

# Mainsheet

20 June 2017

## COMING UP

Our Annual General Meeting is this Friday 23 June, starting at 6 pm. Live music (The Steve Southworth Band) and dinner ([special menu](#)) afterwards

America's Cup race replays each Sunday and Wednesday club night while racing continues. Normally starts showing at about 5.30 pm

Sunday 2 July -- Open Mic night

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER



This Friday 23 June starting at 6 pm is our Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meetings are vital to the life of the Club as it is the link between all us members and the day to day running of the club. The chance to influence the direction for the next year.

As usual there are some retirements from the committee this year, so positions to fill.  
[Nomination forms can be downloaded here](#). Fill and leave at the bar before the AGM, or email to [info@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:info@russellboatingclub.org.nz) or give to the Secretary on the night.

And afterwards -- well there is

- live music from The Steve Southworth Band
- [a special dinner feast](#) - a \$20 per head buffet

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## OUR STANDARD WINTER MENU



## FROM THE GALLEY

### BAR SNACKS

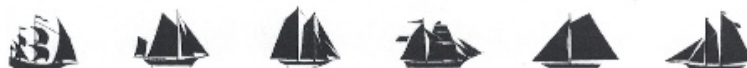
- \* BOWL OF FRIES \$5
- \* BOWL OF SEASONED WEDGES WITH SOUR CREAM \$7
- \* SMALL SALAD WITH HONEY VINAIGRETTE \$5
- \* SEAFOOD CHOWDER CUP \$5

### MAINS

- \* SEAFOOD CHOWDER BOWL WITH GARLIC BREAD \$13
- \* FISH AND CHIPS \$12
- \* MUSSEL FRITTER STACK WITH SOUR CREAM \$14
- \* BLUE CHEESE SALAD WITH WALNUTS AND HONEY VINAIGRETTE \$14
- \* VEGETARIAN EGG FETTUCINE \$12
- \* STUFFED CHICKEN WITH PARSLEY SAUCE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES \$15
- \* FISH OF THE DAY WITH BURNT BUTTER SAUCE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES Market
- \* TWICE ROASTED PORK BELLY WITH MASHED POTATO AND PICKLED VEGETABLES \$18
- \* SCOTCH FILLET STEAK WITH MUSHROOM OR GREEN PEPPER SAUCE, POTATO AND VEGIES \$24
- \* SUNDAY ROAST DINNER \$15

### DESSERTS - \$7

- \* HOMEMADE STICKY DATE PUDDING WITH ICE CREAM
- \* HOMEMADE PAVLOVA WITH FRESH FRUIT AND MASCARPONE CREAM
- \* FRUIT CRUMBLE WITH ICE CREAM



Winter 2017

Why not come down to the Club on other Club nights and try out our standard menu?

### SHORT TACKS

#### SAD NEWS

Alan Orams, well known Northland boatie and

#### IN IRONS

Apologies for overlooking the Open Mic nights in

stalwart in the Windjammers each Tall Ships (among lots of other things) died on Sunday 21 March. He will be missed.

#### INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

Each winter the clubs in Russell have an interclub bowls/pool/darts round robin tournament. This year the Russell Boating Club is the host club so we are running the opening and closing nights for the tournament.

Each Club provides 10 competitors. Supporters are encouraged to come along as well.

The dates has not been finalised but it is looking like 5 Thursdays in row starting on 7 September, 6 pm start.

Interested in being part of the (winning) Russell Boating Club team? Tell Simon Taylor next time you see him.

#### CONTINUING WITH MAINSHEET

This will be the last *Mainsheet* under the current editor.

If you would like to become the next *Mainsheet* editor, all keen to produce one or two Mainsheets a month, with full training and assistance provided, contact Andrew at 403 7177.

#### CLEAN HULLS AND BIOSECURITY CHARGES

As you may be aware from the last Mainsheet the Club put in [a submission](#) on the Northland Regional Council's proposal to impose a marine biosecurity charge on each mooring owner and to require a clean hull before any boat can travel up or down the Northland coast.

