



Devonport Yacht Club News

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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A Report from Commodore Matt Kemp

Q Only a few weeks until Christmas – the end of the year always seems to sneak up on you.



I haven't given a great deal of thought to Christmas plans yet, but I expect we will be away on the boat for a few days between the Christmas and New Year period, probably up at Kawau if the weather is good. After that, I am hoping to get a week away on the boat at the end of January to coincide with the Auckland Anniversary weekend and regatta at Mahurangi, and the following weekend when the Club will be down at the bottom end of Waiheke for Waitangi weekend.

The boat is ready to go, and is even sporting a new sail cover and hatch covers thanks to Frank and Janet Warnock. Now that the cover is replaced, maybe next year I might invest in some new sails!

In the interests of recycling, I believe the old sail cover may still have life left in her and be making a reappearance on John Duder's Spray at some point. I have pointed out to John that the cover has seen better days but he assures me he will get a number of years more use out of it.

With the end of year fast approaching a number of activities have been going on at the Club.

The first of these was the very successful working bee held at the end of November. Thanks to our Works Manager Hugh Pollock and Haulage Master Derek Snowball, together with their teams and those members who came along to assist with the multitude of jobs that needed doing – by my count there were approximately 50 people at the working bee. A very pleasing turnout. Thanks also to the Social Committee for assisting with morning tea and lunch.



A large number of members attended the second in our series of educational and informative talks last Thursday. Mike and Dee Pigneguy gave an interesting talk on their experiences cruising to Great Barrier Island. Mike and Dee owned and operated the Te Aroha, a 25 metre schooner which they sailed to Great Barrier (amongst other places) carrying cargo and passengers. There were some great stories of the places and personalities they encountered in their travels and, for someone who has not spent much time out at the Barrier, I found it interesting to get ideas of good anchorages and places to visit.

Later in this month's newsletter is the advert for the Club's annual Christmas dinner, on Friday 18 December. The final Friday night of the year is always a sell out and a very enjoyable evening. Please ensure that if you wish to come you obtain a ticket. This last Friday of the year is different to our usual Friday evenings, you need to purchase a ticket in advance.

The Club reopens on Thursday 14th January, with the first Friday night meal being Friday the 15th of January.

I am sure I will see many of you at the Christmas dinner on the 18th. If not, have an enjoyable Christmas break.

Matt



PETER SKOGSTAD YOUR NEW SECRETARY

My experience with boating came late in life. My last job with an International company was in Sydney. One of my managers had a yacht that he had sailed for many years on Middle Harbour and I often crewed for him after work at Wednesday business sailing regattas. Our family had social membership of the Middle Harbour Yacht Club.



When I retired to New Zealand in 2002 we moved into the Mon Desir apartments in Takapuna. It seemed logical to continue our social membership so we joined the Takapuna Boat Club. My involvement started with crewing on Race Days and helping with the Starts for International Regattas. After training I became a qualified Race Officer and also looked after the boatshed. This involved making sure the boats and race equipment were kept in good condition. I was also the tractor driver so normally launched and retrieved boats for local racing and for International regattas.

We moved to Devonport two years ago and earlier this year joined the Devonport Yacht Club. I have had some secretary and treasurer positions since I retired however I am not by any means a professional secretary (my industry experience was in Human Resources). The job so far has been a big learning experience. I hope that I can in some small way contribute to the efficient running of the Club.

My wife Lynne and I have two children a son and a daughter. Our daughter stayed behind in the US, when we moved to Australia, and obtained US citizenship. Our son and daughter in law live in Devonport and have our two grandchildren.

Peter



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Devonport Yacht Club Notice Board

Christmas Menu

Country Baked Ham – Champagne ham glazed with honey, sherry and mustard, served room temperature with WholegrainMustard

Roasted Chicken Breast – with a lemon/herb/bacon stuffing, served warm with a lemony sauce

Warm Baby Potatoes, tossed with a rocket pesto mayonnaise

Crunchy Peanut Rice Salad – wild and basmati rices with roasted peanuts, Asian vinaigrette, garnished with coriander

Tomato and Roasted Lemon Salad, red and yellow baby tomatoes with roasted lemon, pomegranate seeds, flat leaf parsley, mint and rocket, drizzled with pomegranate molasses

Spring Salad – lightly blanched asparagus, green beans, edamame beans, tossed with finely sliced shallots, red chilli, black and white sesame seeds, and a sesame lemon dressing

Pandoro Breads/butter

Dessert

Christmas Mince Rugelach – spiced cream cheese pastries filled with Blah's Christmas mince, rolled a la croissant shape, sprinkled with cinnamon sugar, baked and served warm, dusted with icing sugar with Chocolate Dipped Strawberry and Brandy Cream



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BOATIES BOOKS

There are a couple of boxes of Boaties Books in the Club foyer, please help yourself.

Books in our Library.

For the convenience of Members, a selection of paperbacks of maritime interest (diving, sailing, novel etc) are now available in the Club's Library to take away on your summer cruise.
Have an enjoyable summer and relaxed holiday reading.

