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## MAINSHEET

### Newsletter of the Russell Boating Club Inc

Indeed much has happened since we were last in touch. The Main Point to note now is that the Annual General Meeting will be held on SATURDAY 25 JUNE. By then, with luck, we will have a new reformed liquor licence which has been some time in coming.

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You will have noticed that Don Beattie has been looking after the Club's notice-board in Russell, so most members will have been kept in touch with the main events. Incidentally, we now seem to have a list of about 315 members plus spouses.

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What a difference the new facilities make. Several members contributed many hours work, much of it highly skilled, to ensure the work was done with least disruption and to a very high standard of finish. We shouldn't list them, for a long list would still fail to be comprehensive. The very high standard of finish comes from their carpentry, joinery, electrical work, stopping, painting, initiative, concentration and dedication. The Club recognises its debt of gratitude to these people.

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Another great leap forward has been in the area of the small boat activities. From small beginnings just on a year ago, I think we can now say that dozens of Russell's young people have taken part in training, and many are now racing Optimists in the fortnightly events held in conjunction with the Small Boat races. Once again, many people have contributed much time and effort, mostly unsung, so a long list would again be inadequate. Because of them, the Optimist programme is a great success.

It is possible, however, that a great deal of talent exists among club members (315+) that is still being modestly concealed. If you think you can help in any way with time or ideas with respect to the Small Boat or Optimist programmes, contact Adrian Stevens at 37577. He'll pass your name to the relevant person and you'll be contacted, with gratitude. One area where ideas are needed is what to do with the keen young yachties who have graduated from the Optimist programme. There are quite a few of them now. How do they continue to pursue their yachting interests? How can the talents of these new Chris Dicksons be nurtured? What boats do they sail, and where do they come from? Will they fish for sprats off the wharf when they'd rather be boating? If it is the responsibility of parents, do they need some assistance, advice etc? Any ideas? Any questions? Any answers?

There are lots of other ways you can help. What about helping out with the rescue boat, or helping in the kitchen, or serving behind the bar (don't all rush at once!). For letting us know about these other ways of getting involved, contact the secretary on 37781.

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Adult Optimist Sailing courses are now being held. If you are interested, please get in touch. Sailing is fun.

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The Tall Ships race was again a great success. I personally find this the most exciting event of the year, even without the opportunity to take part directly. Next year, entrants will not need to attend the registration night if they have taken part in the last five years, although they will need to be at the briefing. A shortage of toilet facilities was recognised and will be met next year.

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Richard Flatman (owner) and Jon Maxwell took the Javelin "Hombre" to Wellington for the Sanders Cup contest. It is the first national championship in which a boat of the Russell Boating Club has taken part. "Hombre" in fact won the cup for Auckland in 1976, when she was sailed by a Bay of Islands skipper Dave Cochran. This time, "Hombre" represented Northland. The Sanders Cup is New Zealand's oldest national trophy, first sailed for in 1921 between Auckland (Lord Jellicoe, Governor General) and Otago. Otago won that one.

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There has been some great sailing in the Big Boat series. The re-formed Epiglass series was particularly satisfying, with a win by Russell in the A Division.

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For the record: As a result of an appeal by Fred Cole to the Yachting Federation, Maggie T has been reinstated in the position she obtained in a race on 20 September last year, during which there was an incident that was subject to a protest. The Appeal Panel decision was pinned to the notice board in the Club rooms, but now seems to have gone missing. The Secretary has a copy if required.

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There's a good spread of trophies around the fleet this year, and some of the smaller boats get their share. The season is summarised as follows:

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Hassall Sheild:	Takahoa	Reimers	Solway Steamer
James Wright Scott Cup:	Chokito	Valwyn	Gentle Ben
Russell Harward Trophy:	Tia Maria	Reimers	Maggie T
Cater Marine Trophy:	Gentle Ben	Maggie T	Takahoa
Macushla Cup:	Valwyn	Gentle Ben	Lorgaire
Friendship Cup:	Solveig	Maggie T	Karros
Ladies Race:	Valwyn	Maggie T	Reimers
Russell Cup:	Macushla	Straight Laced	Gentle Ben
Fullers Trophy:	Reimers	Carino	Minaret
Little Ships Cup:	Huatahi	Gentle Ben	Valwyn
Duke of Marlborough prize (stove):	Huatahi	Macushla	Solway Steamer
Duke of Marlborough points cup:	Macushla	Valwyn	Takahoa
Patron's Cup:	Maggie T	Solway Steamer	Reimers
Cater Marine Autohelm:	Takahoa and Maggie T	1st=	Valwyn
Last winter's Freedom Cup:	Reimers	Lorgaire	Maggie T

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