



Lake Taupō Yacht Club



Lubberline

August 2023 Winter Edition



Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of Lubberline

It may seem like LTYC activities have gone into hibernation over winter but there has been plenty going on behind the scenes! Planning is well underway for the 2023/24 season and of course the hardy folk have been out sailing in the winter elements. Don't miss the updates to members section as there are some important notices and reminders not to be missed. There is plenty of activity coming our way so rest up and get ready for it!

If you have anything you'd like added to the next newsletter email lubberline@ltyc.org.nz

We need you!

We have several regattas coming our way this season on top of our usual activities and we need volunteers to make these activities successful. Volunteers are needed on and off the water. Beachmasters and rib crews are mandatory for Wednesday night sailing.

We would love to teach these roles to anybody willing to learn, eg: new Learn to Sail parents, it's a great way to see your child sailing.

If you are keen, keep an eye on the event calendar. Consider attending our rib driver training in September. Mark the regatta dates in your diary now.

Up and coming events

Date	Event
18 August	Nautic Tales Evening
2-5 September	Aims Games
9 September	Club Working Bee
10 September	Rib driver and Crew course
4-5 November	North Island Opti Champs - Napier
10-12 November	Sports Boats Regatta - LTYC
25-26 November	Napier Centreboard Regatta
1-3 December	Sir Peter Blake Regatta
18-21 January	NZ Laser Nationals - Napier
2-5 February	Noelex 25 Nationals - LTYC
8-10 March	LTYC Centreboard Regatta
22-24 March	CNI Regatta - LTYC

A message from the Commodore

The past few months have flown by. I attended the Commodores conference in Auckland and found that most other clubs were facing the same issues that we do. The need for funding to allow to run the facility and all of the calendar programs for all ages, falling numbers of members and the large number of senior members who are no longer sailing among many others.

I met with the funding coordinator for the Lion Foundation and had a great chat with her about our facilities and ideas of future needs. She was receptive to supporting us as we are central and have a reputation for being great hosts and running well supported events.

John Thornton has coordinated the replacement of our clubhouse roof and the painting of the facility. The finished product will put the club in good stead for years to come. Thank you to John and the team of members who have assisted.

The refrigeration unit for the chiller has been replaced and is now a lot more energy efficient.

We still need to remount the air conditioning units on new metal brackets and have the units serviced so that they are in good working condition. The unit nearest to the CBD was almost blown over during the roof replacement and no longer operates. If you are able to assist please make contact with me and we will work out a time and day when members are available. It will need about five strong bodies to coordinate the event.

I have organised an aluminium platform complete with hand rails to be mounted in place of the timber tower deck. This will mean that all of the fittings on the new roof are metal and should not deteriorate like the old timber ones have.

Phil Clarke and I met with councillor Yvonne Westerman regarding the rowing and waka clubs becoming members and using our facilities. After some robust discussion we sent her back to council with the issues we face and some large-scale ideas for the development of the area between the existing club and town. The ideas were extravagant and made Yvonne sit up and take notice, wondering how or if the upgrade could be funded. We await future communications from council.

As we had no nomination for Vice Commodore at the AGM, Phil Latham has offered to stand as Acting Vice Commodore. The committee has received and accepted his offer. Thank you for your time and assistance Phill.

And that is a taste of what's going on,

Scotty

Club Working Bee

There will be a club working bee:
9 AM to 12 PM, Saturday 9 September

All hands on deck!

A sausage sizzle will follow.

See you there!



Committee news

2023 AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our 11 June 2023 AGM. A special thank you to all who have accepted a position on the committee: Scotty (Commodore), Nick (Rear Commodore), Grainne (Secretary), Dean (Treasurer), Tash, Matt, Ryan and Shane. Special thanks to those who have accepted nominated positions and to Phil Latham for standing in as acting Vice Commodore as we look to fill the position permanently.

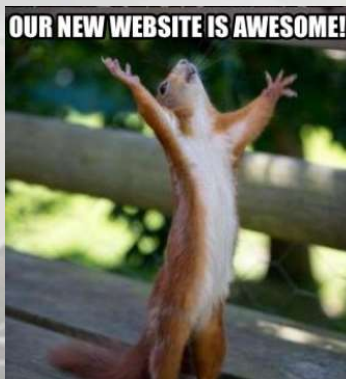
Most of us are time challenged and these roles require significant commitment to keep the club running smoothly. So *Thank you, committee, your efforts are appreciated.*



New Website and 2023 memberships

Lake Taupo Yacht Club membership renewal through the club website usually opens 1st of August. Hopefully you will have seen through emails and past notices that the club has a new website, providing a more modern platform and greater functionality for managing club activities.

Go to: <https://www.ltyc.org.nz/>



The design brief for our new website was to incorporate our membership system with the objective of reducing our software cost. Soon, our membership, communication, payment and website information will all be contained within the one integrated platform.

Our new website is now live. However, the membership side is still in final testing stages. The committee have decided to delay opening membership until this is ready for release. We expect this to be within the next couple of weeks.

