

# Mainsheet

15 March 2017

## COMING UP

**This Friday 17 March** -- Russell and the Sailing Whalemen, talk by Lindsay Alexander, 5 pm start

**Sunday 19 March** -- Russell School kids concert, 5 pm start at the club house

**Saturday 1 April** -- Otehei Bay Cruise, more on this in the Just Cruisin' section

**Sunday 2 April** -- daylight savings ends, Open Mic Night

**Saturday 8 April** -- working bee from 9 am

**Sunday 17 April** -- Ukulele Orchestra is back at the Boating Club

**CHANGE OF DATE** The **Herb Kingi Cup and Opuia-Russell interclub** will be on Sunday 14 May, not 13 May as shown in the calendar.

## RUSSELL AND THE SAILING WHALEMEN



Not quite a sailing whalerman, but this is the closest we could find.

Lindsay Alexander will be giving a talk about whaling and Russell at 5 pm this Friday 17 March.  
A gold coin koha to our 40 k/40 yr building fund is requested.

Lindsay says: "Over the past seven years I've researched Russell's whaling past. Come to an hour's illustrated talk about some important but forgotten parts of Russell's past. Facts we thought were true - aren't! Our whaling past is even more interesting than we might have thought possible.

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## **SHORT SHIPS -- A GREAT DAY**









Thanks to Sandra Egan and the Lady Kayakers for running another successful Short Ships. A great way to spend a Saturday morning, and providing opportunities and fun to another group of boaties.

Next year's Short Ships will be on Saturday 3 March 2018.

## SHORT TACKS

### SUNDAYS -- LOT'S HAPPENING

First Sunday of Month -- Open Mic Night. The second of April is the next one.

Third Sunday of Month -- more live music.

### THIS SUNDAY 19 MARCH:

we are in for a special treat! The very musical kids from the Russell School will be performing from 5:00 till 7:30 (approximately), led by their teacher/leader, Christian Eru! Christian may perform his own music as well. Roast dinner will be served, and as always, a great time to be had! Don't miss this special event!!

### TRADITIONAL ROAST NIGHTS ARE BACK

Every second Sunday night, a \$17 traditional roast. Next one is this Sunday 19 March, a lamb roast.

### UKULELE ORCHESTRA RETURNS

The soon to be internationally famous Russell Ukulele Orchestra is next back at the club on Easter Sunday 16 April.

### AGM ONLY 3 MONTHS AWAY

Only three more months until the Annual General Meeting. The Commodore, Club Captain and Secretary/Treasurer will not be re-standing for the Committee. Thinking hats on everyone -- who would be good for each of these jobs?

### IN IRONS

A change to the way we charge for the slip. Because some of those who have used our slip have been very slow paying we have had to change the way the slip is charged for. The new system is that when you book you need to provide a \$200 deposit. And settle the account in full before you are re-launched.

For slip bookings ring Terry 027 918 5809.

### LOST DINGHY

Hello, we lost our dingy Thu morning, 9.03.2017 around 4:30am, outside white/inside greenish, labeled Corsar at stern. Suzuki 2.5 hp outboard, four-stroke, RegNo. 00252F-213782, secured by ironbar with padlock, plus alloy oars, labelled Te Piha from our houseboat in Matauwhi Bay, Russell, but no results so far...

Drifted most likely direction Paihia, but maybe also Opuia...

Contact best via email

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Kind regards

Manuel Seiler

### OUT BOATING THIS SATURDAY THE 18TH?

Up to 800 swimmers are expected to take part in the annual Russell to Paihia swim, which the Far North District Council is sponsoring for the eighth time. Event director, Scott Rice is asking harbour

users to look out for swimmers, who will leave Russell Wharf at 11.25am and take about two hours to complete the 3.3km crossing.

## FUNDRAISING -- A REPORT FROM KIKI

### 40 years 40k Challenge

It's 13 months since I initiated the 40 years, 40k challenge in aid of the building fund and lifting of the clubhouse.

It all began on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday whilst listening to Tony Hanlon talking about the club's history. Looking around the Clubhouse with its flags and photographs I suddenly thought that whilst I might not be around in 40 years, I would like to see that the Russell Boating Club was.

