

HYC NEWSLETTER - 01/2012

FROM THE COMMODORE

There is nothing as consistent as change my boss once said to me. Well we are certainly experiencing a period of constant change at the Yacht Club now. However we have hoisted the main and sheeted in the jib to sail the Hobsonville Yacht Club into the future.

There is much to achieve for the incoming committee and we are all looking forward to the challenges ahead. In our first committee meeting we have identified some urgent matters that have to be done to secure our financial future and to allow us to compete in on the water activities.

Bob Roper has kindly offered to help us in the process of getting a bar license for the club. He has experience with the process through other clubs that he has been involved with and has been a great help in starting off this process. Unfortunately due to the festive season there may be some delays in getting the process through, however I hope to update members with positive news in the New Year.

We have also started the process of affiliation with Yachting New Zealand. There was discussion at the AGM about affiliation. In order to clarify our position on this, affiliation is mandatory and without affiliation we do not have a yacht racing club, we have a cruising club. Yachting New Zealand is the organising and regulatory authority for our chosen sport, the sport of sailing in New Zealand. As such we cannot sail under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing without affiliation to Yachting New Zealand.

For more on what Yachting New Zealand does for our sport I encourage you to view their web site at www.yachtingnz.org.nz

On the subject of Web Sites, many thanks go out to Duncan and Sam for setting up a new web site for Hobsonville Yacht Club. Duncan tells me that it is still a work in progress but it looks great to me. In time we will have results, newsletters, programs, and photos of club boats posted here. Have a look at www.hycnz.org.nz.

Our meeting with Hobsonville Land Co was postponed due to the extreme weather that came through last week; however another appointment has been made. I hope to have more information about hard stand issues and wharf issues after this meeting.

Our thoughts go out to members Julius & Jessica Kolk whose house and boats suffered damage in the Tornado. Hopefully they can relocate and settle before Christmas.

On that note I would like to wish all members a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Craig McMillan - Unity
Commodore

NEW COMMITTEE

The AGM of the HYC was held on 22 November this year and the elected personal for the HYC executive for the 2012/2013 season are,

Commodore	Craig McMillan
Vice Commodore	Spike Maitland
Rear Commodore	Darcy Blackmoore
Secretary	Denise Ellis
Treasurer	Tim Mann
Property Officer	Eric King
House Officer	Sharon Jones
Bar Manager	Stephen Watkins
Deputy Bar Manager	David Meek

Members of the House Committee: Michelle Watkins, Corinna Meek, Carol Old, Janelle Blackmoore, Robyn McMillan, Tim Mann, Samantha Leach, Jo Howley.

Members of the Sailing Committee: Div1- Peter Robinson, Div2 – Tom Logan, Div 3 – vacant, Div 5 – Denise Ellis, Greg Jones.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscriptions for the 2012/2013 season are now due. There is one membership fee of, \$140.00.

This membership will include one spouse and children under the age of 18

The last day for payment will be 31 January 2013 and will cover membership through to 31 September 2013.

If not paid by the due date, you will have been deemed to have abandoned your membership.

Payment is to - Hobsonville Yacht Club,

Postal address – Box 81046

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Electronic Funds Transfer to ASB account number: 12-3082-0512623-000

Particulars field = “Annual Fees”

Reference field = “your surname for membership”

Please ensure you identify your transaction accurately

Or you can drop into the illustrious Clubrooms on the Club nights of Wednesday and Friday nights. We are moving, slowly into the 20th, oops, 21st century and have set up automatic payments into the Club account. We just needed time...only time (I feel a tune coming on).

When paying your subscriptions please take the time to check that your contact details are correct, especially the e-mail address (if you have one.)

We are also in the process of printing new stationary so at the time of payment can you check that the contact details we have are correct and membership cards will be available shortly after membership fees are lodged with the Club.

SECURITY

For those who have not visited the Clubrooms recently, you will notice many changes in and around the Hardstand. The Ferry Terminal is in the process of being constructed, the Rowing Clubs are now ensconced in our once small boats compound and our dinghy lockers have now been replaced by 35 marked parking spaces, primarily for ferry users. There is also an increase of foot and paw traffic.

