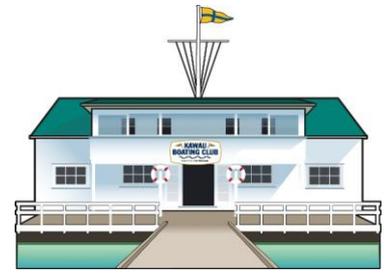


Kawau Boating Club Update:

7 March 2017



Summer has not been kind to sailors and boaties around Kawau. Strong westerly winds gusted through Bon Accord Harbour for most of January, then rain and drizzle dulled the first weeks of February. But there definitely were some bright spots. Anniversary Weekend saw a huge fleet of yachts and launches streaming in to Kawau. The camaraderie at the KBC was wonderful. The Sandspit Yacht Club regatta filled the whole Bon Accord bar area on Saturday evening.

On Sunday their numbers were augmented by the crews from dozens of classic yachts which had participated in the Mahurangi Regatta. And then there were the racers who arrived early to prepare for the next day's passage race to Auckland. The crew behind the bar and in the kitchen deserve credit for coping with what was definitely an overflow of meal ordering people.

John Sinclair, had his oversized tinny at hand to serve as the official starting boat for Monday's Anniversary Regatta. Lin Pardey was sitting on the roof of the KBC, ready to hoist the starting signals. At 10am thirteen boats thundered down Bon Accord Harbour dodging literally hundreds of anchored boats to reach the start line. The winds lightened minutes after the boats crossed the starting line and, due to very fickle winds, six hours later only one of the starters from the KBC had crossed the finish line in Auckland Harbour.



The anniversary Regatta starting line had to be set amidst a large fleet of moored boats. Made for some interesting pre-race manoeuvring.



John's Kotara served as start boat



The Lidgard Cup was held at the KBC with John Lidgard racing and later helping hand out prizes.



Hard to believe this isn't a spot on a tropical island. The Kawau Island Ratepayers AGM.

Squadron Weekend once again saw fine weather and a great crowd, both on the Lidgard Lawn and at the KBC. Then on Sunday evening rain set in and lingered for a week. The organisers of Music in the Gardens had to do all the marquee set up on the Mansion House lawns in spite of rain and wind. Fortunately, the weekend weather was great and over 600 turned up to listen to jazz elegantly performed by the Nairobi Trio, then dance to the great sounds of The Renegades. When the bands packed up, half the boats in Mansion House Bay lifted anchor to continue the fun at the Kawau Boating Club where the music continued with an 80's theme.

The KBC had a fair share of attention from the media world in February. Video makers from the American website – offcenterharbor.com, the producers of TV1's Neighbourhood, which airs on Sunday mornings at 11am and then on demand, and film makers from Gemma, a German TV producer all filmed there.

In late February, Robyn Lee suffered serious injuries due to falling from the concrete path in front of the Lidgard House. This occurred quite late at night and thanks go to Kawai Island Fire team, to Hayden Porter who happened to be staying at Lidgard house, to Peter and Erin from Camp Bentzon and to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter for their help in getting Robyn to hospital. Robyn is now up and about for a few hours each day and should make a full recovery over the next month or two.

Within the next few weeks, Hallet's Marine will be arriving to replace the stairs on the western end of the wharf. At the same time they will drive the piles to support the deck extension in front of the clubhouse. Options for funding the rest of the work on the deck extension and the fueling pontoon are being explored by your committee with hopes all works can be completed in time for next season.

As you can see by the calendar of events outlined below, the club will be in full swing over the autumn months. For any of you who came to Music in the Gardens and raved about the music of The Renegades, here is another chance to enjoy dancing to their great music. They'll be playing on Easter Friday at the KBC.



Piers Barney loves introducing his guests to the rays that hang out around the KBC.



The new KBC caps.

Bar and Bistro News from Robyn and Davo

As we write this the fuel tanks are full and ready for your fueling needs. Don't forget ice is available from the freezer on the wharf - ask one of the crew. And why not grab a takeaway 'flat white' and cheese scone for the ride!

The Burgees (club flags) have finally arrived, along with new boating caps. See notices below for details.

Thanks to all the ladies who have bought some of the stunning Italian Linen available at the club this season. It has been a pleasure to be able to offer you a little something different when you come ashore - your comments and delight in being able to 'shop' at the club have been welcomed! Next year will see a full range of gorgeous Spanish Espadrilles. Our family are sourcing these direct from Barcelona! Plus more linen, beach wraps and sun glass cords (available in club colours too!). Best book a trip up to the KBC for a pre-Christmas shop.

