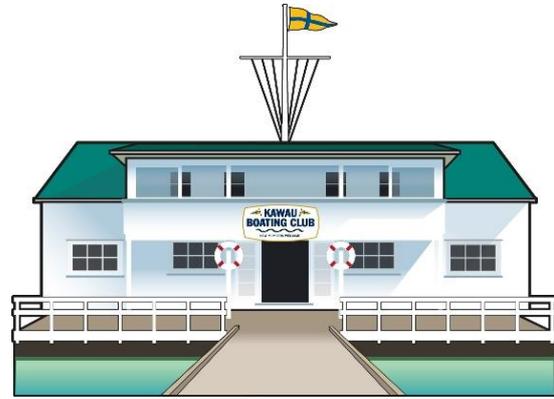


Kawau Boating Club:

10 February 2016 Update



Here's hoping we will have a long hot February, March and April to make up for the rainy start to the summer. Despite the weather it has been a good season for the KBC with many new faces joining the familiar ones. Word certainly has got out about this special part of the Hauraki Gulf! Many visitors joined on the spot, feeling that they would like to be a part of this unique coastal boat club.

We have also had a great rate of renewals. Don't forget if you have joined up online then your new card (with your new unique number) is available for pick up at the club. This card will be your annual card and will enable you to swipe for your diesel/petrol discounts and bar discounts so make sure you pick it up and bring it with you each visit.

What's been happening...

Christmas week was rather wet but Christmas lights and decorations made the club a cosy welcoming place. New Year's Eve was again wet and windy. Still it turned out to be the best party ever with the ever popular *Take Note Duo* livening the evening. More than 150 guests were up and dancing until the wee small hours! *Take Note Duo* is already booked for next New Year's Eve bash.



Bon Accord Bar

Robyn and Davo have created the 'Bon Accord Bar' under the pohutukawa tree and around the far end of the courtyard area. Groups of up to 60 can be catered for in this area. Live music, cold tap beer and wine will be available here. Keep an eye on Facebook for dates and times.



St Ayles Skiffs

One of the highlights of the summer was the arrival of the St Ayles Skiffs (NZ Coastal Rowing) – what a magnificent sight! Seven beautiful skiffs pulled up on Lidgard lawn. Mike Mahoney of Sandspit, assisted with the creation of these boats and organized the first "Raid" or traditional rowing skiff expedition of the Hauraki Gulf. KBC catered for the 27 participants – mostly from Tasmania –providing breakfasts, dinners and daily take out lunches.

Auckland Anniversary 2016



Auckland Anniversary Weekend was yet another wet one but with the Sandspit Yacht Club regulars celebrating their Anniversary Weekend racing and Kawau Boating Club hosting one of only three Anniversary Day Passage Race starting lines it was a huge night at the club. Anniversary Day the kitchen was open early with 8am breakfasts for the Auckland Anniversary Regatta starters. Eleven boats were on the starting line. Though KBC does not, at this time, own a set of signal flags, the starters didn't seem to find any problem with the definitely oddball flags which were substituted. We are pleased the Auckland Anniversary Regatta Committee agreed to return this event to the KBC. Hopefully this will become a regular event.

Robyn's morning sales of baking products are proving popular with folks who come in to get newspapers or coffee. For those of you who would like to have a half or

dozen cheese or date scones, savoury muffins, cookies or focaccias to take back to your boat, place an order the previous day.

Robyn also has added a 730cm Paella Dish for use with big crowds. And Curry Nights which were popular last year, will commence on Thursday March 3. Call now - 09 422 8845 to book your table. Robyn says Goat Shank Curry will definitely be on the menu!

Physical changes to the club

Besides the improvements to the kitchen and bar area carried out last winter, your dues have been used to purchase 2 new washing machines and a new drier. French doors have been added to the library area which not only makes access to the courtyard easier but also has brightened up the whole inside of the club. Discussions are taking place now on how to best use the \$10,000 grant provided by the Rodney Local Board to upgrade the ablution block.



The RNZYS has built a childrens play area on the Lidgard Lawn which is available to KBC members.

The resource consents necessary to build a deck to improve the area in front of the library are being prepared and ideas as to how to improve the library area so it will continue to grow as a community library play, area for kids and memorabilia room are being explored.

Changes to the Committee

David Innes, one of the very important founding members of the KBC has stepped down due to his desire to enjoy the new-to-him boat he just purchased. David spent countless hours negotiating for the creation of the club then working on membership and accounting. He is due a vote of thanks from everyone who enjoys being part of the KBC.

The constitution of the club allows for combining the role of Secretary and treasurer. Thus it is not imperative that someone be appointed to fill David's position. But, to

future proof the KBC and insure it continues to thrive as others on the committee seek to retire, we hope a few among you will consider stepping up for a role within the club.

What's coming up at KBC...

Friday 12th February: the start of Squadron Weekend/Night Race to Kawau
KBC open at 9am. Kitchen will stay open until 9pm on Friday for any late arrivals from the Night Race to Kawau. Breakfast from 9am Saturday and Sunday morning.

Saturday 13th February: 8 to 10 am Squadron Harbour races
2 pm Music in the Gardens, at Mansion House
Various Squadron events at Lidgard house throughout the day
KBC open from 9 AM to late

Sunday 14th February: Valentine's Day – Robyn and Davo are offering a Romantic Breakfast from 9am with a 20% discount on bubbly

Friday 19th February: Glen Eden RSA Fishing Competition

Wed 24th February: Whangaparaoa Probus Lunch

Friday 4th March: Hauraki Fishing Club Fishing Competition

Saturday 12th March: NZ Railway Enthusiasts Luncheon

Saturday 12th March: WISC Fishing Competition

Friday 25th March: Mahurangi Cruising Club pre-Easter regatta gathering, Devonport Yacht Club (TBC)

Saturday 26th March: Mahurangi CC Regatta – Pardey Point, North Cove

Monday 25th April: ANZAC day ceremonies at the KBC, details in next newsletter
