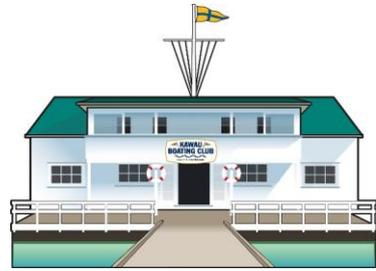


Kawau Boating Club Newsletter:

October 2018



From the committee:

Your elected committee members have been busy working to ensure that the promised improvements are in place for the coming season and I am pleased to say that we managed to get over the line.

The painting of the club is a wonderful bonus for this season....and we will endeavour to make other outside improvements throughout the summer months. The floating pontoon will be in place by Christmas and **both petrol and diesel will be available from Labour Weekend!**

We have continued to work with the RNZYS to achieve our goals and acknowledge their ongoing partnership and assistance.

URGENT

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.

AGM will be held at 6.00pm Wednesday 7th November 2018 at Sandspit Café, Sandspit Wharf.

Nominations for committee members can be emailed to trev@ready.net.nz



OPENING SEASON!

Here we go....season 5 and a bright freshly painted club to welcome you all back!

David and I have had a fantastic trip of a lifetime experiencing amazing hospitality right throughout Europe with good friends new and old. Highlights were meeting up with Kiwi friends in Italy, cruising down the Duoro, a Canal trip on the Canal du Midi from Narbonne to Trebes, visits to many markets and our stockists for this year's shop products, visiting family in Barcelona and of course our usual workaway stint in Italy at the gorgeous Villa Montalbalno. Whilst David was dog proofing the boundary of the villa and attending to the many maintenance jobs I was privileged enough to be given the job of typing hand written letters ready for a book – all incredible accounts of life in Northern Rhodesia in 1935 – 1940 as told by Colonel Mark's father – writing to his father.....

Needless to say we are refreshed and rearing to go at the Kawau Boating Club. We have a great start up team with the return of Kiera, Myriam, Olivia and of course Dock Master Dave Crooks. In addition we have chef Carl coming out from Manchester, UK, and Robyn from Cornwall UK. So as usual we will have an international team ready to meet and greet you!

We have already had many enquiries for functions and large group bookings. We welcome these and whilst menu options will change throughout the season we will continue to offer a good variety of options and prices. Please contact me directly via email with any enquiries. We are delighted to be hosting the RNZYS youth training camp again this season – this will be the first three weeks of December. Come on up and enjoy the sights!

We are super excited about the shop content this year and may even put on a fashion parade one sunny afternoon to show off the gorgeous Italian clothing range we have sourced – lots of bright colours, jewellery, a little bit 'Mamma Mia' and something for everyone. We have included some men's items this year as well.

Keep an eye out for our branded Keep Cups for your daily coffees this year. We are doing our bit to try and eliminate plastics as much as possible this season and were delighted to be able to reduce landfill last season by introducing our very effective bottle crusher. The sand glass will be used to create paths and the odd souvenir! We are investigating water options both 'frizzante' and natural – available at the club by carafe for your enjoyment – reducing the need to supply plastic bottles. Our plastic bags are biodegradable at the club – but please bring your own when possible. We are also looking at ways to eliminate the use of plastic soft drink bottles. Our food waste will once again go to our friendly piggies on site at our home – reducing our waste freight costs.

We are compiling an event calendar which will include Karaoke nights, SUP board poker run in Bon Accord Harbour, kids fishing competition off the wharf and of course our usual Regatta Day events and Easter Egg Hunt. New Year's Eve will see the return of Mark Huckstep – you will need to pre-purchase your tickets from the club prior to NYE as we will once again limit the numbers to 150 (as last year). More info to come.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

(Check out our Italian holiday option 2019– spending a week at the lovely Villa Montalbano and enjoying our company and recommendations! See Robyn and Davo)

Robyn and Davo

[Bon Accord Bar and Bistro](#)