No surprises that there are a lot of people who think the same, and that the Russell Boating Club is a unique and special place worth protecting.

And so my 13 month journey began... And I've had mixed response.

Concern that "raising" the Clubhouse might actually mean "razing it to the ground", or the fear that it might lose its special character.

Also the "you'll never raise 40,000 – it's such a lot of money" to the "\$40,000 – that's nowhere near enough" to "misguided, that the club needs money now"

So whilst I have the opportunity, I would like to give my personal take and response to these opinions.

### You'll never raise \$40,000

**I disagree.** I believe it is possible with the help of RBC members and the Russell Community. I've seen and received tremendous support so far. **In just over a year we're already a third of the way there. And 45% of that has been through donations from RBC members.**

### \$40,000 is nowhere enough

**I agree.** The "40 years, 40k Challenge" was a marketing strap-line I came up with to initiate the start of a dedicated building fund in the Club's 41<sup>st</sup> year. I simply set a target. I never said how much was needed or for that matter how long it was going to take.

### Misguided

**Well of course I disagree.** We as members and custodians of the RBC need to be forward planning. It's often difficult to think beyond the "present" and our Committee works incredibly hard dealing with the on-going running of the Club.

Establishing a dedicated building fund will protect the future of our Clubhouse and open up doors to apply for grants and matched funding.

**However, I do agree that the Club needs money now.** But I think this is the role of its

members. **USE IT OR LOSE IT.** Members need to come to the Club, drink in the bar, have meals, join in the events, hire the club as a venue for birthdays and parties, bring down friends and visitors, recommend it to all and sundry, and encourage people to become members.

So various fundraising schemes later; from Wine Tasting Quizzes, to Raffles & Home Baking Sales, and the most recent extravaganza, the Russell 'Fun' Dog Show, the 40 year, 40k Challenge stands at **\$13,530**, which is amazing.

So a **Big Thank You!** to everyone who has helped raise this money by coming to the events, buying raffle tickets, providing raffle prizes and making donations to the 40k fund.

And I'd particularly like to thank:

**Susan MacInnes** who has supported me on the food front every time, in the background in the kitchen producing amazing things.

**Maureen Trotter**, who has supported me on the raffle ticket selling every time, especially outside the Back Four Square. Not sure what I'd do without Maureen as several locals still wait until she is free to buy a ticket out of her raffle book rather than mine!

**Liz Eaton**, for coming up with the brilliant idea of the Russell 'Fun' Dog Show and organising. I don't think either of us ever dreamed it would be such a successful fundraiser, and well worth the hard work.

Going forward into the next 12 months I hope to see more RBC members getting involved in the fun of fund raising; so if you feel you can help with any of the following:

*Organise an Event* (it would be great to see more events run by others)

*Assist at an Event* (anything from helping to set up/clean-up, to manning a home baking stall, to general gofer)

*Sell Raffle Tickets* (enjoyable to do in pairs and an effective fundraiser)

*Provide Home Baking* (always a fundraising winner)

*Donate Product or Food* (an alternative way to help)

*Donate Prizes* (very useful to have some at the ready for when an occasion or event suddenly presents itself)

Do please get in touch.

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Another burgee for the club house -- this one from the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club, Melbourne. We swapped it for one of ours.

## GYBING AROUND OUR CLUB HOUSE

### WORKING BEE

Mark your diary now -- a working bee on Saturday 8 April, starting at 9 am. Activities planned for the day include:

- cleaning in the club house and kitchen and washing windows



- putting up a light string and checking all the other lights
- some more work on the sub-floor
- cutting firewood for the winter (bring your chainsaw)
- a general tidy up around the club and reserve
- making morning tea for everyone

The more who turn up, the easier it is for everyone.

## DINGHIES ON THE RESERVE

We share the reserve with everyone else. This is why part of the foreshore should be kept free of dinghies; so others can enjoy and use it as well. Unfortunately there has been a bit of dinghy creep along the foreshore recently, as can be seen in the photographs below. If your dinghy is in the dinghy free area please shift it.



