



Mainsheet

9 November 2017

Commodore's Letter

Greetings,

The summer season is fast approaching, and it seems like every night at the club I see newly returning faces. The water feels warmer as well. In fact, it looks like a [warm tropical current](#) is coming right down into the Bay of Islands.

We have had a busy October at the Club, with one of the highlights being Chris and Manuela Hornell's talk and photos about their America's Cup experience. We also had a prize giving night to present last season's race trophies, and some competitive racing.

With respect to racing, Hanspeter Rust sailed on the winning division 2 boat (Simply Red II) in the Coastal Classic. This is quite an impressive result as there were 21 very competitive boats in the division. I also completed the race, coming in 7th out of 13 in division 4.

In the coming-up section of this newsletter, we have a fun cruise-out later this month (details below), and will be playing replays of the recent Volvo Ocean races at the Club this Friday.

Also coming up, the General Committee is holding a Special General Meeting on the 1st Sunday in December. The purpose of this meeting is to welcome back returning members, provide a mid-year update on club matters, talk about activities for the summer season, and hopefully elect some additional committee members, including a "summer season" club secretary. We also have a more significant strategic proposal to share and discuss with members, more details of which to follow soon and hope to see you all there.

For those of you following the NRC's Proposed Regional Plan, Russell Boating Club's comments are included in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to take an interest in the NRC's proposals and individually comment as well.

Lastly, you might have noticed a new face in the kitchen. Rachael has recently signed on to assist Shane for the season. Please join me in extending her a big welcome.

Best,
Jay Howell

COMING UP

Friday 10 November – Volvo race replay night at the Club

Sunday 12 Dec – Nine Pin Bird Rock race

Sat 18 Nov – Fun cruise-out & picnic lunch

Sunday 26 Nov – Interclub Race (Opua hosts)

Saturday 2 Dec – Working Bee

Sunday 3 Dec – Special General Meeting, Open Mic Night

Sunday 10 Dec – Friendship cup

Saturday 6 Jan – 42nd Tall Ships & Hangi

Fun Cruise-out Day - Saturday, 18 November 2017

Join fellow members for a fun, family friendly cruise-out. We will leave mid morning for a sheltered location to be determined based on wind conditions, anchor up, and enjoy a potluck / picnic lunch. Please RSVP your interest to commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz. If you don't have a boat and would like to participate, please email me and we will try to find a boat for you to join. If you have a boat with extra space, please let me know.

Great Turn-out for Chris and Manuela's America's Cup Talk



And a couple pics from the annual prize giving...





Coastal Classic

Labor Day week-end saw another great Coastal Classic Race from Auckland to Russell with over 150 boats racing! Hanspeter sailed on Simply Red II and took 1st place in Division 2! I sailed on E-Nine and came in 7th out of 13. We had "classic" conditions - a strong sou-westerly all the way up the coast, which made for an exciting, fast paced race. That is, until the boats got to Cape Brett and parked up in a wind hole. We made Cape Brett by midnight, but took another 4+ hours to finish the race just after 4 am.



Coastal Classic Briefing at Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron with America's Cup on display.

September Inter-club Competition

Thanks to Simon Taylor for organizing the Inter-club competition this year and to everyone that participated! Here's his report and photos from the event:

Big thanks to all of the club members and others who attended and or competed in this years interclub comp..and helped out with food / raffles / bar etc...

A big turnout each thursday , lots of fun and a great way for members of each club to meet and mingle with other clubs and liven up a couple of winter months..

Congratulations to Boat club on clawing back second place at final games last thurs and of course supreme winners again this year the bowling club crew..

See you again next year for another go at the penguin trophy....

Simon





Russell Boating Club Receives Grant from Pelorus Trust!

Great News - the Club just received word that our grant application to help pay for new laser sails was approved and funded. The club will use this money, together with money raised from the sale of Pirate's donated boat, to purchase five new sails. The laser's get lots of use each summer in our youth sailing program, and are available for club members to use as well.



2018 Millennium Cup

Russell Boating Club is honored to act as club of record for the 2018

Millennium Cup, which will take place on the 24-26 of January. This is an exciting event for the Russell Community and Bay of Islands with great opportunity to see these impressive super yachts in action.



Secretary

The Club is also looking for a longer-term or Summer season secretary as well as another committee member or two. Contact Jay Howell at 09 403 8537.

There are also many smaller ways you can assist the club. See our [“Volunteering” flyer](#) for details.



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Re: **Proposed Regional Plan**

9 November 2017

Russell Boating Club appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Regional Plan. The Club has approximately 300 members, and maintains and operates a public boat haul-out facility. Our Matauwhi Bay location in Russell, longstanding local presence in the community and large membership provide us with a valuable perspective on particular maritime aspects of the Proposed Plan.

The Club previously commented in 2016 on aspects of the draft regional plan. In particular, we expressed concerns regarding a proposed expansion of the Matauwhi Bay mooring zone. We are pleased to see that the Proposed Plan no longer includes an expansion of this mooring zone. While we are aware of ongoing demand for moorings in the Matauwhi Bay area, we do not believe that further expansion of the mooring field is the appropriate solution. In this regard, we recommend that NRC focus on policies to improve the public utilization of existing mooring areas. For example, there are a number of moorings that have been unused and/or unmaintained for extended periods of time, including moorings with abandoned boats that could be reassigned to active users.

We note the provisions in the Proposed Plan related to marine pest management, and are generally supportive of efforts to prevent the spread of marine pests into Northland waters. We understand that there have been recent fan worm findings in Matauwhi Bay, and appreciate NRC's ongoing efforts to monitor and address these incursions.

The recent Matauwhi Bay fan worm findings appear to have been related to a fan worm infected vessel that arrived from Auckland and was moored in Matauwhi bay for some period. This highlights that boats arriving from outside Bay of Islands are high risk with respect to bringing fan worm into Northland waters, as opposed to existing boats that are kept in the Bay of Islands which do not present a significant risk. While the NRC has had fan worm monitoring practices in place in the Bay of Islands, these procedures do not appear to have been effective at preventing this recent incursion. We are concerned that NRC's efforts to control the spread of fan worm will not be successful unless the risk presented by arriving boats can be more effectively addressed. In this regard, we are sceptical that Rule C.1.7 related to hull biofouling will be effective, as baby fan worm can be present on arriving lightly fouled boats, and NRC's ability to monitor arriving boats is limited.

We are also concerned that the marine biosecurity charge that was recently assessed on Northland mooring holders is inconsistent with the underlying risk. The majority of boats moored in Northland do not leave Northland waters and do not present a risk with respect to fan worm incursion. It was unfair to require these mooring holders to bear such a large portion of the cost of NRC's biosecurity program.

We are happy to discuss any of these comments or other aspects of the Proposed Plan with the NRC staff or other interested parties. Any comments or inquiries should be directed to info@russellboatingclub.org.nz.

Sincerely,

Russell Boating Club



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

MAINS

- * FISH AND CHIPS \$12
- * SEAFOOD CHOWDER BOWL WITH GARLIC BREAD \$13
- * PRAWN SALAD \$14
- * MUSSEL FRITTER STACK WITH SOUR CREAM & SWEET CHILI SAUCE \$15
- * BAKERS DOZEN BAKED MUSSELLS GRATIN \$14
- * VEGETARIAN RISOTTO \$12
- * FISH OF THE DAY WITH BURNT BUTTER SAUCE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES \$12
- * OVEN ROASTED LAMB WITH POTATO MASH \$18
- * 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 - \$8

- * STICKY DATE PUDDING WITH ICE CREAM
- * TIRAMISU



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