone to write down the race numbers of entrants as they cross the finish line. Racers have requested that there be a bell or horn sounded when they cross the line to know they've been recorded. Having people to process entry forms is needed as are volunteers to help clean up in the afternoon. Having one or two people to direct traffic and unloading of boats in the morning would be useful. For the sausage sizzle we will need extra hands with cooking and serving and collecting money. At this point the only other jobs I can foresee are making coffee and tea, helping entrants fasten on their race numbers, and plying Sandra with tranquilizers (joking here....). As the race date approaches if we think of other requests from the club, there will be a Mainsheet update.



JUST CRUISIN'

This month we look at ...

APRIL FOOL'S DAY AT OTEHEI BAY? -- WHY NOT? OUR COMMODORE SAYS

What about some cruising. I note that daylight savings finishes on Saturday April 1. How about a cruise that weekend? Yachts, Launches, runabouts, Uncle Tom Cobley and all, out to Otehei Bay. High Tide at midday so we could all get there for a late lunch or early dinner.

The way I see it, we could all leave from Russell about 1000hrs, and maybe, after a spot of fishing, plan an arrival at Otehei Bay about 1300hrs for a late lunch, or 1700 hrs for an early dinner. For those that are worried about their draft, you could anchor in Paradise Bay

and come into Otehei Bay by tender (yes, you will need to bring a dinghy). We could even bring others who can't bring their own boat. If there was no room on your boat for them to stay the night, they could come home on the 2030hrs Explore NZ ferry for a cost of \$15 per person.

Anyway its food for thought. Weather permitting of course. We will be going in "K Dee" and would look forward to your responses. I have all of the Restaurant and Bar Menus that I can send out to anyone that would like to come. My home phone number is 09-403-8836, mobile is 027-273-6387, email is aandrhanlon@ihug.co.nz, or commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz if you are interested in being there.

HISTORY CORNER

Looking at ...

Kororareka and whaling -- Club member Lyndsay Alexander has written a couple of books about this nautical tale of whalers and Kororareka. He is going to give a talk about our whaling history on the evening of Friday 17 March at the club house. So come along, have a meal and a drink(s) and enjoy some of the history of Kororareka/Russell.



LAST STORY

TALL SHIPS. Lots happens on Tall Ships day, both ashore and on the water.

Here is an account from Martin Ough Dealy of his day on the water:

I was lucky this year. I was invited onto "Windjammer" to take part in the Tall Ships Race 2017. Her owner Antonio had most generously asked me to come along as supercargo but also to give me the opportunity as an ex-owner of this marvellous vessel to see how he had improved the old girl.

What an unbeatable combination.....a superb day for sailing (although some perfectionists might have wanted a bit more wind),.....a grand old (but now almost new) boat to sail in, a great bunch of people chosen by Antonio as crew anda regatta of 86 vessels of all sizes and types that was organized and run, in keeping with long-established tradition, with a hangi to look forward to on shore at the end of the day.

I must say I was in the proverbial seventh heaven! It was a privilege to have been involved.

So a heartfelt "thank you" to Antonio and your crew, and congratulations to the Russell Boating Club for doing it all so well again.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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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FOR SALE 30 ft Hartley Keeler, main and four jibs in good condition, Drophin engine, varnished wood interior, 1 double and 2 single berths, fridge, shower, calfont, lots of gear and equipment. More details on notice board in club entrance foyer.

Contact David de Jong 022 161 4700

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