## RACING NEWS

### WHANGAROA RACE

The annual Waitangi -- Whangaroa race used to be on Anniversary Weekend. This year is the 50th anniversary of the race. The Bay of Islands Yacht Club is running the race on Saturday 1 April. [More details here.](#)

### HERB KINGI CUP & THIRD OPUA-RUSSELL INTERCLUB RACE

The date for the herb Kingi Cup and the Interclub race has been changed from Saturday 13 May to Sunday 14 May. We need a good turn out of Russell boats to have a good chance of getting our interclub trophy back.

## Bay of Islands Sailing Week Changes are Coming

John Grant (chairman), Ray Haslar (regatta director) and Leslie Haslar (Regatta Ramblings editor) are leaving the Bay of Islands Sailing Week committee in May this year.

If we are going to have a successful 2018 Sailing Week regatta we need more help, especially:



**Chairperson** - chairing meetings, regular liaison and contact with sponsors, working with Far North Holdings to make sure we have a good location for the regatta headquarters, and checking everything ticks over as needed for a great regatta.

**Principal Race Officer** - work with course race officers and protest panel and on-water team to ensure race management works smoothly, work with Harbour Master over courses etc to avoid conflicts with cruise ships, check draft Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

**Other jobs that we are looking for volunteers to do are:**

- Checking our race huts and storage trailers, arranging to have huts and storage trailers delivered to race headquarters before regatta, returned to storage afterwards
- Arranging boats and volunteers on the water
- Checking, maintaining and providing buoys, lines and anchors, course boards and other gear to the support boats, including during the regatta
- Maintenance of support boats as required during the regatta
- Organising trophies
- Making sure there are enough division flags, bow stickers, battle flags and such like.

(if you want to do more than one of these jobs, great!)

If you want to know more ring Ray Haslar 09 407 3092 or Andrew Riddell 022 12 66 232.

Let us know if you are interested by Monday 10 April by phoning Ray and Andrew, or sending an email to [melanie@bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz](mailto:melanie@bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz) or sending a letter to PO Box 45 Opua 0241.

Or if you know of anyone else who may be willing and able to help, please tell them about this.



## JUST CRUISIN'

This month we look at ...

## OTEHEI BAY CRUISE

The Otehei Bay overnight cruise is on. Saturday, April 1, is the day. It's not a joke. The last day of Daylight Savings for 2017. This is for everyone. Those with yachts, launches, runabouts, Kayaks, take the Explore Ferry, Uncle Tom Cobley and all, out to Otehei Bay for a 1800 hrs dinner, and for those lucky enough, to stay the night.

The plan is this. You and your friends need to plan for a departure from Russell at about 1100 hrs. Have morning tea and muffins as you round Russell Point on your way to Tapeka. About now you should call up the Hanlon's on 021-273-6387 (Tony) or 021-2730113 (Raewyn) for some instructions on what you should do next. It may mean you have to catch a fish, or identify

some mark, or something else that won't be too hard, and then plan for an arrival at Otehei Bay about 1530hrs. Time then to have a swim, or just to join with others close by for a relaxed pre dinner drink.

For those who are worried about their vessel's draught, one could anchor in Paradise Bay, or some other bay close by, and come into Otehei Bay by tender. (yes, you will need to bring a dinghy) We should meet for dinner on the foreshore at Otehei Bay at about 1730 hrs. Hopefully you have bought others out with you for the day, others who may not be able to bring their own boat, and if there is no room on your boat for them to stay the night, they could come back home to Russell on the 2030hrs Explore NZ ferry for a cost of \$15 per person.

That's the plan man. Anyway its food for thought. Weather permitting of course. We will be going out in "K Dee" and would look forward to your responses. I have all of the Otehei Bay Restaurant and Bar Menus here at home and I can email them out to anyone who would like to come. My home phone number is 09-403-8836, mobile is 027-273-6387, email is [aandrhanlon@ihug.co.nz](mailto:aandrhanlon@ihug.co.nz), or [commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz) .

