



# Mainsheet

29 January 2018

Hi All - A short Mainsheet to highlight a few things coming up soon. In particular:

- A Short Ships planning meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 5 pm this Friday, 2 February. Contact Jeff Cartridge and Gail Pearcy to get involved or for questions - [jeff.cartridge@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.cartridge@gmail.com)
- The rescheduled Russell Opua Inter-club Race #1 will be held this Sunday, 4 February, Noon Opua Club start.
- Fun night at the Club this Sunday with great music and cake to celebrate our Club's birthday!
- We are planning a cruise-out picnic on Saturday, 17 February. More details to come once we get close enough to have an idea on weather.

Enjoy Summer!

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## Coming Up

Friday, 2 February	Short Ships Planning Meeting, 5pm – RBC Clubhouse
Sunday, 4 February	Inter-Club Race 1 – Opua Hosts, Noon Start
Sunday, 4 February	Open Mic Night & Club Birthday
Sunday, 11 February	Russell Cup Race
Saturday, 17 February	Club Cruise-out Picnic
Sunday, 25 February	Laser Regatta & Russell Ukulele Group
Saturday, 3 March	Short Ships Kayak / Rowing Dinghy Race
Sunday, 4 March	Open Mic
Saturday, March 17	Cricket Match

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**Russell Wharf - Commercial Pontoon Update**

23 January 2018

Hi All,

As you are probably aware 2 weeks ago one of the steel piles failed. In the process of removing this pile yesterday another of the piles was found to have stress cracks and other damage. The pontoon was then unable to perform its basic function safely so we took the decision to remove all piles while the dive team were there and we had a barge available to support the divers and remove the gangway and pontoon.

The pontoon was scheduled for replacement in April/May and we will be working to expedite this sooner. Tenders for the replacement are being revised today and will be issued tomorrow. We anticipate that it will take 10 weeks for the new pontoon to be installed.

In the meantime the southern pontoon is being made available for use. This will create some congestion around scheduled pick up and drop off times and I ask that you keep this time on the pontoon to a minimum to ease demand. Both sides of the pontoon are available. We will also manage any cruise ship tenders that want to access Russell over this period and I have also asked Colette to assist in day to day administration of the wharf until things settle down. For those larger vessels using the southern pontoon I again ask that skippers be advised to treat the facility with care as it is not designed as robust as the old steel pontoon. Leaning on to it or heavily springing off it should be avoided please.

Any questions please let me know. Thanks again.

Regards

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