Colin Tubbs

WANTED

by the Calliope Sea Scouts

A Circular Life Ring that is suitable for painting and sign writing, to be used for our new Teak Crucifix, donated by the RNZN Museum.

The Life ring should be about 500mm diameter.

Please contact: Chris Leech



RUSSELL BOATING CLUB BAY OF ISLANDS

TALL SHIPS

& CLASSIC INVITATION

Saturday 9TH January 2016

A detailed black and white illustration of a tall ship, likely a clipper, sailing on a choppy sea. The ship has multiple masts and sails, with figures visible on deck.

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6pm**

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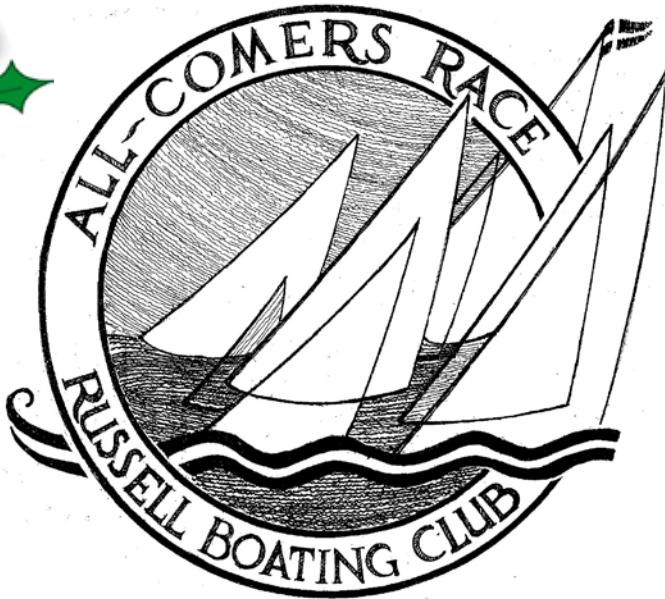
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**Devonport
Yacht Club**





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january 2016

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- OPEN to ANY TYPE of SAILING VESSEL incl. MULTIHULLS
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- ALL EXTRAS / SPINNAKERS ALLOWED.
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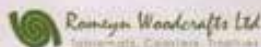
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SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2016 ~ 2PM ONWARDS



PRICE - \$20 - EARLY BIRD UNTIL 31/1/16

\$25 after this date. Includes souvenir wine glass, raffle & spot prizes.

Children 12-17 \$10 includes soft drink, under 12 free entry. Special children's activities and play area.

KAWAU CRUISES FERRY - 09 425 8006

Departing Sandspit from 12.30pm onwards.
Departing Mansion House from 7pm onwards.

TICKETS www.musicinthegardens.co.nz and Kawan Cruises, Sandspit Jetty. Phone 09 425 8006 Discounted ferry fares: Adults \$40 return, Children 6-15 \$20 return, under 5 free. Limited number of tickets available.



ENJOY: Local wines, beer and cider, cheese platters, ham baps, mussel fritters and much more.

An OPAK fundraising event (Organisations Passionate About Kawan) with proceeds going to Camp Bentzon (Kawan Island) Trust, Kawan Volunteer Coastguard and KERT (Kawan Emergency Rescue Trust).

A SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION.

EFTPOS available.



No dogs, fireworks, open burners or camping on the reserve.
Kawan island is free of some pests - help keep it that way.
Visit www.treasureislands.co.nz



WORKING BEE THANKS TO ALL

Saturday's working bee was a very pleasing and most successful event. In spite of threatening rain we managed to complete most of the tasks set down for the day with only painting being aborted.

As is usual after these occasions the grounds are looking very tidy and the clubhouse likewise. A very full 9m bin attests to both the big job done on the pile of cradle parts that have been quietly rotting over the years and the sort-out of the dunnage locker which now looks both very tidy and somewhat empty. On top of this the Haulage account has benefited from the sale of various lumps of metal that have occupied locker space because they might be useful some time in the future. The future is here!



I was assured when I began organising the day that working bees run themselves and this proved to be the case. Many thanks then to the club members who unassumingly take a leadership role for each task and the others who join in and make it happen. It is great to be approached by members asking "Tell me what I can do and I'll get cracking..."

Many thanks to those organising the morning tea (and cleaning up afterward). To me the chance to sit down with a cuppa and chin wag with club members you don't necessarily see very often is a highlight of the day that sits well after a morning's physical effort.

Once the boats remaining on the yard are shoved into the briny we'll pick up any rubbish and rip round with a mower and the job will be done for this year.

Once again, my thanks to everyone.

Cheers,
Hugh



FRANK'S CORNER

- Ever noticed in the Boating and Fishing books that all the Snapper photos are of huge fish? Well on Offshore we are not greedy and would you believe that we filleted, skinned and boned this snapper and Janet and I ate a fillet each.
- Or you may believe that after taking the photo we put the wee fellah back in the sea.



