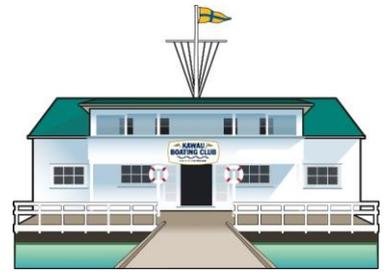


Kawau Boating Club:

November 2016 Update

The season opened with a great turn-out for Labour Weekend.

The weather was amazing; Bon Accord was packed with visiting boats.



Great crowd on Labour Day. Best weather we've had so far this Spring....



Just chillin'....

The club was rocking with music supplied by the Pipi Pickers, the crowd stayed to cheer as we all watched the All Blacks make short work of the Wallabies at Eden Park to claim a record of 16 victories in a row. Monday many of the folks sailing back after the Coastal Classics Race stopped in to fuel up and see the latest improvements at the clubhouse. Since then the weather has not been the best, but still each weekend sees a good number of members and visitors enjoying the new lounge area in the library and vastly improved showers and ablution block.



The upgrades to the ablutions and library area were definitely helped along by a \$10,000 grant from the Rodney Local Board, plus materials donated by the Bates Family who have had a long association with Kawau Island. Dave Crooks, fuel master for the KBC, did the tiling at no cost. The builders, Downs Construction worked under very difficult conditions as the September weather definitely did not cooperate. Final work was not completed until one day before Labour Weekend when Robyn, Davo and their staff did a great job of cleaning up the builder's debris.



The Club ready for the new season...



This crowd was part of the opening weekend and they aren't staring at fish....



...they're controlling these mini yachts!

The new walk-in chiller/freezer built to the east of the kitchen area, has helped us regain more space inside the clubhouse (especially the library area) and with the newly tiled library floor, many folks get the impression the whole club has been redecorated. With direct access to the chiller, the cook staff already find it easier and faster to get meals ready for everyone.

Twelve members of the Kawau Bookworms spent an afternoon sorting and tossing out abused, old and rarely borrowed books from the library. A large assortment of newer novels and reference books were donated by Chic Vercoe. A collection of nautical books is on its way from the P Cornes Estate, courtesy of RNZYS. This is an exchange library, i.e. take a few, bring back a few. But please try to bring back books

others really might find interesting as shelving space is limited.

Unfortunately, the extreme weather of the past winter and general wear and tear caused the western steps of the main wharf to break loose. The good news is, as you read this, the old steps are being secured back in place on a temporary basis while Hallett Enterprises builds completely new, upgraded steps which will be installed by the end of January. As we are very aware of the current Health and Safety Regulations, we must urge everyone to understand the potential hazards of using any part of the KBC wharf and steps and take appropriate care.

The committee continues to work towards 24/7 fuel on the proposed floating pontoon and new deck. While providing much improved boating facilities, the capital cost of these, as well as the wharf steps replacement, will be beyond what membership fees can fund. KBC is considering launching a fundraising campaign towards these cost. The campaign has been given a kick start by Rodney Local Board contributing \$8000 to the cause. G.A.S. contributed \$16,000 toward the resource consents we needed and the Squadron is contributing toward the wharf steps urgent replacement.

The summer calendar of events is filling up fast. One fun new addition – a Sunday Market from 9AM to Noon. Kawau Islanders will be encouraged to bring along their arts, crafts and produce. The RNZYS is also supporting the KBC by using our facilities as part of their Youth Training Program. There will be 20 teenagers training for the first week, 36 the second week.

Once again the KBC New Year's Eve dance will have the *Take Note* duo playing to ensure everyone gets up and dances. This will be followed by the Annual New Year's Day Regatta and Family day. **Come on Cruising sailors!!** Up your anchor, join the fleet because everyone is welcome to race and handicapping will take into account the extra summer cruising gear you have on board. Mark Foy start, entries taken on the day with the club opening at 9AM to ensure you can get a good start on the day. There will be games on the lawn and rowing races. So bring along whatever type of dinghy you have, as long as it has oars. Prizes will be awarded for various divisions. And of course there will be hospitality and prize giving at the Club.

KBC will again be one of the starting lines for the Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta. Again, an early opening will let everyone get some breakfast before starting out for the 10AM start.

Robyn and Dave Lee, club hosts and proprietors of the Bon Accord Bar and Bistro, have brought back everyone's favorite chef, Derek, to preside over the kitchen. Olivia Moore from School House Bay is back too, as one of the bar managers. David Crooks is on hand to help you with fueling. The weather forecasters say it is going to be a long, warm, dry summer. Just right for excursions to enjoy your membership privileges at the KBC.

At this time the clubhouse is open Thursday through Monday each week. From 8th December it will be open seven days a week.

NOTICES

AGM - PM on Wednesday 7th of December

The Kawau Boating Club AGM will be held at the Sandspit Café, 1454 Sandspit Road, Warkworth (opposite

the Kawau Cruises Office). Light refreshments will be provided. Updates will be given on proposed works for coming year including fueling, pontoon, deck extension.

Unpaid Subs

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for this year. The numbers are very encouraging.

If you have not yet paid, please note—to help keep the staff at the clubhouse staff from being overworked at holiday time, please pay your subs before you come to the clubhouse. PAY BY Direct Credit to save us almost 8% in fees – the account number is **02-0112-0128447-02** reference your membership card number. Or pay by credit card by clicking [here](#) . Remember, your membership entitles you to discounts on fuel, on drinks at the bar, free showers, free laundry and top-ups for your water tank. Your subs are all that we have to keep the clubhouse functioning, maintained and upgraded.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

25 NOVEMBER:

NZ Multihull Yacht Club - Night Race to Kawau

25 NOVEMBER:

Milford Yacht Club Rendezvous

26 NOVEMBER:

Sandspit Yacht Club Race - 11am start, entrance to Bon Accord Harbour

27 NOVEMBER:

First SUNDAY MARKET. Vendors please book a space by calling Robyn at 021 0471516

5-9 DECEMBER:

Youth Sail Training RNZYS

12-16 DECEMBER:

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31 DECEMBER:

New Years Eve – music provided by *Take Note Duo* from 8pm

1 JANUARY:

New Year's Day Regatta - registration from 9am, all welcome. Family shoreside events from 1pm on Lidgard Lawn.

28 JANUARY:

Kawau Island Ratepayers & Residents AGM:
12.30pm

30 JANUARY:

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

18 FEBRUARY:

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