

Mainsheet

RUSSELL BOATING CLUB (INC) NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER '84.

We can now say with confidence that THE SEASON HAS STARTED. Opening day was a great success. You could tell by the silly grins on the faces of everyone who took part in the opening day race for the Hassel Sheild. A decent breeze made for fine racing.

Adamant was first followed by Curlew, La Passat, Country Mile and California Jack. (The others followed ...).

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OF INTEREST TO ALL MEMBERS OF ALL BOATING AND YACHTING CLUBS IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS:

An Autohelm self steering unit has been donated by Cater Marine. It is first prize for a racing series open to all clubs in the Bay. The races, organised by the Russell Boating Club, is called the Cater Marine Autohelm Series to be contested on the following dates:

Sunday 16 December, 1984, starting at noon.

Sunday 31 March, 1985, starting at 1100.

Sunday 5 May, 1985, starting at 1100.

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LABOUR WEEKEND:

The Coastal Classic race from Devonport to Russell is becoming a major event and a major challenge to the Russell Boating Club which this year for the first time is the official host club. Ray Tait's Trendsetter will be the finishing boat and as such will be on station from the early hours on Saturday until 5pm Sunday. Heavy pressure will be on the resources of the Club which is providing certain organisational services, catering and hospitality.

Somewhere between five to eight hundred people, including crews and their supporters, are expected to use club facilities at some stage through the weekend. This means a tremendous amount of cooking, washing, cleaning and general work will be required from club members to make the weekend a Great Success. Club members are invited and encouraged to turn up and lend a hand whenever the spirit moves. (We hope it moves for you).

And the Club is doing more: We're providing a cup to be known as the Russell Boating Club Trophy for the first Bay of Islands yacht to finish in the race.

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Of special interest to all you enthusiastic Small Boat Racers: The official Club Calendar is in error regarding the starting times for these races: It is 5.30 pm in every case (not 5pm).