HUGH POLLOCK, YOUR NEW WORKS MANAGER



I've lived in Devonport since 1973 having grown up in Point Chevalier. My mother, born and bred on light houses around New Zealand was determined that her children would become familiar with the sea. To this end she went to night classes, built a 12ft 6in pram dingy and we as a family spent many of our school holiday days learning to row in Meola creek and environs. Since she couldn't manage the sailing herself she joined us up with the Hawke Sea Scouts where we spent huge hours rowing, sailing, scraping, sanding and painting the 18ft Cutters. She and my father eventually became Akela and Skip and I got to share them with a great many youngsters of the area.

Our connections with Devonport however go back to my childhood as my grandparents had retired to Devonport after their light house service. We would visit, crossing the harbour on the vehicular ferries, a wonderful adventure. On top of this all but two families in our swimming squad came from the North Shore and particularly Devonport and I found myself inevitably drawn here to live.

Of my forty odd years of residence however I have only been involved with the club for the last five or so. I joined because I unexpectedly found myself able to own a keel boat, a burning item on my wish list. It has proved to be an inspired move because the friendly and hugely knowledgeable club members have supplied me with technical advice and help I've needed to operate and maintain Kristen. My sailing experiences have been greatly happier as a result.

I joined the haulage team to make a contribution in return for the help I get and find involvement has its rewards as well. When I was asked to take up an unfilled place on the DYC committee I agreed and then got pressed into the Works Manager role. We've had the first Working Bee under my watch. As promised a rather nervous recruit it pretty much ran itself, a real tribute to an active and engaged club membership.

Hugh



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PICTURES FROM THE PAST



This article is in the series in which I intend to highlight some of the early historical photographs from the Archives of the Devonport Yacht Club. All photographs published in these articles remain the property of the original owners; they are included on the condition that they are not reproduced in any other form without prior permission of the owner, or their representative.



Can you identify the main features and location of these photos? All answers to the author. However the answers will be in the next newsletter. If there are any corrections to my answers please let me know. If you have any photographs that you think would be of interest to fellow members, then please eMail to me, with details.

Last Month's Photos:

I have gone back into the archives and found four wonderful old photographs, of which I know little about. So if anyone can identify the place and the people, please let me know.

Photo 1: A group of two couples going for a row in a dinghy, complete with XMAS tree

Photo 2: A fine group at a DYC dance. Stella Dixon is at the left..

Photo 3: A band knocking out the music at a DYC dance of yesteryear.

Photo 4: A fantastic photograph of a DYC picnic at Browns Island.

Chris Leech ED*

A correction to October's Pictures from the Past – (Top Left Photo). This was the Prizegiving for the 1986 2MRNIR. The Mayor of Devonport was Jim Titchener, not George Gair.

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STORIES FROM THE PAST



Over the coming months I will include some old naval sayings, which will intrigue all and offer an explanation as to their origin. (Reproduced with kind permission of the RNZN Museum.)

Rack and ruin:

Destroyed; severely damaged; wrecked

Rack is a variant of 'wreck', and then 'wrack', and describes the complete destruction of a ship.

Round robin:

Tournament in which every competitor plays each other in turn

The origins of this expression come from seventeenth century France, where ruban rond ('round ribbon') was the method of signing petitions on ribbons which were attached to documents in a circular manner so as not to reveal who signed the petition first. Similarly, British sailors signed petitions of grievances to resemble spokes of a wheel radiating from its hub so as to protect leaders' identities.

Rummage sale:

Sale of second-hand, unclaimed or damaged items

Damaged or unclaimed cargo was sold in port in a rummage sale. Rummage derives from the French arrimage, meaning to stow cargo.

Rub salt into wounds:

Make a situation worse; aggravate; add insult to injury

Salt was used aboard naval vessels as a disinfectant, and was applied to wounds to prevent gangrene. The process of rubbing salt into wounds was extremely painful.

Run the gauntlet:

Risk being attacked or criticised from two or more sides

A form of punishment involving forcing a sailor to make his way between two rows of men, each armed with a rope cosh with which to hit the offender. 'Gauntlet' here derives not from glove, but is a corruption of the obsolete 'gantlope', which in turn derives from the Swedish 'gata' (lane) and 'lopp' (running course).

CR Leech ED*

Past Commodore





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Book Review

RETRO AND VINTAGE BOATS. KIWI PORTRAITS.

By Don Jessen. Hardback, 1.31kg, 287mm x 218mm, 247 pages, Colour photographs. Published 2015

Retro and Vintage boats are a picturesque reminder of an elegant Rtime past, when beauty, form and style ruled. They are the beautiful classic car or stunning hot rod of the lakes and sea, and they are becoming increasingly sought after by Kiwi boaters. Within these pages author Don Jessen presents a highly covetable selection of these beautiful boats, and their stories.



This book is split into sections of some of the different types of boats to be found in our (New Zealand) coastal and inland waters, from time-honoured clinkers and picnic boats, steam launches, runabouts, cabin cruisers, jet boats and speedboats of our earlier years, to a small selection of vintage and replica launches.

The boats included, and illustrated in this beautiful book are too numerous to mention. Suffice to say that this is a book that everyone interested in New Zealand Boating History would love to have in their library.

Not only a tribute to some wonderful iconic boats, but a salute to style and design, and the passion that New Zealand has for the water.

A book that you have to see to appreciate.

\$40.00

Kind regards,

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