We attended the hearing of our submission on 24 May in support of our submission. The Regional Council hasn't made their decision yet.

the last Mainsheet. These very popular Open Mic nights are held on the first Sunday of the month (although not this August). If you want to book a playing spot or have any other queries contact Steve Southworth 021 994 190.

#### USING THE SLIP

A reminder -- our slip is available for use, reduced price for club members -- the capacity of the slipway cradle is 5 tonnes weight and 13.5 meters length.

To confirm a slip hire you must pay a \$200 deposit.

Enquiries and bookings to Terry Bliundell at 027 918 5809 or email [slip@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:slip@russellboatingclub.org.nz)

#### PIRATE'S BOAT

Some months ago the club inherited an old Hartley motorsailor from the deceased estate of Dave De Jong, more affectionately know around the place as " Pirate "

Thanks to the hard work of some of our members over a period of 3 weeks on our slipway she was turned into a saleable vessel and last weekend was sold to a Kerikeri local who intends to finish to a liveable standard and use around the Bay. The proceeds of the sale is going towards junior sailing.

Many thanks to Barry Newland, Charlie Brendon-Cook, Greg Griffith, Terry Blundell, Jason Keman and Simon Taylor for their time/skills and donations of materials/ paint etc.





## GYBING AROUND OUR CLUB HOUSE

### THE LAST WORKING BEE

We had a very successful working bee on Saturday 10 June with 25+ volunteers.

We did a major clean-up in the reserve and hauled off about 6 trailer loads of rubbish and pruning to tip, plus numerous other tasks around the club, and enjoyed a great lunch cooked by Shane.

As part of the working bee we have inventoried and organized dinghies on the reserve, with dinghies that appear unused being moved to the back hill. This allowed us to prune and clear out junk, to make for more dinghy space.

## RACING NEWS





## Opua - Russell Interclub and Herb Kingi Cup

Sunday 14 May was the day for the third and final Opua-Russell Interclub race for the 2017-2018 season. Russell went into this race with a real chance of taking the trophy back.

A great course was set, out through Kent Passage, around the Ninepin and then everyone settled in for a beat back to the finish. The start was one of the best ever at Russell, just about all of the 17 boats hitting the start line as the horn sounded. Once past Russell Point it was kites up and away, at times a bit marginal, with a few having to drop their spinnakers to get through Kent Passage and around Flat Island. The photograph below gives an idea of how close it was no long after the start.

A long beat back -- plenty of place changes as boats crossed tacks.

It looked really good for Russell until we got the results. It was tight -- 17 boats spread over 13 minutes of corrected time.

But the first three on handicap were Opua boats, which gave Opua enough points to keep the Fisher & Paykel Trophy. Next year ....

Some small consolation is that the best performing boat in the series was a Russell boat *Eliminator*.

The Interclub race was the Herb Kingi Cup race as well.



Thanks to our race sponsors:		
		

## LETTERS TO MAINSHEET

[This time a letter from Jay Howell about the AGM and proposed rule changes:](#)

Dear fellow Russell Boating Club members,

I am writing to fill you in on things I have been focused on as a committee member over the past year, and on some ideas and proposals with respect to the club.

### **Maintenance and Kitchen**

Maintaining our club facilities in a safe condition for our members and guests has been a big priority for me. In this regard, with significant help from a number of other members, we completed major maintenance underneath the club over the past year including:

- - Reinforcement of poles underneath the kitchen
- - Rebuilding sub-structure under deck
- - Replacement of poles and reinforcement under front walkway
- - Bracing of wharf



While the bulk of the needed repairs have been completed, there are still some additional replacement poles and substructure work remaining, which will hopefully be addressed this winter.

More recently, I have also become much more involved with kitchen operations. In April, David, Kiki and I took the lead in hiring our new chef, Shane Prescott. Since then, I have worked closely with Shane to support and help ensure a successful launch of his new menu and sort out behind-the-scenes kitchen operational matters. Shane is doing his part by cooking fantastic food for the club, and we have had a very successful 1st month, including doubling food sales in May compared with last year. For my part, I am working to bring the kitchen into compliance with NZ food safety laws, as well as completing safety related upgrades to the kitchen electrical and propane systems.

