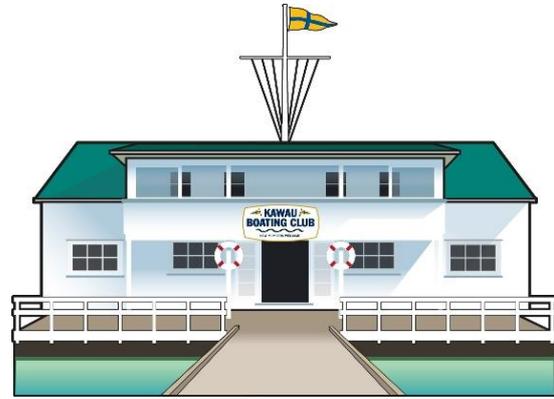


## Kawau Boating Club:

16 December 2015 Update



### Season's Greetings .....

.... and best wishes for great holiday boating from the Kawau Boating Club.



Your Club is ready and willing for your summer visit with a long list of improvements funded by your subscriptions: the new faster bar and kitchen setup; revamped outside bar area with more sail-shades new French doors opening out from the 'library' to give another lovely perspective of Bon Accord (but with a reduction in book shelving we can't accept any more books until further notice); new washing machines in the laundry (free for members); revamped water supply (free to members but due to the limits on

water storage and to protect all members' interests we have a time limit of 4 mins each time you come to the jetty); fully serviced fuel pumps and Robyn has even set up a 'community garden' on the eastern side the clubhouse to help reduce the risk of scurvy on board!

Remember to present your new swipe card at the bar to qualify for the various member benefits. Because of the high volumes of renewals, mail-out has become impractical – so please collect your new card at the Club, preferably outside busy times.

And while more than half of you have renewed there are still quite a few that haven't, so if you're one of those , please go to our website and renew online. [www.kawaubootingclub.nz](http://www.kawaubootingclub.nz)

Welcome also to more than 100 new members - we hope you enjoy many years of enjoyable membership of KBC. We look forward to seeing you at the Club over the holiday season.

### Summer Opening Hours

7 days from 9am until close (the kitchen closes at 8pm for food orders)

Boxing Day & New Year's Day – slightly later start, opening at 10am

Closed Christmas Day

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### KBC AGM (21 November)

In the best of situations, it is still difficult to get members of any organisation to attend Annual

General Meetings. So when a wet, gale force westerly blew in, it is no wonder the Kawau Boating Club Founding Committee was concerned about having a quorum. We need not have worried for, in spite of the weather, the atmosphere at KBC was great with almost three dozen people braving the elements to celebrate the success of the first year of the club and learn what was being planned for the future.

For those who wish to read the minutes of the AGM and see the year end accounts, they are available at [www.kawauboatingclub.nz](http://www.kawauboatingclub.nz)).

A few highlights from the various reports:

- membership numbers for the first year were higher than anticipated;
- renewals and new memberships are coming in at a pleasing rate which shows folks like the improvements that have been made to the clubhouse and the friendly atmosphere Davo and Robyn are creating;
- Evan Innes-Jones commented on ongoing plans for fuel to be available 24/7, hopefully soon, but as everything with fuel?????;
- John Sinclair, the committee member responsible for building improvements commented on the upgrades scheduled for the near future, which include adding French Doors in the library area (which should be ready by the time you read this) and improving the ablutions blocks using the grant provided by the Rodney Local Board.

The current committee agreed to stand for a further year which was unanimously accepted. It was agreed to hold the yearly subscription rate at the same price, \$100 per person or \$150 for a family membership with \$10 discounts for members of affiliated Clubs.

The Club Captain promised he'd keep the meeting short and to the point. And he did just that closing proceedings with an invitation to partake of the Captain's shout, a free drink to celebrate a successful year.

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## **Affiliated Clubs**

We're very pleased to be able to advise that in addition to renewals from our previous affiliated Club members, Milford Cruising Club and Auckland Outboard Boating Club have recently signed up as affiliated clubs. Thank you and welcome. We look forward to welcoming members of these new affiliates at KBC soon.

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## **Busy, busy, busy.....**

Since opening at Labour Weekend, members and affiliated Clubs have been making lots of



use of the club - we have already hosted SYC (Sandspit Yacht Club) (see photo to the left!), Mahurangi MCC and CYA with their Gulf Harbour Yacht Race – great fun and great support from all participants. Luckily Robyn had some spare chocolate fish for the booby prizes!!

We have had several fishing competitions holding their prize-givings at the Club in past weeks with some amazing results. One winner of the Hauraki Gulf Sports Fishing Club caught a 32lb Snapper!

Two weeks ago saw SYC again with their around Kawau Race, along with a well supported farewell from over 30 locals for South Cove resident and Volunteer Fire Chief Marty Duytshoff.

Last week KBC hosted the RNZYS Youth Training Programme and the 60 participants thrived on three hearty meals each day provided by Davo, Robyn and team.



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## **So....what's coming up?**

- **Christmas decorations** going up...it's going to be a spectacular display. Thanks to the Readys for the donation of decorations

- **New Years Eve** – party time at the Club with the great band from Labour Weekend ‘Take Note Duo’ returning to encourage grooving on the dance floor! \$10 cover charge.
- The traditional **New Year’s Day Regatta** managed by our partners RNZYS complemented by a family/kids fun events afternoon on the Lidgard lawn
- **Anniversary Day** – KBC will host the start for the return race to Auckland, organised by Joyce Talbot.
- **NZ Day (February 6th)** – Milford Cruising Club will hold their prizegiving in the Bon Accord Bar from 5-7pm. Great to have them back!
- Sunday February 7th – **Fred Lidgard Memorial** (with Clearwater Yacht Club)
- **RNZYS Squadron Weekend** is February 13th/14th.
- **Music in the Gardens** Saturday February 13th – tickets available from the KBC.



There are more details and updates as they happen on the Kawau Boating Club Facebook page.

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**Wishing you a Merry Boating Christmas from the KBC Committee, Davo, Robyn and their team.**

**We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.**

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**Kind Regards**

**KBC Foundation Committee**

Martin Farrand, Club Captain

Lin Pardey, Secretary

Evan Innes-Jones

Dave Jeffery

Trevor Ready

John Sinclair



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