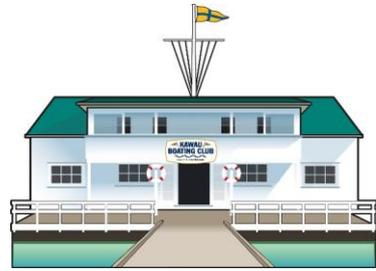


Kawau Boating Club Winter Newsletter:

July 2018



Wow there we go another season done. No 4 for the KBC along with the fantastic hosting by Davo and Robyn Lee and their dedicated staff.

And what a season, started with a hiss and a roar beautiful weather looking like it was with us to stay during December/January and going to be the season of all seasons.

Come February and 3 ex-tropical cyclones later and wind and rain that would wreak havoc across the region and things were looking a bit grim. However the end of February and into March, April and May it all improved and the club was buzzing with various functions hosted by the afore mentioned with such expertise that bookings are already in for the coming season. The new deck built during the off season by Hallett Enterprises under the guidance of John Sinclair proved to be a major asset. Giving more space for out-door dining, relaxing and watching the boats come and go.

Some big changes took place committee wise during the lead up to the end of our third season and at the start of the fourth. The departure of foundation members Evan Innes-Jones, John Sinclair and Dave Jeffery meant that we had lost some very good experience from the team. However, at our AGM we managed to secure the participation of Jeff Hollaway on the committee, Jeff brings a world of experience and knowledge to the committee and is sure to be a considerable help.

Another change was the loss of our esteemed and very loyal secretary Lin Parady. Lin has sailed off with her partner David and at present they are in Fiji before heading for Townsville Australia to complete a 10-year world circumnavigation for David. Lin spent nearly four years as secretary and did such a good job that our new secretary Annette Ridder has taken of hold of the tiller with ease. Lin is still an extremely dedicated member of the KBC, we are sure it is not the last we see of her. We look forward to hearing from Lin in the future about how the journey has gone, in the meantime safe sailing.

So with all the departures the committee became somewhat smaller, however the past 4 years of hard yards has put the club in good stead for the future and the work load is not as demanding as it has been from the startup. Our main targets now are to firm up the supply of petrol and diesel and placement of the fueling and dinghy pontoon on the eastern side of the wharf. This will make access to the club easier for all and will be a fantastic asset going forward.

We apologise for the lack of petrol during the main part of this season gone but it was out of our control for various reasons and we have worked very hard to rectify the problem. We have been assured that it has been sorted so we look forward to being able to give the promised service in the coming season.

We must of course give a special thanks to the people that made the KBC Anzac day Commemoration a success, Jill Hetherington, NZ Police, RNZAF, Coastguard and our MC Greg Moyle, and of course all of the attendees and Bon Accord Bar and Bistro. It was a very successful day made possible by good weather and great participation.

Membership numbers were slightly up on the previous season and we are looking forward to getting going again as it is the members' subscriptions that are the nuts and bolts of the KBC and help keep it afloat. Without you we would not be here. Kawau Island is said to be the "Jewel in the Hauraki Gulf" but we are sure that without the KBC it would be a little less exciting to arrive at after a day at sea.

The support throughout the season from RNZYS has once again been tremendous and the committee looks forward to another exciting season working with them again.

Let's not forget our affiliated clubs and of course the public in general that have all helped in some way to make the KBC what it is today.

A special thank you to the sponsors of the tables on the deck. These tables were built at cost by one of our committee members so all in all a great outcome.

Our AGM will be held again in late September or early October. Notification will be given prior with plenty of time to sort your attendance. If you think you can add value to our committee and would like to be nominated please contact an existing committee member.

We wish you safe boating throughout the colder months and look forward to seeing you all again next season "Don't forget the maintenance".

Your Committee (in alphabetical order)

Martin Farrand: Club Captain

Jeff Holloway

Kim McDell

Trevor Ready

Annette Ridder: Secretary

Membership Subscriptions and Donations

It's your subs that enable the upgrade of facilities to continue. If you would like to get in ahead of the crowd, you can click [here](#) to download an invoice. To those who have already paid, a big thank you. Many people renewed for two or three years.



End of Season Summary from Bon Accord Bar and Bistro

**Our best season yet! So much fun, mostly good weather,
great members, more new faces, lots of functions and fantastic staff!**

We closed the doors on Monday 4 June (Queens Birthday weekend) with a group of 20 for lunch plus 20 more walk ins getting out of the cold, windy weather. The spirits were high for everyone and it ended up being quite a party! A super way for Davo and I to finish the season!

Our highlights of the year have to be the CCA (Cruising Club of America) sit down dinner for 135 in March. A fantastic event which certainly put Kawau Boating Club on the map! We hosted an intimate wedding on the deck for our members Mark and Sandra on the deck. Hopetoun Brown was a foot stomping boomer. This year due to weather restricting the use of Lidgard lawn, the RNZYS Squadron Weekend Saturday night event was held at the club. What a night! It was a great team building exercise between the Squadron and the KBC and we will be delighted to consider more of these mutually beneficial events in the coming seasons. As always we kicked off the season hosting the Youth Training Programme teenagers for two weeks. Next season we will be doing the same again but adding on a week of hosting the senior foiling catamaran crews. These are spectacular weeks from the beginning of December so put it in your diaries now!

Our annual fishing competitions returned this season with some great hauls amongst them.....including our staff member Clare being 'hailed' across the floor by a happy prize winner – over the shoulder! Heaps of fun for our staff and the fishing club guys.

Auckland Seaplanes made 6 trips to Bon Accord harbor this season, bringing overseas and local tourists to the Kawau Boating Club for a unique dining experience. Hauraki Express also offer their clients the option of coming to the club for a dinner, enjoying a late pick up after.

We enjoyed many more visitors from Snells Beach, Algies Bay, Omaha and Sandspit – some coming on jet skis, others in small boats. Couples regularly came over at 5pm – dined and headed back to the mainland after! And of course the regular entourage of campers from Camp Bentzon who hike over the hill and back. These groups are now regulars each year as well and are all part of the community spirit.

Our usual Easter Egg hunt was enjoyed by all – with the addition of sack races, egg and spoon races and three legged races. An annual highlight enjoyed by many.

As with all hospitality business' we were faced with the massive task of meeting the Council's Food Control Plan requirements....no mean feat with an aged building and facilities which the committee constantly update. We are delighted to announce however that we achieved an 'A' grade for the Boating Club – thanks to the staff contribution in meeting the needs and following the stringent procedures that have to be met.

Talking of staff....every season is a great one but this season was just amazing with the BEST staff bringing colour and light to the club. We love it that our members and customers enjoy their interaction with our mixed and varied staff from both overseas and locally! Look out next season....French? Spanish?

Finally – Davo and I would like to thank you all for your involvement and ongoing financial support of the club. Your committee are passionate and dedicated to the growth and continuation of the Kawau Boating Club and we urge you to join up again for another fun and social season in 2018/19.

Winter wishes to you all – see you in October!
Robyn and Davo