



LUBBERLINE

News from your Club

Winter 2020

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Now that the threat of Covid 19 has receded, we have been able to resume normal winter sailing activities.

After a slightly extended post season break, the Trailer Yacht Winter Series commenced on 14 June with 9 boats sailing a bay course. Winter series fleets generally fluctuate from date to date and this year is no exception. The fleet has now reduced to a core of 6 boats.

It was a disappointing end to last season but all things being equal, the 2020/2021 season is looking like a winner. The Club has some exciting events planned with negotiations well advanced to hold a foiling regatta in November, in advance of the Americas Cup World Series event planned for mid-December. We will also host the 2021 Hansa Nationals in conjunction with our Centreboard regatta in March. We are also working with another exciting class to host a fresh water round of their traveller series, but more on that later.

Speaking of winners, last season won't be put to bed until we have a prize giving. The lockdown obviously played havoc with our usual arrangements so the Committee has decided to hold a pre-season get together on 5 September which will double as prizegiving for last season and a gathering for members to re acquaint themselves with the Club. Details will be advised closer to the time but keep the date free.

It is winter so there's not much more to report. Roll on spring.

Commodore Alan.

News from the Committee

For all those who weren't at the AGM, your new committee is:

Commodore Alan Simpson

Vice Commodore Phil Kidson

Rear Commodore Peter Roberts

Elected Committee Members

Jamie Dale

Joe Dale

John Thornton

Nick Van Der Vlerk

Joanna Kidson (Seconded as Membership Secretary)

Hon Secretary Laurie Swift

Hon Treasurer Clare Ngatai

From the AGM

25 members and 2 Honorary members attended the AGM held 14 June.

The usual reports were presented and form part of the minutes which have now been confirmed for accuracy by the General Committee. In his report the Commodore reported on the key activities the Club had undertaken during the past year and advised that membership was reduced on the previous season without any consistent theme.

The Rear Commodore report acknowledged the challenges that the Club had faced with the Covid 19 enforced lockdown creating havoc with the tail end of the season.

Financially, the Club faced an operating loss for the year. Concern was raised by the meeting at the dramatic fall in income from the bar operation, a matter which is being closely investigated by the new committee.

The Learn to Sail report observed that retaining young sailors was a challenge and that our future activities in this area require careful planning and maybe a re think of the offering.

The proposed remit instructing the General Committee to examine certain areas of the Constitution around the duties of Vice and Rear Commodores, the disestablishment of the Past Commodore position and the establishment of an elected Sailing Committee was lost on a show of hands.

In General Business discussion points were raised around The Club engaging a Marketing Consultant to increase membership, the Club considering engaging with wider community water activity groups and the possibility of moving the date of the AGM to avoid conflict with a Tauranga regatta were noted for discussion by the General Committee.

The minutes of the meeting are available on the website.

Access to Club Premises

You may have noticed that you are unable to access areas of the Club that you previously were able to access. This is because access to the different areas of the Club is allocated dependent on the role you hold within the Club. If you have a need to access a particular area you will automatically have access. If you believe that you need access to other areas please talk to Vice Commodore Phil.

Storage Bunker Access

As usual, bunker places will be allocated following the Club spring clean. All boats which are not being sailed by current members will need to be removed.

When you are allocated a bunker space this year you will be given the combination code for the new combination locks for the Bunker and chain. Your keys may be returned to Vice Commodore Phil.

Sailing Programme

A full sailing programme has been created for the 2020/21 season. The detail has been submitted to the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board for confirmation of the Club's ability to access the lake on the days required. Once confirmation has been received, the programme will be published. Each year the Club is required to seek a renewal of its concession to operate on the lake, including confirmation of each sailing day.

Help Needed

It would be really great if your elected Committee had all of the skills that are needed to make the club successful. Regrettably it doesn't. What we really lack is someone who is a great communicator and could be the Club's mouthpiece to the Taupo community. A suitable person would be someone who has a good understanding of social media but is also able to create interesting articles for the local newspapers. If that person is you, or you know of someone outside the Club who might be interested in helping, please let a Committee member know.

How to Renew your membership

Membership renewals for the 2020-2021 season opened on 1 August.

[Please renew your membership by following this link or the link on the website to Clubhub](#)

[Sign on to your account at Clubhub by following this link or through the link on the website.](#)

Your user name is the first 3 letters of your first and surname ie Name: John Brown = User Name johbro

If you can't remember your password, select the forgotten password button and a new password will be sent.

[For detailed instructions to renew your membership please follow this link to the membership page.](#)
[There is a link on the page to a step by step guide to assist you through the process.](#)

Remember, for the larger boats, each crew member must be a member of the Club, either as part of a family membership, or as an individual member. No membership – no points. New members (those who haven't been a member before) are entitled to sail 3 times before joining.

For individual members, please consider adding your partner, husband, wife or other family members to your membership. The only extra cost is the YNZ levy.

Club Spring Clean

Spring comes but once a year, so the saying goes. With spring also comes the need for the Club to get its members together to give the Club's different assets a tidy up before the season gets underway.

This year's spring clean day will be 5 September from 9:00am. Members will join with committee members to ensure that all areas are cleaned and ready to go for the new season. More details will follow but keep this date free. It will be a great day for a Club Day with the prizegiving get together in the evening.

As usual the clean-up will be followed by a barbeque for those who help.

Sea Stories

Things sailors don't say

"We have enough beer for everyone"

"We can't sail this weekend, I've got to do the garden"

"My doctor tells me that Wednesday night sailing is really helping my anger management issues"

"I've stopped drinking for the summer"

"I've traded my sports boat for this awesome kayak"

"Sure, you can borrow my bowman tonight – I'll sail solo"

"Port"

"I'm sorry, you were in the right"

Happy Sailing