It was great to hear a local restaurateur in Warkworth say to Davo and I last week 'I hear you have an awesome Seafood Chowder out there at Kawau!' Yes, Derek's chowder is amazing - try it next time you are out.

We had a great Saturday evening recently with a high tide, lots of families ashore for dinner and Piers Barney demonstrating how to hand feed the 4 large roaming sting rays. Right at the bottom of the wooden steps by the front doors! (see photos)

Hauraki Express have partnered up with us at the Bon Accord Bar and Bistro offering a fast water taxi service to and from Omaha, Matakana or Sandspit for evening meals. A great service and very flexible - they are also happy to do drop offs around the coves any time. If you see the smart black boats at the wharf just ask the skipper for information. They can take up to 12 people. The recent guests that arrived with them were blown away with the location and sting ray feeding for the kids to watch!

Auckland Seaplanes have bought several groups up to the Kawau Boating Club for meals. Very much enjoyed by all and a great site for our club members seeing the float planes arrive and take off up Bon Accord Harbour. We happily arrange the shuttle to and from the float plane.

As you can see from the upcoming events listed below we have many fishing competitions coming up. There are still spots for more bookings. The Bon Accord Bar area lending itself to a great sunset evening for up to 60 guests.

Derek loves cooking up a storm and designing a special menu for a special event so come on in and have a chat. Birthday cakes can be ordered anytime. Also happy to put takeaways together and check out our meat packs specially packed by the Warkworth Butcher for couples. Only \$25.

NOTICES

Membership Cards – the hard plastic membership cards which most of you have from last year or from when you joined the KBC this season, are perpetual cards. i.e. to be reused again each year. Starting as of 30th of September, 2017, there will be a charge of \$5.00 to replace any lost cards.

Membership Fees for this season reduced by 50% - Click [here](#) if you have not renewed. Membership entitles you to 20 cents per litre discount on fuel, discounts on bar drinks, free showers, free laundry, free mooring on the pink Squadron moorings (books essential, via the club) and water to top up your tanks. More importantly, your membership helps ensure we can maintain and improve the clubhouse and keep it open for future sailors and boaties to enjoy.

Club House and Fuel Dock Hours

Moorings – to book a squadron mooring please phone the club on 09 422 8845.

Club House Hours

7 Days a week until March 27th (same as last year)

9am till late. Last meal orders taken at 8pm (earlier if weather is inclement)

5 Days a week from March 28th (Closed Tuesday/Wednesday)

9am till late Saturday/Sunday. 10am till close Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Watch the Kawau Boating Club/Bon Accord bar and Bistro Facebook page or ring the club for updates on these hours (09-422-8845)

Fuel Dock Hours

Daily whilst club open (please call the club on 09 422 8845 if wanting fuel after 5.30pm)

New Burgees have arrived – You can pick one up at the club or order through the KBC website. Price \$45 (plus postage \$5 for mail orders.).

New Kawau Boating Club Caps – natural white, KBC logo on the front. Price \$30 plus \$5 postage for on line order.

There are only a few small sized club shirts left on hand. The long sleeve grey marle shirts with collars would be perfect for your autumn sailing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 MARCH:

Richmond Yacht Club – Annual Route 66 finishing do

11 MARCH:

Saturday – WISC (World Invitation Snapper Competition) 3pm – close

11 MARCH:

Saturday – Camp Kawau Fishing Club – 3pm – close

16 MARCH:

Thursday – Mt Hobson Rebus Group Lunch – arriving on the Kawau Isle

29 MARCH:

Wednesday - NZFS Fishing competition (NZ Fire Service)

2 APRIL:

Sunday – Daylight Saving finishes

14 APRIL:

Easter Friday – The Renegades Band Live - \$10 cover charge from 8pm) – numbers may be limited so arrive early)

15 APRIL:

Easter Saturday – Mahurangi Cruising Club Mark Foy race and barbeque, North Cove, all welcome. Skippers meeting 11am, Pardey's Wharf.

25 APRIL:

Tuesday - ANZAC day services proceed at Noon. The club will be open normal hours for this event

14 MAY:

Sunday 4pm - Loren and Mark – two amazing guitarists perform at Camp Bentzon, North Cove. Seating limited.



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