## Russell FUN Dog Show

AWARD BOARD			
	1st	2nd	3rd
CUTEST PUPPY	Sunny - Henry	LULU - Sue	PEDRO - Johanne
PRETTIEST FEMALE	Stella Sales	Misty Mark	Marshmallow Dominic
HANDSOME MALE	REMY - Danielle	Hobson - Gerard	BRUNO FIN
BEST VETERAN	Jumbo Karin	JED Barham	Misty Dave
BEST DOG HANDLER 5-8 yrs	BINGO Annabelle	Shaunti - Warren	Bosco Chloe
BEST CHILD DOG HANDLER 9-12 yrs	COOPER Maryn Lang	Jemma Nicole	Bingo Isabelle
WAGGIEST TAIL	Wilson Rose	Russell Jack	MO Mark
BEST TRICK	BROO Jodi	Shackleton Andrea	BRUNO Gary
FANCY DRESS	Shanti Grace	Meg Rowena	Bingo Annabel





What a relief! – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 dawned bright and sunny after a week of rain and cloud. The ‘set up’ team arrived at the Boat Club by 8 and raised gazebos and roped off the Show Ring. Home-bakes were delivered and The Gary Wilson & Co Band set up. The Registration and Class organisers were hard at work from 10 and everything started to buzz as dogs, children and adults of all ages drifted in.

The classes started at 11 and so begun the almost impossible task for our two *international* judges, Kathy Ross from the USA and Ross Kelly from the UK, with William Fuller, our compere in chief for the day, keeping the competitors in readiness for the classes they’d entered.



Jodi Alexander and her two 'trainees', Jodie and Rose, started and ended the day by giving 'this is how good dogs can be when well trained' demonstrations! Then followed the 9 Classes which ranged from Cutest Puppy to Best Veteran, Prettiest Female to Most Handsome Male, two classes for dog handlers aged between 5-8 and 9-12 yr olds, Waggiest Tail, Best Trick and finally Best 6 Legs Fancy Dress for dog and owner.

Throughout the Show refreshments were available; Ploughman's Lunches, Ice Creams, Tea and Coffee as well as a vast selection of donated savoury and sweet home-bakes. And the whole came together with the band playing popular pieces throughout. Doesn't music always make an event?

The whole day was amazing! – both dogs (45 of them) and their handlers behaved impeccably – not one dog poo was found at the end of the day! Apart from one or two little growls, all the dogs were friendly and evidently very pleased to see each other! As the hours went by and it became hotter and hotter, some decided an early departure was best for their pet.

Between each class the first three prize winners were each given a rosette, with those who came first also receiving a Delish voucher from our sponsors.

In all the heat, and the relief at the end of the Show, we failed to sort out and present the "large/small dog" prizes to each First in Class, but they have now made their way to the four-legged winners.

We have so many thank yous: Sheree & Kevin at Delish for sponsoring the Show and all the product and prizes they gave us, Dianne Wynyard at Ray White for helping us with printing and invaluable contacts, Great Sights and Hone's Garden for the extremely generous and attractive raffle prizes, Animotel for the two x two night's complimentary dog accommodation, Natalie, The Village Vet, for the Royal Canin Dog Food & Dog Goody Bags and Collette at Russell Booking & Information Centre for the super flashing dog tag and collar, and everyone who donated home-baking for us to sell.

Also to William Fuller, for adding a new string to his bow perhaps, as incomparable dog show compere, Jodi, Russell's Resident Dog Trainer and her team Jodie and Rose, and all who made the day so successful – Gary Wilson & Co for playing, Susan MacInnes and helpers Rose, Dawn, Sandra, Bertie and Annah and John, chief barista, in the refreshment tent; Maureen, Maggie, Liz and Wilf for manning the registration tent and all the muscle that was so important at the beginning and end of the day – David, Jonathan, Barry, Greg, Uwe and Wilf! Also for those who lent gazebos, posts, rope and cones etc. And of course to DOC who allowed us to use the reserve. And finally a huge thank you from me to Kiki for all the support, hard work and guidance she gave me.

But most important of all thank you to everyone who came and took part in the Russell 2017 FUN Dog Show! – it was each of you who made it happen!

We are delighted to report that we made a grand total of 2604.80, excluding GST where applicable, for the Russell Boating Club 40k Challenge.

What a great result! FUN & FUNDRAISING!

Liz Eaton

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