We hope you are all having a fantastic winter and are looking forward to the 2023/2024 sailing season as much as we are.



Coming soon...

NAUTIC TALES

Friday 18th August

Winter is coming to an end, and with that, we wrap up our Nautic Tales with **Dean Roe** and **Grainne Simmons** stepping into the spotlight, to share some of their tall tales of epic adventures, high seas drama and laughter.

If you want a guaranteed evening of entertainment with a few snippets of wisdom thrown in, come along.

Constables will be catering, providing seasoned roast pork and veges, with warm apple strudel with cream and black forest cake (\$36.00), to be purchased in advance. You can opt to buy a meal in advance, or just attend the evening, without the pressure of purchasing a meal but please still reserve a spot online, so that we can keep a tab on numbers (we are limited to 120).

Proceedings for the evening are as follows:

- 5.30 pm - Bar opens
- 5.55 pm – Chris Johnston to open the evening as MC
- 6.00 pm – 6.45 pm – Grainne Simmons speaking
- 6.45 pm – 7.30 pm – Food and drink break
- 7.30 pm – 8.15 pm – Dean Roe speaking

Please visit www.ltyc.org.nz/news to register number of attendees and names, so that we have some idea of the total numbers we are expecting and can set up tables and chairs for you, plus, Constables Catering know how many meals to prepare in advance.

See you there!



Prize Giving

Thanks to everyone who came along to our 2023 Prize Giving. It was fantastic to see young and older, new and veteran sailors celebrated and the meal, quiz and company was highly enjoyable. Thank you to Nick & Phil for organising this eventing.



TRAILER YACHT UPDATE

8 boats turned out for the winter series which has been a success, with the last race held 6th August. Stay tuned for the next Lubberline for the full story.

If you're interested in results, follow the link below:

The sailing calendar has been finalised and the handbook is almost ready for printing.

Bob Jollands is running full steam ahead on the organising of the Noelex Nationals which will be hosted by LTYC next February. More details coming soon.



https://www.sailwave.com/results/ltyc_2324ibkts.htm

Messages for members

- As noted above, subscription fees are due soon . We are in the process of changing to a new subscription system that will be run through the new website. It is not quite ready so there will be a slight delay in timings – more details to come soon. Keep an eye out for more emails.
- Please consider making yourself available for the club working bee, Saturday 9 September. Many hands make light work.
- November sports boats regatta, 10-12 November – this is a major regatta for LTYC and we need volunteers on and off the water to ensure it is successful. We anticipate 100 boats attending including sunburst, zephyrs, magics 25s and flying 15 nationals. If you are available
- For those interested in coaching, check out the following link:
<https://sporttutor.nz/pages/description.jsf?menuId=3987600&client=yachtingnz#/users/@self/catalogues/4029067/courses/4207792/description>
- Sir Peter Blake Regatta
<https://www.torbaysailing.club/sir-peter-blake-regatta.html>
- NZ Laser Nationals
<https://www.nzlaser.org/calendar-laser-sailing-regattas>
- If you come across someone who is reluctant to join the LTYC due to cost, or if you or your family member are looking for ways to offset your subscription fees, consider working in the bar. It wont be long before the weather starts warming up and function bookings start filling up. We always need help. Support the club and earn pocket money in the process.



Good luck to Christopher and Patrick Hancock who are heading to Tauranga Aims Games early September.



Club member profile

Last newsletter we profiled one of our experienced, veterans of the lake, Mike Keys. This newsletter its Matt Ryders turn.

When did you learn to sail?

I was 8 years old, at the Motueka Yacht Club, in an Opti on a school camp.

What is your favourite sailing memory?

Recently I attended an Outward Bound course & sailed a 30ft Cutter with a team of novice sailors.

What is your favourite sailing craft?

Laser

How long have you been a member of the LTYC?

Since 2008

What is your favourite boat themed song?

Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)

What do you do in winter when you're not out sailing?

Skiing

Marmite or Vegemite?

Marmite

You're going to circumnavigate the globe – who would you take (present or historical first mate)?

Ernest Shackleton – Someone who knew how to deal with adversity and team leadership when the shit hits the fan.



Rib Driver & Crew Course

Anybody wanting to support the club as a RIB Driver must attend this course, as this is a Health & Safety requirement. All Senior Centreboard Sailors will be required to attend as everyone will be on the roster at some point. Trailer yacht sailors are also encouraged to attend as your ongoing support of regattas is much appreciated. Further more RIB crew are also welcome to attend or anyone that may want to drive a RIB in the future.

There will be a theory session to start with, followed by a practical session on the ribs. If time allows anyone wanting coaching on how to back a trailer will also been given. Minimum Age - 15 years.

When: Sunday 10th September 2023

9.00am

Where: Lake Taupo Yacht Club

Cost: FREE!

