



NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Thank you

.....to all of you who have joined as Foundation Members of the new Kawau Boating Club. The Committee has known from the very start that KBC can succeed only with a strong membership base. Subscriptions are vital for payment of rent, overheads, maintenance and improvements etc. But more important is the fellowship and camaraderie that comes from use of the KBC facilities. With your support, we might even make a small profit for re-cycling into facility improvement!

With the positive response from people such as you, membership is already over 400, more than in the last two years of the old KIYC. With the addition of the 'Christmas rush' we are confident that we will get to our target minimum of 500 members. You can help by encouraging boating friends to join. Send them to www.kawauboatingclub.nz

Membership cards will be available at the Club from mid- December.

The Club opens again on 6 December Thank you again for your support. We hope you enjoy the new Kawau Boating Club.

Welcome to David and Robyn Lee



We have been very lucky indeed to secure the services of David and Robyn Lee as our resident managers at KBC. Globetrotting Kiwis, they have decided that it is time to come home, and that Kawau is where they want to be. They have extensive experience in bar/cafe management here and in Europe. David says it all when he recalls a visit some years ago – " I have a distinct memory of filling my boat up at Kawau jetty, being spellbound by the beauty of Bon Accord and thinking I had to figure out a way to

live on Kawau".

Well, he and Robyn have done just that and we are sure it will be a long and happy stay for both them and KBC members.

Please rock up and introduce yourself next time you're at the Club.

6 December – start of full service

With Robyn and David on site, we're very pleased to be able to advise that KBC will re-open 6 December (sorry this is a little later than earlier advised – big work load to get through), except Mondays, then 7 days from 26 December (closed Xmas Day). Fuel may be just a few days later. The KBC pennant, inherited from KIYC, will fly from the end of the jetty when the club is open.

You wouldn't believe the regulatory complexity of getting fuel delivered to Kawau! RNZYS and your committee have been working on this for several months and have devoted many hundreds of hours which are only now getting us to a satisfactory conclusion. One of the obstacles has been the requirement to pay for full tank loads in advance – beyond our current cash flow situation. We're therefore very happy to record the generosity of Lin and Larry Pardey, residents of Kawau Island in lending KBC the not inconsiderable funding required for our initial tank fill.

Support Coastguard – they support us

KBC is very pleased to be able to support Coastguard's major fundraising function for 2015 – the **Great Boat Challenge**, 20-21 February 2015. It's an event that will be both fun and exciting, and we encourage KBC members to take part.

We will be hosting Happy Hour at the Club on Friday evening. KBC members (whether in the Challenge or not) as well as participants will be welcome. For more information on the Challenge, and how to enter, go to www.boatchallenge.org.

Labour Weekend Opening

It all seems a long time ago – so much has happened since then. But the first official 'presence' of KBC, as many of you will know through participation, was over Labour Weekend. Saturday was a beautiful, light and sunny day, perfect for socialising at the Club. There was a wonderful response from the boating community (in fact, many residents of Bon Accord said that the Bay looked more like Anniversary Weekend). More than 100 people joined KBC on Saturday alone. Sunday was also fine but with a brisk spring westerly, ideal for the Mahurangi Cruising Club opening regatta for the 2014/15 season. Several beautiful classics, including Sapphire seen here crossing the start line, took part.



Photo of Sapphire courtesy of Ivor Wilkins.

The official opening of the KBC followed in the early evening with speeches from

KBC Club Captain Martin Farrand, Auckland Council Rodney representative Penny Webster, and long term member of KIYC, John Duder (in fact we worked out that John was probably a member of KIYC in its inaugural year, 1952).



The opening was marked by the cutting of one of Karen McGiffen's celebrated cakes.



Close to another 100 people joined on Sunday, making Labour Weekend a flying start to our membership target.

A little help from our friends.....

We would like to acknowledge the following groups and people for their support in helping us get the new KBC going.

KIRRA (Kawau Island Ratepayers and Residents Association): \$2,500 towards renovations of the shower block

RNZYS: for support and co-operation throughout the establishment of KBC, including transfer of all KIYC assets to the new club.

Dave Jeffrey: transport for all inspectors, builders, and committee members

Brett Lewis: for organising and supervising the first round of 'tidy-up'

Cash loans from ***Martin Farrand, David Innes, Evan Innes-Jones, Lin Pardy, Trevor Ready*** and ***John Sinclair.***

Steve Horsley: for his terrific graphic creation of the clubhouse

Helen Willes: for her stylish design of our new KBC graphics

Karl Farrand: IT/website organisation

Fiona Driver at Driven Events: for organising our member database and this newsletter

Upcoming Events

There will be a **Youth Regatta** managed by RNZYS making use of KBC facilities from 8-20 December.

Sandspit Yacht Club - Round Kawau Race, 6 December. This race starts at Algies Bay, circumnavigates Kawau and concludes in Bon Accord, with prizegiving at KBC. We are very happy to host our sailing colleagues from SYC and encourage KBC members to boost their fleet numbers. Contact Jeremy Noakes on 027 217 2588.

Kawau Island Bookworms will hold their annual Christmas luncheon at KBC on 18 December. At the same time they will unpack all the books from the lending library and shelve them for future visitors' pleasure. Please feel free to select a book or two. You are not required to return these books, but it would be appreciated if you would add something interesting from your on-board library.

OPAK (Organisations Passionate about Kawau) will be holding their second annual Music in The Gardens event 14 February 2015. Last year this highly enjoyable event raised more than \$10,000 which was donated to two organisations which benefit the residents and visitors of Kawau Island. This year, Kawau Boating Club has been selected as one of the organisations which will benefit from this event. So enjoy a day full of fine music at the Mansion House, then come on over to Kawau Boating Club to enjoy a drink and camaraderie.

The **Mahurangi Cruising Club's Annual Easter Regatta** will take place as usual in North Cove on Saturday 4 April with Sunday 5 April reserved in case weather on Saturday is too stormy, but this year, attendees are planning to meet on Friday 3 April at Kawau Boating Club. The event is open to all sailors.

**Thank you again for joining the Kawau Boating Club.
We look forward to seeing you at the Club over our first summer.**

**Kind Regards
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