



Mainsheet

13 September 2018

Commodore's Letter

Greetings,

Another gorgeous day as winter is quickly releasing its grip. We have the last winter-series race this Sunday which is a good indicator the seasons are changing. And daylight savings starts on Sunday, 30 September, which means our evening racing starts back up for the season on Wednesday, 3 October!

Our big event coming up next month is Harry Lyon's album release party at the Club on Saturday, 6 October. Tickets are going fast now, so if you want to attend, book now, as the event will likely be booked out shortly. This event is also a benefit and fundraiser for Russell Boating Club, so great way to support RBC.

As previously reported, the Club has been pursuing getting a replacement boat haul-out trolley. A few months ago, Tim Yeates at Total Marine donated the design engineering for a new trolley, and Total Engineering has provided the Club with a quote to build the trolley. The Committee has now evaluated this offer, noting that Total Marine will be donating the steel, as well as the transport costs and cost to remove our old trolley. Even after taking into account the donated value of Total Marine's contribution, the cost to build the trolley is still significant – in fact it will come to \$24,000. The Club has been working on a plan to cover this cost, and I am excited to announce that the Club has been awarded a \$12,000 grant from Pelorus towards the trolley! In addition, we have secured substantial member donations such that any remaining cost to be carried by the Club will be manageable. On this basis, the Committee has approved moving forward with the new trolley. I view the Club's slipway facilities as an important part of the character and heritage of the Club, as well as generating ongoing income for the Club. We could still use additional financial assistance towards the trolley. If you would like to help, please contact me.

Big thanks to everyone that helped at last Saturday's working bee - our Club is looking sharp!

Tonight is the final inter-club competition - good luck to team RBC!

Best

Jay Howell

Coming Up

Sunday, 16 September	RBC Winter Series Race
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Sunday, 23 September	Opuia Winter Series Race
Wednesday, 3 October	Evening racing starts
Saturday, 6 October	Harry Lyon Record Release Party
Sunday, 7 October	1 st Weekend Race – James Wright Scott Cup
Sunday, 7 October	Open mic night

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HARRY LYON

“TO THE SEA”

ALBUM RELEASE PARTY

Saturday 6 October

Special performance & benefit for Russell Boating Club

Club, bar and kitchen opens at 5 pm

Performance starts around 7 pm

Tickets: \$40 in advance (\$30 members)

Limited capacity - book soon

\$50 at the door if not sold out

Bookings - info@russellboatingclub.org.nz

or purchase tickets at the Club

Last passenger ferry (Pahia) - 10 pm

Last car ferry (Opuia) - 9:50 pm

**BAY OF ISLANDS
NEW ZEALAND**

Support
RBC!

Membership Update

Just a reminder that membership subs are now due and can be paid via internet banking or at the Club. We expect the first batch of membership cards to be coming in the mail shortly from Yachting New Zealand, however they have had some turnover of staff, so I understand cards might take a little longer this year....

Help Wanted

The Club has been considering expanding our youth sailing program to offer a summer sailing camp in January. The idea would be to hire a couple paid instructors in January to work with local kids who are keen to have fun. We need someone who would be interested in helping to set up and oversee the program. If you or someone you know might be interested in this fantastic way to help give back to the community, please contact me at commodore@russellboatingclub.org.nz

Club Piano

Our Club's beloved piano has not been getting much use for awhile now. As a result, the committee believes it is time to give it a new home where it can receive some newfound attention. However we recognize it has been part of the RBC family for a long time, so we would like your input if you have concerns or questions - info@russellboatingclub.org.nz.

Learn to Sail

With longer days approaching, now is the time to think about taking sailing lessons. New owners Bill and Julie Kidman over at Great Escape in Opuia offer an adult learn to sail program. This a great opportunity to build your skills and confidence.



SHORT TACKS

MPI has just lifted the shellfish ban that was in effect for the Bay of Islands - happy collecting!

Dinghy gone missing? A dinghy by the name of "Hanging On" was reported washed up on the beach a few days ago in Matuawhi Bay directly across from the Club.

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