The Clubs ever decreasing footprint is now ringed by temporary fencing. Should you leave any equipment (bags, outboards, inflatable's etc) on the hardstand you DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK.

When unlocking the Workshop, please do not leave the lock open and set at the combination for any passerby to note.

PROPERTY.

A small hard dinghy frame has been erected by the seawall and is currently outside the ring fence. There are limited spaces and ALL dinghies' need to be labelled with the owners contact details or the said dinghies will be removed.

The walkway is still fenced off with **NO** access permitted for the foreseeable future. The Club executive is looking into options to rectify this situation. It is not a "quick fix" and we ask for your patience.

RACING

After a minor hic-up on Opening day, (45 knot winds and rain) the BBQ was enjoyed minus any racing. The wind was not the issue but getting the sails wet is another matter.

The season has moved on with,

Shipwright 1 – Satisfaction

Eye Spy

Waterwitch

Shipwright 2 – Satisfaction

Phantasy

Stinger

50 Miler – Eye Spy

Nona

Blue Beat

Shipwright 3 – Eye Spy

Satisfaction

Phantasy

Wayward 1- Blue Beat

Eye Spy

The next race on the racing calendar prior to Christmas is the Two Handed, Sun 16 Dec, 1300.

After Christmas, - Wayward 2, Sat 16 Jan, 1100 start.

Small boats should start waxing their hulls for the fiercely contested Riverhead Race on Sat 19 January.

SOCIAL

The Social Committee are leaping into festivities with gusto. December has two culinary events, the first is

“A Family Christmas” ear marked for **Sunday 16th December** –
After racing.



Adults - \$10.00
Children under 10 years - \$5.00

Nibbles
BBQ
Christmas Pudding
SANTA

If your child/children are less than 10 years of age, write their name/s on the sheet at the Club or contact a House Committee Member so Santa can give them a gift.

“A pot luck Dinner” on Friday 21 December.

The year 2013 starts with,

January 25 – Kawau Race/ party

March 10 – Fishing competition. Measuring will be *stringent*, and bribery will not be entered into!!!!!!(? **The colour of the bribe may change the scales.**)

April 7 – Dinghy Race (Oars only, don't even think about a submersible propulsion system)

TBA – Mid-winter Christmas.

If you have any other ideas in the categories of fun, feasting or frivolity - feel free to drop Sharon or her team a line.

MUSINGS FROM THE BILGE RAT

- ✚ Bilge Rat was watching the boats racing around, except one boat that was lodged on the putty. The lodged yacht reminded BR of a TV series many years ago titled Fantasy Island.Apparently it was not the skippers fault. (some crew would mutter that it never is)
- ✚ Bilge Rat hears that during the wet and windy 50 miler, a rock star crew decided to pole out the number two headsail using a spinnaker pole. This said pole now has a defined bend. This same said crew, after untangling the pole etc proclaimed that a spinnaker was more appropriate. The skippers reply was **#!*^#@## NO.**
- ✚ During this same said event, one competitor was so keen, that after being put onto its mooring, broke free and waltzed up and down the channel between the Club and the Greenhith Bridge for some hours before coming to rest on the rocks on the northern bank of Helliers creek..... Not a scratch on that lovely blue antifoul.
- ✚ Bilge Rat heard that during the Coastal Classic a Young legs- eleven was overtaken by a Stewart 34 as if it had several buckets tied underneath. Oh the shame. P.S - Bilge Rat WAS NOT RESPONCIBLE!
- ✚ Bilge Rat also hears that the mutinous crew broke the above boat so that they could dine on Tomato soup rather than dehydrated Roast chicken dinner. Bilge Rat preferred the Rum Locker, medicinal purposes obviously. Scurvy was in the air. Really truly?.
- ✚ Bilge Rat spotted these comments on some performance appraisals.
 - “Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig”*
 - “Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap”*
 - “He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them”.*
 - “Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn’t coming”*



Beware The Bilge Rat