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Mainsheet

9 December 2017

Commodore's Letter

Hi everyone,

It's really warming up here in Russell, with gorgeous days and full moon nights. Summer solstice and the crazy days are fast approaching as well.

At our Club, we just had a well-attended "mid-year update & welcome back" Special General Meeting this past Sunday. You can view the [presentation slides here](#). A big success at the meeting was electing three new general committee members: Ros Kelly, Secretary, Jack Dustin and David Scoffham. The Club also thanks outgoing committee members Helen Ough Dealy, Steve Southworth and Sandra Scowen for their service. We had planned to discuss a lease proposal from Great Escape Charters, but this agenda item was cancelled due to the potential sale of the business. We also discussed and voted on a proposed amendment of the Club's rules relating to the AGM date and audited financial statements. The proposed amendment, which the General Committee did not support, did not pass, and our AGM is still planned for Sunday 8 April.

This week, the Club hosted Yachting New Zealand's "Have a Go" junior sailing program. YNZ supplies a paid instructor and all the equipment, and travels around the country providing free sailing education to local communities. Russell Boating Club supplies a safety boat and volunteer to assist. This program is a great reason for the Club to support YNZ.

Next week Sunday 17 December we are trying something new – poetry open mic night, so find your favourite poem and start practicing!

The Club's signature event each year is the **Tall Ships Regatta** on Saturday, 6 January, and now in its 42nd year. The event is a huge effort and accomplishment by Club members and so many in the Russell Community. I encourage members to get involved with Tall Ships, as it is this community spirit that makes the event so special.

Lastly, we've been having good success on fundraising - we just learned **Pelorus Trust** has agreed to contribute **\$2,000** to the Club to help support Tall Ships this year, on top of another recent **\$1,000** Pelorus grant for new junior sailing laser sails – a big thank you Pelorus! And last week, we received a **\$1,000** grant

from **Enterprise Russell** towards our building fund - a big thank you Enterprise Russell!!!! This brings our building fund up to \$17,300 - thanks to Kiki's persistent efforts!

Happy Holidays!

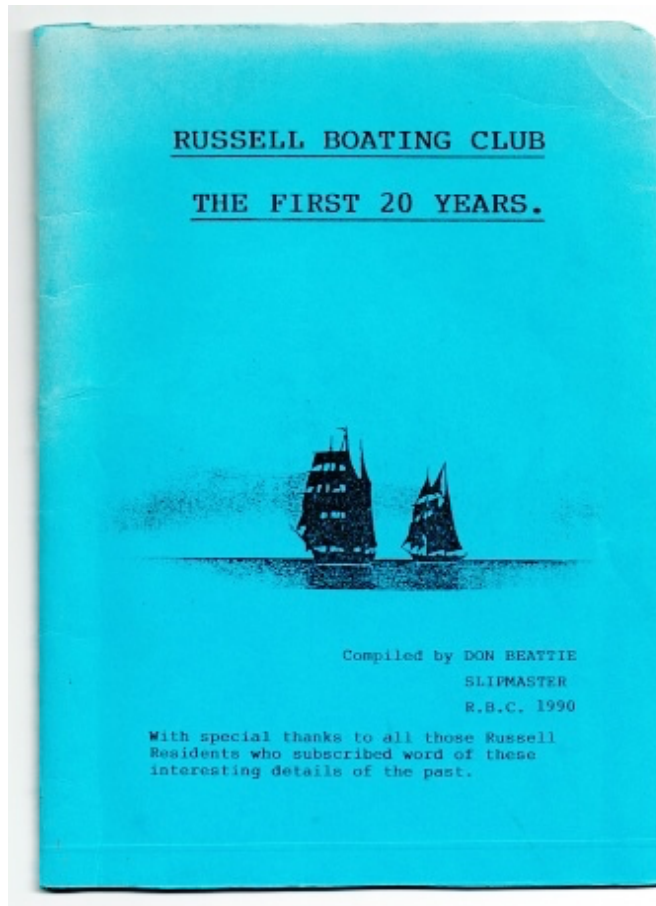
Jay Howell

Commodore

COMING UP

Sunday, 10 Dec	Friendship Cup
Sunday, 17 Dec	Poetry Open Mic Night, from 7 pm
Thursday, 21 Dec	Kids X-mas party
Sunday, 31 Dec	New Year's Eve Pre-party at the Club
Saturday, 6 Jan	Tall Ships Regatta





Some Fascinating History of the early days at Russell Boating Club! .
[Click here for the complete booklet.](#)

Russell Boating Club Spring Cruise-Out



**Russell Boating Club Cruise-Out Picnic to Army Bay
Those fresh galley baked brioche savory and sweet rolls
were amazing - thanks Malin!!**

Youth Sailing at Russell Boating Club



Yachting New Zealand Have a Go Junior Sailing
YNZ + Kids = lots of fun. Did I hear "Let's Play Pirate!!!"
6 Optis, 1 instructor, 20+ kids over two days

Big thanks to Brett & Phil for assisting.

