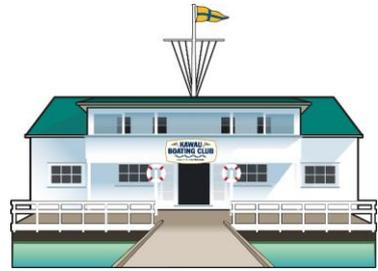


Kawau Boating Club Newsletter:

December 2017



Happy Holidays from the Kawau Boating Club Committee

The new deck in front of the KBC is a complete success. With several new tables sponsored by various grateful club members, this sunny area has become a favorite spot for leisure lunches or lazy afternoons. This was made possible by your subscriptions. Plans are on track to have the 20-metre long fueling pontoon ready soon by next season. 24/7 fueling is still in the pipeline, but unfortunately safety regulations surrounding the dispensing of petrol have slowed things up a bit. So watch for that in the early months of the New Year.

Due to barging problems, the company that usually delivers our fuel (and the fuel for Great Barrier Island) could not get diesel to us when required. Thus, for three weeks, the club had to ration diesel. **Just a week ago, the barge arrived with a full load— 30,000 litres of diesel was transferred into the KBC tanks and is available to all with club members getting a 20 cents a litre discount. Unfortunately, the same barge is not licensed to carry petrol. The committee is scrambling to arrange a petrol delivery ASAP but it is inevitable that we will have to ration petrol and may run out before the next delivery. With luck, a delivery of petrol will happen in the first week of January. Check our [facebook](#) page for updates on this.**

By special arrangement with KERT – The Kawau Island Emergency Response Trust, a defibrillator is being installed in the clubhouse. A few coins dropped into donation box below the defibrillator will help us pay for the yearly servicing it requires.

The Annual General Meeting, held November 8th at the Sandspit Café, was a lively affair with decisions made to stick to the same committee format that has helped get the KBC up and running. Three committee members tendered their resignation, Dave Jeffrey because he has left Kawau Island and is now based in Mapua near Nelson, Evan Innes-Jones who now lives in Kerikeri and Lin Pardey who, while still keeping her home base at Kawau, is off for some extended cruising. Jeff Holloway was elected to fill one of the vacancies. Now there is an urgent need for a club secretary, treasurer and also for someone to take over publicity. Each of these jobs requires only a few hours a month plus attendance at 6 or 7 meetings a year. Please contact the KBC committee via

info@kawauboatingclub.nz

Lots of fun activities are planned for the summer here at Kawau

The Annual Kawau New Year Day Regatta, hosted by the RNZYS and open to everyone, promises to be even better than ever. Bring along your friends and family to enjoy children's events on the lawn of the Lidgard House then get out for a lighthearted race around the islands of Kawau Bay. All types of boats welcome. Prize giving will take place at the KBC. The racing starts at 12. Prizegiving is at the KBC at 1630. Follow [this link](#) for entry forms, race instructions and details.

January 10th brings a fine group of musicians sailing in to Kawau. Hopetoun Brown – with Nick Atkinson and friends will actually arrive by yacht as part of their summer tour which includes a featured gig at Womad. Come along for some great music. There is a cover charge of \$10. See a video of them [here](#).

January 26th to 28th – The club will host boats returning from the Bay of Islands Regatta week for Sunday Morning breakfast. On Monday morning, there will be an official starting line for the Auckland Anniversary Passage Race at the entrance to Bon Accord Harbour. Book for an early breakfast, or just come in on Sunday evening to enjoy the camaraderie.

February 17th brings another fine **Music in the Gardens** event. Sail up for a long leisurely picnic, some fine music, wine, and an auction. The Kawau Boating Club is once again one of the recipients of funds raised from this event.

www.musicinthegardens.co.nz



Bar and Bistro News from Robyn and Davo

What a wonderful start to the season.....hot summery days, no wind and lots of happy customers admiring and enjoying the huge deck and new picnic tables sponsored by keen club members.

Quite a different start to the year with a brand new team of staff including our Italian chefs Guilio and Giulia who have now (as planned) ventured off to see some of our wonderful country. We now introduce new comers Wim and Lotte from Belgium who will be running the busy kitchen through until Easter. We are really excited as they both come with 6 – 8 years of cheffing experience – Wim being a pastry chef and Lotte bringing to the club a wonderful range of salad ideas (including ready to go options), greek salad, salmon gravalax, Thai beef salad plus more. We have had a great response to the inclusion of Mahurangi Oysters on the menu (as available) and will endeavour to include fresh fish when available and the price is right!

The unprecedented hot start to the season has resulted in a few shortages in the food industry with notified warnings of supply issues with potatoes (due to wet winter!), beer and ice cream – this continued supply issue could result in shortages at the club – please bear with us.

Out the front this season you will meet Oliver Lee (returning for his fourth season), Clare and Nick from the UK, Ollie and Olivia from NZ, Sophie (a local from Smelting House Bay Holst family), Jess from Abel Tasman, Janice from Hokimai and Olivia from Schoolhouse for another season! A top team with heaps of smiles and enthusiasm!

