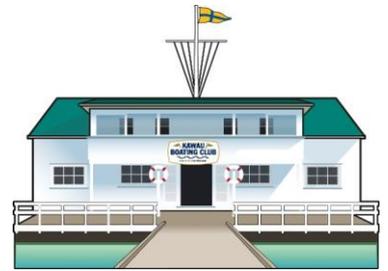


Kawau Boating Club Update:

9 January 2017



The year has gotten off to a grand start at the Kawau Boating Club. New Year's Eve saw perfect weather and a fine crowd for dancing to the music of *Rumpus Room* - a duo who played great covers. Bon Accord Harbour looked great, comfortably filled with yachts and launches from all over the Hauraki Gulf – lights twinkling and good cheer emanating from numerous on board gatherings.



New Year's Eve



Rumpus Room gets the room moving!



New Year's Eve crowd...



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The club house was all a bustle by 9am on New Year's Day. (Wonder when the staff got a chance to sleep?) A brisk parade of sign ups and at noon the fleet of 28 boats set off to race between and around the islands of Kawau Bay. The 14.5-mile course presented an interesting challenge as the wind dropped off, then increased twice during the next two hours.



The fuel dock was kept busy as members came along to top up their water tanks before setting off on the race.



Fluky winds filled in to bring all the race boats home in under 2 hours.

No sooner had the last boat finished then children's events and rowing races started on the lawns of Lidgard House. Balloon races, wheel barrow races, lolly scramble, a laughing crowd cheered on the youngsters then all headed down to the wharf for rowing races.

Prize certificates for an ice cream and drink went to the winners of each children's event, two bottles of Ransom Wine were awarded to the winners of each of the Yacht racing divisions, and a single bottle for the second place winner. Thank you *Ransom Winery*. A fine start toward reinstating the tradition that helped create the Kawau Boating Club more than 60 years ago. We look forward to having even more sailors and more families come along to enjoy next seasons New Year's Day Regatta.

New Year's Day Regatta Race Results

Division 1, Over 30 feet

First place – Tigga; Second place – Montrachet

Division 2, Under 30 feet

First Place – Mind Bender; Second place – Scout

Division 3, Multihulls

First Place – Out of the Bag; Second place – Go Gecko

Division 4, Centerboarders

First Place – Route 66; Second Place – Matangi Tender

Dinghy Sculling Race

First Place John Duder



Balloons popping, parents cheering, just a few of the kids events pictured here.



Competition was fierce in the wheelbarrow race!



I thought the inflatable would be slower...



...but these two finished neck-and-neck!



John Duder did a splendid job of sculling, just like and old pro (which we know he is).



A thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable New Year's Day Regatta!

Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta

Once again KBC will host a starting line for the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta. Remember to sign up for the Kawau starting line if you are planning to do a passage race on Anniversary Day, 30th January. The clubhouse will open early to ensure you can get breakfast before you sail homeward.

Music in the Gardens

Another important date for your calendar, 18th of February. Music in the Gardens at Mansion House. Come along to enjoy a long leisurely afternoon of fine Jazz (The Nairobi Trio, the Renegades, Chris Sanders) and help raise funds for the Kawau Coast Guard and Kawau First Response team's equipment trust. Then head back to the KBC for a night cap or breakfast on Sunday morning. Tickets do tend to sell out, so order early at www.musicinthegardens.co.nz or the Kawau Kat Office at Sandspit.

NOTICES

Harbour Master notice – The local Harbour Master has asked the KBC to remind all boaties, every tender or dinghy must have pfd's (life vests) on board at all times. These do not have to worn but must be available. The Harbor Master will be out and about all summer checking and has the right to fine those who do not comply.

Why your membership is so important - The Kawau Boating Club is dependent solely on funds received from your membership fees, plus donations provided by some local businesses and the Rodney Local Board to finance the maintenance and upgrades of the clubhouse and grounds, to pay for rental,

and insurance. Profit from the sale of fuel all goes back to maintaining the fueling equipment and purchasing the next load of fuel. Yearly club accounts are available online for those who may be interested.

Invoices for membership fees went out in September and a large portion of members have already renewed. If you are among those who have not yet renewed here is the information to do it on line or by direct credit – click [here](#). Your membership entitles you to a generous discount on fuel (20 cents a litre) plus free showers, free use of the laundry, water to top up your boat tanks and a discount on alcoholic drinks at the Bon Accord Bar and Bistro (courtesy of Robyn and Davo who hold the lease.)

Membership Cards – the hard plastic membership cards which most of you have from last year or from when you paid your 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.

Club House and Fuel Dock Hours

7 Days a week until after Easter

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

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

(Note from Lin, your club Secretary - If you see the ragu on as a special – try it!)

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28 JANUARY:

30 JANUARY:

18 FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY MARKET. Any interested vendors please book a space by calling Robyn at 021 0471516

Kawau Island Ratepayers & Residents AGM:
12.30pm

Anniversary Regatta. Passage start line at Kawau Boating Club, breakfast available from 8.30am

Music in the Gardens, from 1pm. Tickets available from www.musicinthegardens.co.nz