Working Bee



Big thanks to everyone who helped make the recent working bee a big success!

We built two new picnic tables



tackled some mucky maintenance.....
And then enjoyed a hearty beef and Guinness pie made the night before by
our assistant chef, Rachael. Yum!

Fan Worm Update



I have had a few lengthy discussions with NRC regarding fanworm, the biosecurity fee, and boat cleaning, and appreciate the NRC's staff's willingness to discuss the Club's views on this topic. At this time, I have directed the Club to go ahead and pay the biosecurity charges on our 5 moorings, and have also paid this fee on my two personal moorings. I will

continue to dialog with NRC about this topic, and on the rules for cleaning boats, and see what the season does or hopefully does not bring.

With respect to cleaning boats, NRC has recently reminded the Club that beaching a boat for purposes of cleaning the hull is no longer allowed regardless of the level of fouling or of measures to collect scrapings. If you are affected by this, I suggest you speak with me about current options.

Protecting our Taonga

Dogs and kiwi

Kiwi are New Zealand's unique taonga, but they are under threat. In Northland most kiwi deaths are caused by dogs not under control. Kiwi can live just about anywhere, even in people's backyards and under houses; so, when away from home, please remember that you and your dog may be holidaying in a kiwi area. If you are a boatie be aware that there are kiwi on Motuarohia and Moturua Islands; and many rare birds (NZ dotterel, oyster-catcher) on the islands beaches of the eastern Bay of Islands.

Here are four simple things you can do to help protect our national treasures:

- *Remember that any dog, including pets, can kill kiwi and other native birds.*
- *Keep your dog indoors at night.*
- *When out of doors, keep your dog under control, preferably on a lead at all times.*
- *If you are on a boat, keep your dog on-board, and do not land them on any of the Project Island Song Islands in the eastern Bay of Islands.*
- *If a track sign says "No dogs", please walk your dog somewhere where dogs are allowed.*

And, if you see a dog not under control, ring the local Council dog ranger or 0800 DOCHOT (0800 362 468).

Marine mammals

Whales, dolphins and seals can be around the Bay of Islands coast over the summer. Here are some simple rules to follow to keep these marine mammals and yourself safe over the holiday period.

- *Give whales, dolphins and seals lots of space*
- *Watch them from a distance and enjoy them being themselves as they rest, hunt and feed*
- *Leave whale and dolphin mothers and calves alone, if you see a baby dolphin or whale, stay well clear.*
- *Give bottlenose dolphins a break from all boats between 11.30am and 1.30pm.*

If you see anyone getting too close or moving too fast near whales and dolphins, call 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468)

Visiting pest-free islands

Summer is the time to hear the birdsong coming back - note by note - to Project Island Song, the eastern Bay's islands. Urupukapuka, Waewaetorea, Poroporo, Okahu, Moturua, and Motuarohia Islands are all pest free – no rats, mice, Argentine ants or plague skinks. Without pests, native birds thrive. You can help these

wildlife sanctuaries by:

- *Stopping, checking for pests before leaving the mainland then going and having fun.*
- *Checking for pests in gear and vessels including kayaks, boats, dinghies, and runabouts.*
- *Making sure your food is sealed and not in open bags.*

If you see small animal footprints on the island beaches, you can be the first line of defence by calling 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468)

General

You can help the Bay and yourself have a great summer holiday by reporting in any conservation emergencies such as: pests on islands, uncontrolled dogs, or harassing of dolphins to 0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468).

Fires can also be a problem in summer – call 111 if you need to.

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BAY OF ISLANDS



SAILING WEEK

23-26 January 2018



www.bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz



For Sale



This Almost New Hobie Wave Could Be Yours!!!
Donated to the Club. We will be selling on Trade-me soon with proceeds to go towards our youth sailing program.



OPEN WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 5 PM

* VISITORS WELCOME *

FROM THE GALLEY

BAR SNACKS

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| * BAKED MUSSELLS GRATIN | \$ 8 |
| * SEAFOOD CHOWDER CUP | \$ 7 |
| * BOWL OF FRIES | \$ 5 |
| * BOWL OF SEASONED WEDGES WITH SOUR CREAM | \$ 7 |

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| * 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



Spring 2017

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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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