



Kawau Boating Club: October 2015 Newsletter

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Welcome to the boating season.....don't worry, summer will arrive....eventually!

And what better way to launch it than a visit to your Club at Kawau.

Ignore the rumours about El Nino – we have negotiated with Huey for another balmy easterly summer. Here's a reminder of how it was last Labour Weekend... We're sure there will be lots more to come.



Your Club reopens **Friday 16 October** (note, not 9th as has been on the website past 3-4 weeks - renovations taking a bit longer than expected) and we look forward to seeing you as soon as you can get up/across to Kawau.

From Friday 16 October, Wednesday – Monday until 9 December - then 7 days over the holiday/summer season.

Spring hours:

Monday and Thursday : 10.00am – 7.00pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, : 9.00am – 8.00pm (last meal orders 7.00pm)

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

David and Robyn are back from Europe sun-tanned and re-charged and have a great new team in place for 2015/16. They're excited to have signed an excellent new chef Thorsten Kaiser.

Also on the team will be expat Kiwi superyacht sailor, musician and bar person Mitch Webb who is busting to come home to look after you at KBC.

And our 'super service stars' from last year, Tom and Jo are returning for another season.

As well as the usual, the shop will be stocking bread and milk, NZ Herald, bait, and is licensed for off-premise liquor sales.



Keep in touch with all the activities at the Club via the Kawau Boating Club Facebook page managed by Robyn.

To arrange special functions, please call her on 021 0471516.

People are most important, but that's not the only good news

During winter your subs have been paying for significant improvements around the Club – in particular, there has been a major makeover of the bar to look better and speed things up and in the kitchen mainly to improve safety, but also to help efficiency. By Xmas we'll have new doors at the western end of the clubhouse to let more light in and generally enhance the ambiance of the 'library' area.

The landlord (RNZYS) has undertaken a major up-grade of the water supply so we hope to avoid the 'drought' problems of last January..... but please – always think of water at KBC as 'top up' rather than 'fill up'.

We've also undertaken thorough checking and maintenance of the fuel pumps and are making encouraging progress in provision of a card based system for 24/365 supply. Not easy. Not quick. Not cheap, but we're working on it!!

The Starting Gun... Labour Weekend

While we're opening on the 16th, the big season starter will be Labour Weekend.

'Take Note Duo' will be revving things on Saturday night (cover charge of \$5 per head after 7.00pm)

On Sunday, affiliated club Mahurangi CC and CYA will again be running their Spring Splash Regatta out of the Club and it would be unusual for the prize giving not to develop into a party on Sunday night, especially by the time some Coastal Classic returners arrive.

Entries for the Spring Splash will be taken at the Club from 10.00am – 12.00 midday Sunday morning and the Mark Foy start will commence 1.00pm. Here's how good it looked last year!



Courtesy: Ivor Wilkins

Membership Renewals

The first year of KBC was a great success because of the support of members such as you. While there's a big voluntary contribution, subs are the financial engine-room of the Club. In simple terms, food, beverage and fuel sit at about break even over time. Smartening up your clubhouse, ablution block, fuel operation, water supply, and other facilities depends on subs!

Since opening last Labour Weekend close to \$100,000 has gone into redoing the floors, tidy up of the ablution block, new kitchen and bar equipment, doors and windows, re-painting, creating of the library space, fuel system up-grade and certification, emergency generator etc. etc.

We can't do it without your continuing investment in this wonderful old Club!

The Foundation Committee has agreed that subscriptions will remain the same for 2015/2016.

Dual/Family membership: \$150 (or for members of affiliated clubs, \$140)

Individuals: \$100 (or affiliated club members \$90)

Affiliated Clubs: these are boating clubs that have agreed to promote KBC to their members, to do their level best to hold at least one event a year at KBC and to make a contribution of \$250 to the building restoration fund

Some Clubs are still making up their minds, but at present the affiliated list is: RNZYS, Ponsonby CC (the first new club to join - thank you guys), Mahurangi CC, Devonport YC and Richmond YC. Thank you all.

To renew your subscription for 2015/2016, try one of these options:

1. **Direct transfer:** transfer your sub to us via online banking. Our account is BNZ Birkenhead, 02 0112 0128447 002. Please remember to put your surname and initials e.g. Smith JB as a reference.

2. **Cheque:** to PO Box 36-552, Northcote, Auckland 0748. Please include a note with your name and initials so we know who to supply a card to.

3. **Pay at the Club:** by credit card, eftpos or cash. We know this is pretty convenient for members but it creates real log jam problems for the staff at busy times, so please use

options 1 or 2 above if at all possible. BUT we need your renewal no matter how, so if this is the one, we'll take it!

YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB.

AGM

Our financial year ends 30 September and we will be holding the first AGM 21 November at the Club. Details of agenda etc will be sent to you shortly. This is how we anticipate the end of the day will look.



Thank you again for your support through our inaugural year. We hope to see you again soon at the Kawau Boating Club.

Kind Regards

KBC Foundation Committee

Martin Farrand, Club Captain

Lin Pardey, Hon Secretary

David Innes

Evan Innes-Jones

Dave Jeffery

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