## **Club Leadership**

The Club has struggled to fill leadership positions and have a stable Club succession strategy. The upcoming year appears particularly challenging, as there are a number of open positions to fill, the most important of which is commodore. Members that have an interest in serving on the general committee or otherwise volunteering are encouraged to speak with current committee members, including myself.

Commodore - Our Club rules ([attached for reference](#)) are restrictive with respect to who can serve as commodore. As a result, there are a very limited number of people who qualify for this position, and I am not aware that any of those people are considering standing in this capacity. The Club can function without a Commodore, however I think this would be unfortunate. In this regard, I propose the following Club rule change:

That the following Rule 17, Requirements of Office, of the Rules of the Russell Boating Club be amended as follows:

### **17. REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICE**

To be eligible for election, the Commodore ~~must have been a Flag Officer or Secretary or Chairman of the Sailing Committee or Club House Captain for at least one year. Other~~ and other Flag Officers must have been members of the General Committee for at least one year.

This proposed rule change would provide greater flexibility to electing a Commodore.. The existing requirements of office that pertain to the commodore position are unnecessary, as any candidate for commodore would still need to be approved by vote of members or General Committee.

In addition to commodore, the significant positions and roles to fill for the upcoming year include Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Club Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, General Committee, Sailing Committee Chair, Newsletter Editor, Social Committee

It appears likely that some of the above roles might go unfilled at the AGM. Further, many



members who could fill these roles are away during the AGM, and as a result, might be overlooked. To help address this situation, I believe the elected general committee should have the authority to appoint members to unfilled positions to serve until the next annual general meeting. Accordingly, I propose the following Club rule change:

That the following Rule 8, Officers and their Appointment, of the Russell Boating Club Rules be amended as follows:

#### **8. OFFICERS AND THEIR APPOINTMENT**

(a) The following Officers of the Club shall be elected at Annual General Meetings (except the offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be performed by one officer):

(i) Patron.

(ii) Vice Patrons...such number as shall from time to time be determined at an Annual General Meeting

(iii) A Commodore

(iv) A Vice Commodore

(v) A Rear Commodore

(vi) A Secretary

(vii) A Treasurer

(viii) A Club House Captain

(ix) A General Committee

(x) Such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient working of the club

(b) In the event any of the above offices are unfilled at the Annual General Meeting or become vacant for any reason, the General Committee may appoint any officer or member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

This proposed club rule change will help give the General Committee flexibility to fill any vacant positions as the year progresses and members return to the area.

It is also important to note that current Club rules require Notice of Motions to be submitted at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, which is why I am proposing the above changes in advance of the upcoming meeting. I recognize it is possible that all Club officer positions will be filled at the meeting, which would address the need for the proposed rule changes.

#### **Club Goals**

I think it would be beneficial to start the upcoming year with a set of goals. In this regard, I have drafted the attached [proposed goals](#) for club members to consider and provide input on to the new committee. Some comments on particular draft goals:

#### **Volunteerism**

This is the life-blood of the Club and we cannot continue to exist without the volunteer efforts and support of members. It is essential that we get more members pro-actively involved with Club activities to thrive as an organization. This includes both the more significant general committee level roles, as well as helping with the wide variety of day-to-day needs to keep the Club running smoothly. Examples of ways to get involved include:

- - Training to help behind bar or in kitchen on busy nights
- - Working bees and other club maintenance activities
- - Helping with social events
- - Posting pictures to Facebook and contributing to newsletter

### **Facilities - Boardwalk**

The current unimproved pathway and stair access to the club discourages many from coming to the club. I've spoken with many members about our options, and believe the best solution is to build a wooden boardwalk along the boundary of the DOC reserve and foreshore. This would provide a level, direct walking access to the Club that would make it easier for our members and guests to access the club. A boardwalk would also allow boaties to use wheeled carts to transport gear to and from the dinghy dock regardless of the tide. I am very excited about this idea, and am attaching a copy of [my draft plans](#), and look forward to discussing with interested members.

### **To Close**

The Club is a very special place in the Russell community that, as members, we should all be proud of. I look forward to working together towards our continued success!

Happy boating,

Jay Howell

2015-17 committee member

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