

Mainsheet - partial - about October 1983

SMALL BOAT RACES:

An important feature of our Sailing Programme is a new series of races for small boats. These races are not only for children (they're welcome too); they are for small boat sailers of all ages ... and they're not only for high-tech racing dinghies but for all sailing craft under eighteen feet overall. The racing fee is a mere \$5 for the whole season. The course will be the same for each race but the number of circuits each time will depend on the weather. One end of the start/finish line is marked by the Boating Club jetty in Matauwhi Bay. N Z Yachting Federation rules will apply. Your committee aims to help encourage Club participation by small boat owners: It's for fun. Meet to chat about it on Wednesday 9 November. The first Small Boat Race is the following Wednesday, 16 November.

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Labour weekend could be a good time to visit the Club: Russell is the finishing point for the Devonport to Russell race.

The venue and time for the first Club picnic of the season will be posted at the Boating Club and Cass Street notice boards the day before, on Saturday 3 December.

Big sailing days and big social nights can be expected in mid-December when the Club is host to the third and fourth Epiglass races on 10 & 11 December. All Club facilities will operate in their usual well-lubricated fashion.

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Club member Laurie Sampson tested his powers of seamanship with his yacht Meegan in the inaugural Bucklands Beach/Mooloolaba international yacht race. He's now back in Russell, unscathed.

Your Club is host to an international sailer and his yacht who limped jury rigged into Russell recently. Mr Tom Kirby rolled twice near the Kermadecs and lost his mast. He lost almost everything else that could be removed when he had to lighten ship to allow bailing. Once in Russell he found Boating Club members ready to organise a mooring, the loan of a dinghy, warm hospitality and a caretaker service for his yacht while Tom is back in Alaska earning sufficient to make good his losses.

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For the record, officers of your Club elected at the A G M are as follows:

Commodore: Roy Grant	Vice Commodore: Ray Tait
Rear Commodore: Joe Cotton	Treasurer: Vin Hill
Captain: Graham Wright	Secretary: John Grant
Slipmaster: Alec Stafford	Social Cttee Chairman: Ray Tait
Works Chairman: Doug Reekie	Sailing Secretary: Mike Cullinane

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Remember: When the flag is up, your Club is open and ready to welcome you.

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