

Kawau Boating Club Newsletter:

December 2018



***Merry Christmas from the
Bon Accord Bar & Bistro Team
and the Kawau Boating Club***



Hard to believe it's almost Christmas as we write this....and that a third of the season is almost over! December is always punctuated by the arrival of 30 or so youth camping on the Lidgard lawn – rising every morning at 7am for a compulsory jump off the wharf and morning swim. We host these enthusiastic yachties for two weeks, breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. The participants are from boat clubs all over NZ and the Pacific. A wonderful connection with the RNZYS at every level.

The AGM of the club was held on 7th November at Sandspit Café and the committee remained much the same but with the addition of one.

Committee is as follows:

Martin Farrand, Club Captain

Annette Ridder, Secretary/Treasurer

Trevor Ready, Chairperson

Kim McDell

Jeff Holloway

Mark Taff

Fay Richardson, Administration

We are looking forward to the installation of the pontoon to enable easier fuelling and access to the club

in the near future if not prior to Xmas definitely mid January. It is now completed and awaiting delivery and installation.

The negotiations for a 24/7 fueling facility are progressing well and we will update shortly when finalised.

The club is looking great with a paint job on the outside – fresh white with dark blue trims.



With a third of the season underway we also have pretty much a full team on board for the season. It is a busy time recruiting, training and fulfilling all our mandatory licence agreement compliances such as Food Control Plans, Alcohol Licensing, Health and Safety. We are delighted with our 2018/19 team and as always have a few staff returning from last season. Here is a rundown of the team:

KITCHEN

Tony – we are very fortunate to have a fully trained, very experienced chef join us early December. Tony has 18 years' experience in a variety of establishments in NZ including an Executive Chef role at Tongariro Lodge for two years, Head Chef at Vudu in Queenstown, Head Chef at Passage Rock Wines on Waiheke Island and he has had a stint running Cedar Lodge in Haast (so he knows all about getting deliveries to remote places!)
Tony arrived in NZ from Nairobi, Kenya 18 years ago.

Amy – what a find! Amy has a huge knowledge of special dietary foods and is an extremely creative, organised, fast and competent chef! Amy has owned her own café and was an integral part of the start-up of The Butchers Son specialising in Vegan foods and she was also chef at Aro Ha in the South Island.

Both Tony and Amy have contributed regularly to the wonderful cause 'Everybody Eats' – volunteering to cook meals weekly for over 200 homeless in K'Road and Avondale.

FRONT OF HOUSE

Kiera – returning for season two after a winter in Wanaka. Kiera is a Front of House manager and can also work the kitchen single handed when required!

Olivia – our local all-rounder – Olivia is with us again for season four and brings with her an abundance of knowledge about the island – our customers love the detail!

Robyn – ‘Peanut’ – all the way from Cornwall (yes, another Cornish). Peanut has stopped off here at Kawau for the first phase of her OE and loving the island life!

Janice – another local and our bestie when it comes to early morning starts getting the club set up, sorting out the outside area, prepping the dishy area and generally being a champion at everything.

Myriam and Ely – our French influences! Ely from Toronto and Myriam from near Paris. FOH and also our creative couple who have assisted with social media and club décor and design. (How lucky are we!!)

Sam and Helen – all the way from UK for their first kiwi experience. Sam will be Davo’s right hand man at 6 foot 5 – very useful for getting the kegs off the boat when they arrive (hehe). Trained in hospo in the UK and also a very experienced tradesman. Helen also with a hospo background and years of beauty/nail/massage work.

Gabriel – just to add to the international flavour we will have Gabriel joining us Jan 5 from Corsica! Yes, another recruit from our travels...Gabriel served us at a beachside bar/restaurant in Corsica and mentioned he was heading out to NZ for the first time. Voila!

With such a competent crew Davo and Robyn intend focusing on the backbones of the business (believe us, there is plenty to do!!). Our presence front of house greeting our wonderful guests is a very important job and we hope to do more of it this year (as well as catch up with our family who have ALL decided to visit this summer!).





MEMBERSHIP

Get your memberships renewed NOW – do it online, encourage your boating mates to join and come on out to the club to enjoy the hospitality, discounted bar and fuel prices, laundry facilities and free showers and water supplies.

RENEW/ JOIN at <https://kawaubootingclub.nz>

This year we have chosen not to offer multiple year subscriptions as it has a negative effect on cash flow in following years. Those members that have subs paid for subsequent years just continue using your current membership card.

**Donations towards the cost of the pontoon would be welcomed and acknowledged.
We need members, let's keep Kawau Boating Club alive.**