



LUBBERLINE

News from your Club

December 2018

COMMODORE'S CORNER

The first two months of our season have now passed, our sailing programme is well advanced and we've held the first regatta of the season. Unfortunately the regatta coincided with a wedding booking in the Clubhouse and, in a first for the Club, we partnered with the Two Mile Bay Sailing Centre for the Saturday evening entertainment and meal. Feedback has confirmed that this was a successful move.

After berthing on the town side of the marina for as long as anyone cares to remember, recent changes in the berth sites forced on the Club by other changes in the marina meant that the allocated berths for P2 & P6 were not as suitable as the previous berths. The Harbourmaster offered the opportunity to trial two berths on the Nukuhau side and the Club has now confirmed that it wishes to take up the new berths. The new berths are in slack, rather than swiftly moving, water, access on and off the vessels is much easier, the berths are behind locked gates and the boats are located close to the trailer yacht fleet. Although further from the Club, on balance the move is positive. The berths are also less costly.

On the sailing side, it is encouraging to see some of our Learn to Sail participants returning this season into the rainbow fleet. It is also encouraging to see new boats in the trailer yacht fleet. A big welcome goes out to new members to the Club.

Speaking of membership, the move to the Clubhub member management system has been successful with all members now registered through this system. Membership now stands at 124 sailors, family members and helpers.

We also ran the Wooden Boats Regatta through this system which provided an up to the moment registration system and an ongoing database of sailors for future events. Although the system has a steep learning curve, it is delivering a positive outcome to the Club. One outcome is the delivery of the Lubberline. You may have noticed that this newsletter was delivered through the Clubhub mail system, rather than the Club's previously chosen method. This will be a permanent change and means that all of the Club's correspondence will be through one integrated system.

December is a time when we put the more competitive side of our sailing calendar aside as we firstly remember Daryl Montague and then later in the month hold the Christmas Pudding race on 19 December.

As the year draws to a close I wish to express my thanks to our Committee and other volunteers who help make our Club so successful. Over summer and the holiday season, please remember safety on the water and safety in the sun.

Happy Sailing

Alan S.

What's happening in your club

Rescheduled Races

Trailer Yacht Spring Sprints Series

The 4 races of the Trailer Yacht Spring Sprint Series will be held on Sunday 16 December. Start time 1400 Hrs.

Long Race Series Race 3

Now to be held Sunday 13 January 2019. Start time 1100 Hrs

Daryl Montague Memorial Race

Centreboard Fleet. [Notice of race for this race may be found here.](#)

Sports Boats fleet. The Daryl Montague Race for Sports Boats is two laps of the Div 2 course **NOT** your usual course.

Constitution Review

Your Committee is undertaking a complete review of the Club's Constitution to modernize and bring the document into line with current practise. The changes will be presented to the AGM for approval.

If you want to have a voice in these changes, please take time to discuss with a committee member

Learn to Sail

Our Learn to Sail programme is the life blood of your Club. Our LTS participants are future members and helpers. A number of our current members have progressed through our LTS programmes.

This year it's really encouraging to have 12, yes 12, adult Learn to Sail participants. This is the first year for some time that we have run an integrated Adult LTS programme and, quite frankly, we are astounded by the demand.

In contrast the Junior LTS programme has fewer participants than last year but we are expecting a resurgence in interest for the second wave of courses in the New Year.

Please remember to make these up and coming sailors welcome if you see them around the Club.

All LTS participants are invited to sail with the Club in the Christmas Pudding race either in a Club boat or by jumping aboard a Trailer Yacht / Sports Boat to see how the other half of the fleets operate. Skippers, please be prepared to offer a space.

Please note these changes to the sailing programme

Important Information for next Wednesday Night's Races

Contribute to the future of your Club

Help our future members



In another first for the Club we will be hosting Wellington based jazz quintet, High Society, as part of their April 2019 North Island Tour on Friday 19 April 2019. This event will be open to the public and we expect strong demand from Taupo residents and also sailors visiting for our Easter trailer Yacht Regatta. Price is yet to be determined but the evening will include a two course meal in the Clubhouse. Tickets will be strictly limited and will be available through the Club website in the New Year.

Exciting event for your diary

What's happening on the Lake

Ramp Permits

The Harbourmaster is on the warpath. The weekend of the Wooden Boats Regatta 4 boaties were caught without ramp permits at the two Mile Bay launching ramp and each are now \$200 lighter in the pocket as a result. It's not worth it, make sure you have a current ramp permit.

From the Harbourmasters Facebook page 30 November:



Lake Taupō Harbourmaster

Yesterday at 11:19 AM · 🌐



We recently held our annual training day for our Honorary Enforcement Officer (HEO) volunteers. The day consisted of Navigation Safety Bylaw 2017 revision and updates, a visit to launching ramps and access lanes on Taupō Patrol, and a tour of the Motuoapa Marina facilities. The 17 attendees headed away informed and prepared for the busy boating season ahead.

Our HEOs will have a strong presence around the lake this summer. They will be stationed at ramps checking ramp permits, assisting with education on the rules of the water, and helping respond to safety concerns on the lake.

Protect your wallet, Save money for more important things – like boats and sailing stuff.

Weed Cutting

On the positive side the weed cutter will be in the Marina from Tuesday this week, clearing the weed from the ramp and berths. The first priority will be the Nukuhau launching ramp. Your tax \$\$\$ at work.

What's happening else where

Starling Match Racing Trials

Napier Sailing Club will hold this year's **Starling Match Racing Regional Trials on Sunday 16 December, 10am at NSC.**

Any interested Starling sailors keen to take part should contact Philip Otto on 0210526745 or by email at potto@nghs.school.nz. This trial will determine which Starling sailor will be the representative of our region at the National Match Racing event will be held 23-25 January 2019 at Glendowie Sailing Club.

Calling all Starling sailors



The poster for Bay of Islands Sailing Week 2019 features a central image of a sailboat race on the water. The text 'BAY OF ISLANDS' is at the top in white on a blue background. Below it is the 'CRC' logo. A red box on the left says 'ENTER BY 31 DEC TO SAVE \$75 LATE ENTRY FEE!'. The main title 'SAILING WEEK' is in large white letters, with '22-25 January 2019' in red script below it. The bottom section contains logos for OTEHEI BAY, NZLSAILING FOUNDATION, MOUNT GAY Barbados Est. 1703, and Bay of Islands Marina. The website 'www.bayofislandssailingweek.org.nz' is at the bottom, along with social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter.

Test your skills in salt water.
Competition against other sailors is the only way to improve your skills.

How did you get that eye patch?

A sailor and a pirate are in a bar recounting their adventures at sea. Seeing the pirate's peg-leg, hook, and eye patch the sailor asks: "So, how did you end up with the peg-leg?"

The pirate replies: "We were caught in a huge storm and a giant wave swept me overboard. Just as me crew were pulling me out a school of sharks appeared and one of them bit me leg off."

"Blimey!" said the sailor. "And how'd you get the hook?"

"Arrrrgh...", mused the old salt, "I got into a fight over a woman in a bar, and me hand got chopped off."

"Blimey!" remarked the sailor. "And how about the eye patch?"

"Oh that," said the pirate, looking embarrassed. "A seagull dropping fell into me eye."

"You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" the questioner asked incredulously.

"Well..." said the old sea dog "it was me first day with the hook".