Register Here

REGISTER HERE

Ohope Regatta

We had a strong representation of LTYC sailors attend the Ohope Kings Birthday weekend centre board regatta. Our Taupō Opti team made up 7 of the 8 Opti class while Sally was literally in a class of her own. A great days sailing was had on Saturday in light winds.



Unfortunately, the weather wasn't conducive for sailing on Sunday with wind completely dying out and racing was cancelled. However, it was a glorious day and provided an opportunity for our junior sailors to practice their manu skills off the world famous in Ohope bombing platform with a little paddle boarding on the side in the beautifully serene conditions. Our more mature club members lounged around in the sun discussing sailing tactics. It was a fantastic weekend with plenty of chances for socialising – highly recommended.



Congratulations to Hugo who took out the Opti open competition and Zoe who placed 2nd in the Laser Radial class.



Tauranga Winter Series

Sally Clarke, Ethan van der Vlerk, Ruby and Hugo Brasell have been busy over winter competing in the Tauranga winter series. Every second Saturday, Ethan and Hugo attend coaching sessions in their Optis & Zoey in her laser. Sally joins them on Sunday's in her Starling while Ruby has teamed up with a Tauranga 420 sailor for winter series racing.

Dads and Tash crew the ribs and offer support to all sailors out on the course.

Sally has proudly show cased her new starling. To the right are a couple of pictures of Sally with her new boat on her maiden voyage.

So far, our sailors have experienced all weather including, beautiful sunny days, light and high winds and a freezing day where every layer of sailing clothing was required. They are getting great, ocean sailing experience, having to factor in tides, currents, and the ocean breeze.

So much more to think about out there!



Shout outs

- * **Our new committee**, Scotty (Commodore), Nick (Rear Commodore), Dean (Treasurer), Grannie (Secretary), Tash, Matt, Ryan and Shane
- * **Phil Latham**, for acting as Vice Commodore
- * **Tash**, for securing funding to allow replacement of club lounge chairs.
- * **Paulette**, for graciously speaking up at the AGM and questioning whether club subscription and membership obligations were potentially an obstruction to converting potential sailors to club members. Healthy debate on such matters is important and takes courage, thanks Paulette
- * **Hugo Brasell** for donating his Ohope Regatta spray jacket prize to a local rainbow sailor as he already had one – awesome sportsmanship!!
- * **Everyone who sails in winter!!**



Condolences

Older club members will remember Arthur and Julie Bone of Taupo Catering Services Limited who were our club caterer at the time the premises were renovated in the 1980's and even in the 1990s. We were sorry to read of the recent death of Julie Bone on Friday 16 June. Arthur and Julie were good to deal with and their Apricot Chicken dish was a favourite of at least of one of our past commodores. The club wishes to record our condolences to Arthur and his family.

Update on the Pinks Sailing Adventure.

We've heard from the Pinks. They are currently somewhere around Italy after sailing from the south of France. Here's a picture of them on their new house boat Minty. Apparently, there may have been one or two green faces on their last voyage but we're sure that it's a price they're happy to pay. Connor has been busy making movies which you can view on their Youtube channel, "Sailing Minty". <https://youtube.com/@user-Pink292>





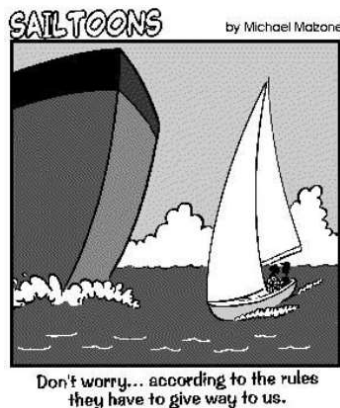
Message from Constables Kitchen

Constables Kitchen is running a high tea on Sunday the 20th of August and a Father's Day lunch on Sunday the 3rd of September if any members are interested in attending. Please see the link below which will take you to the Constables website where you can book and pay.

These are ticketed events that are open to the general public. Numbers are limited and spaces are allocated on a first in first served basis.

The bar will be open for Father's Day lunch, but not the high teas at this stage.

<https://www.constableskitchen.com/whats happeningatthelaketaupoyachtclub>



Finally...

Sailing wisdom: If you live a life of make-believe, your life isn't worth anything until you do something that does challenge your reality. And to me, sailing the open ocean is a real challenge, because it's life or death.

Morgan Freeman

- * How do you rejuvenate an old boat? Boat-tox
- * How many sailors does it take to change a light bulb? None, because the right sized bulb isn't on board, the local marine store doesn't have any stock on hand and the online stores have them all on back order.

For Sale

Paper Tiger catamaran

Plywood boat in good condition, new road trailer with built in storage locker, two sails and beach trailer. Includes all rigging and parts to sail. Located in Taupō.

Asking \$4000.

Contact Jason (021) 934 417



Boat Trailer

Trailer built for carrying small yachts (or light loads). Total Deck length 2980 mm. Deck width at rear end is 1500 mm. Includes aluminium loading ramps for a beach trolley. In good working order but needs WOF and registration.

Asking price \$100

Contact Jason (021) 0762 855