Since opening in October we have had many corporate functions leading up to Christmas including the 80 from the Architect Designers NZ Inc team. The Bon Accord Bar was put to good use with a Kiwiana style menu for the evening. Crombie Lockwood had a fabulous end of year wind up with 30 'new' visitors enjoying Kawau Island – many for the first time. We delight in knowing that many of these guests are going away with a great story about their travels to the oft unknown destination of 'Kawau Island'. Remax from Warkworth have now had two functions (the emphasis on 'fun') and these connections are invaluable for the club (resulting in new members!!)

We provided breakfast, lunch and dinner for the annual RNZYS Youth Training Programme again this year with two groups of 60 each week. The bay is a picture when this is on with the teenagers heading out each day in the Elliot 7's to hone their skills on the water. Those of you on our Facebook page would have seen some of the shots of the guys and girls having fun on the water (becalmed one day!).

So what is coming up.....

Christmas Carols at 6pm (Sunday) – song sheets provided. A Christmas buffet with ham on the bone, bread rolls, salad and xmas sweeties will be available from 6pm for \$20 per person.

New Year's Eve Live – Mark Huckstep – seasoned musician returns to take us into the new year with his super popular pop-rock genre of music. Wear your dancing shoes! \$10 cover charge from 8pm. No admittance after 10pm. Tickets available at the club (or call to reserve a ticket or email clubhouse@kawauboaingclub.nz – 09 422 8845). No dogs please. Limited to 150

Hopetoun Brown – the travelling musicians Lin Pardey has referred to in the main newsletter – Jan 10th – tickets once again \$10 per person. Tickets available at the club or email clubhouse@kawauboaingclub.nz to reserve. Limited to 150

RNZYS Regatta Day – as always a spectacular way to enjoy bringing in the NY. Check facebook page for more info or see info on club notice board.

Once again the Italian Linen clothes are on sale at the club (note the new racks!!) – plus Italian boots, sandals and bags. Have a browse next time you are in. Also available from the shop is the local 'Island People' book – written by locals from the Bookworms group on the island and a fantastic read.

A new stock of T-Shirts including the long sleeve collared (in large sizes) has just arrived

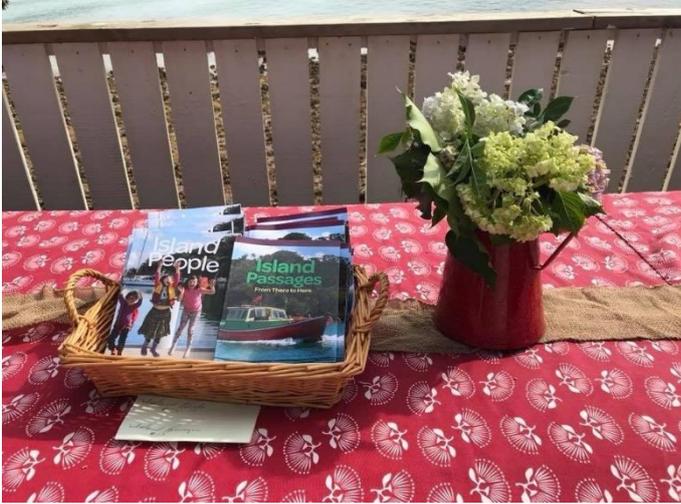
and burgees are on the way! Caps also available at \$30 each. Note that some of these items can be purchase on the www.kawauboatingclub.nz website.

A few notes for club members this season:

- *To book moorings please phone the club on 09 422 8845 (rather than message or email) as the booking book is held at the bar – thanks*
- *Dogs – we are animal lovers however we are going to be firm this year that all dogs are on (short) leads at the club and a reminder that dogs must be on a lead at all times whilst on Kawau Island. No dogs in the clubhouse please – a few too many incidences of near trips by staff..... thanks for your co-operation. Like anywhere – please carry your doggy do bag with you.*
- *Wharf Flag up – club's open. Boats tying up to the wharf must tie up on the inside of the 'T' and must remain there only whilst dining at the club. Please don't tie up and spend the evening on your boat when others could use the spot!*
- *The front of the 'T' is only for drop off/pick up or refuelling.*
- *No overnight stays at the wharf*
- *Our off-licence is there to enjoy off the premises (sitting on your boat tied to the wharf is not viewed as off premise)*
- *Ice and memberships are available from the fuel shed – keep an eye on signage for more options*
- *Please bring your new season membership card with you to enjoy your club discounts at both the club and the fuel dock....either blue, yellow or silver. No card – no discount. The discount applies to the person paying the bill...*
- *Laundry services – please note only two machines operating at a time (due to power limitations and fuses blowing)*
- *Please ensure you all observe the 5 knot rule coming into Bon Accord Harbour – this is particularly important due to the amount of refuelling going on on the wharf and casual water activities by kids and adults.*

Finally – it is shaping up to be a great season with wonderful new facilities. We look forward to seeing you all this season renewing friendships and meeting new faces.

Christmas Greetings from Robyn and Davo and the team at the Bon Accord Bar & Bistro!



Our wishes for a fine holiday season and gentle summer.

The Kawau Boating Club Committee (in alphabetical order)

Martin Farrand

Trevor Ready

Kim McDell

Jeff Holloway

Lin Pardey (temporary Secretary/Treasurer)



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