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COMING EVENTS

MAY

- Friday 29 Remits and Executive Nominations Close
- Saturday 30 Start Queen's Birthday Weekend
- Brass Monkey Event

JUNE

- Sunday 7 Race 2 – Winter Series
- Saturday 20 [AGM and Prizegiving](#)



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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well the summer has certainly passed and another year for BOPTYS is also about to pass. Looking back it has been a very busy one for BOPTYS, the big regattas we hosted, a full social, cruising and racing programmes and just plain playing in our boats. We have had 15 new members this summer and we are rapidly filling the boat park. We have had to tidy up our act here a little with visitors and firm up on rules and costs for them. It will be a flat rate of \$5 per day for car and trailer parking for members of other clubs visiting.

The AGM and prize giving is coming up in June and a large number of the current committee will be moving on. We would love to have (need) some new faces join the committee. We are looking at some subtle changes in the tasks like putting the marina and boat park together as one entity, splitting the safety and training. We have to put some serious effort into our safety management plans this coming year. With our growing new membership the training is equally as important. As mentioned above we need your support to run the Squadron so remember nominations are needed by 29 May to the Secretary.

I'd like to thank Paul, Clive and Allan for the work done to raise and service the moorings, we now have 18 'new moorings', thanks guys. Brian has been busy supporting the social and cruising activities- the very interesting guest speaker at the last Nog n Natter being an example. Read below for the AGM and prize giving details. Meanwhile Allan has our grounds looking very tidy and the gorse etc has gone from around the boat park (thanks to a new lease of the that area as a farm runoff by the contractor we had start the clean up).

We have also started a project to tidy up the 'club rooms' on the inside. Stage 1 is to line the roof area, while consensus is being gained on the rest – many ideas out there.

The first of the winter series races has already been held, it was a great day's sailing; there will be 7 races with 5 to count in two divisions. Great to see the new members out there for the first one and having so much fun. Also over the long weekend (Queens') will be the Brass Monkey 'event' on the Saturday. This is a total mystery to all and sundry, so pop down the lake and join in to find out what it's all about.

*Brad Scott – Samasaan
Commodore*



REAR COMMODORE'S "RAMBLINGS"

It was great to see a good turnout for the first of our **Winter Series races**, with the end of daylight saving, it was like someone flicked a switch and reminded us winter on our door step. Shorter days and even our first frost, but come race day we saw a gentle southerly breeze and sunshine to see the sailors down the lake and back.

Congratulations to Elevation and Summer Skies who took out honours for the day in their respective Divisions, I know there were some great battles downwind in B Division with tussles between Moon Shadow, Hawk Wind and Summer Skies. Well done to Moon Shadow who saw the best of the conditions to lead B Division home on line.

Looking forward to the next one on the 7th of June, everyone welcome, even if you want to come out for a day on the water, just come down to the club and there's always boats looking for extra crew.

Briefing @ 10am racing from 11am

The format for the winter series is as follows:

June 7 th	Race 2
July 5 th	Race 3
August 2 nd	Race 4 & 5
September 6 th	Race 6 & 7

7 Race series with best of 5 to count.

Reminder to come along to the up and coming Prize Giving night, a time to share a few laughs and celebrate the year's achievements.

See ya all there
Darrell

CLUB TROPHIES: Please polish those trophies and return to me – 6 Kotuku Street, Springfield, as soon as possible to enable engraving to be finished before prizegiving.

Catch you on the water. Darrell Civil, Vice Commodore.

Sunday 7th June : Race 2 Winter Series

Briefing 10.00 am Everybody is welcome – come and join in the fun of racing and fellowship.



**NOTICE OF
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be followed by

2015 PRIZEGIVING

SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2014

**ROTORUA CT CLUB
Moncur Drive, Springfield**

P R O G R A M M E

3.30 pm	Tea and coffee
4.00 pm	Annual General Meeting
5 to 5.30 pm	Pre-dinner drinks and get together
6.30 pm	Dinner followed by Prizegiving

Cost: \$28.50 per person

RSVP: **Brian Gilliland - 07 883-7102 or
email: rearcommodore@orcon.net.nz**

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

So far the Executive Committee has received no nominations or expression of interest in being elected onto the committee.

There are vacancies for Commodore, Vice Commodore and Marina.

ALL REMITS AND NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CLOSE 29TH MAY

The Constitution is available on our website – www.boptys.net.

Remember to have YOUR say as to who you wish to be on the Executive Committee.

Nominations need to be in to the Secretary by **Friday 29TH May 2015**.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Available Re-election for Same Position</u>
Commodore	Brad Scott	NO (2 year tenure up)
Vice Commodore (Racing)	Darrell Civil	NO (2 year tenure up)
Rear Commodore (Social)	Brian Gilliland	YES
Secretary	David Goddard	YES
Treasurer	Barry Bringans	YES
Marina	Paul Rogers	NO
Boat Park	Allan Civil	YES
Editor/Publicity Officer	Judy Scott	YES
Safety and Training	Jimmy O'Callahan	YES
Club Representative	Clive Martin	YES



For those new to the club, the positions of Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore (Flag Officers) are for a two year period.

Remember, even though a committee member is available to re-stand for their position, this does not prevent other nominations being put forward.

It would be fantastic to see some new faces on the Executive; it is not hard, you learn a lot about how the club works, and everyone is very supportive.

If the Executive is not to your liking but you would like to help in other ways, maybe the Racing or Social Committee might appeal. If so, please contact either Darrell Civil (racing) or Brian Gilliland (social).

The nomination form for executive positions is towards the back of this newsletter.

from the Rear Commodore's Armchair

A good attendance and an enjoyable evening at our Nog n Natter a few weeks back and an entertaining and informative address by our guest speaker Captain Bernard Commons. Lynne and I were among those who bought a copy of his book "A Captain's tales". Hilarious!

Unfortunately the catering let the evening down a bit – a new kitchen brigade resulted in a much reduced menu and inordinate wait times for meals – in excess of 1½ hours for many people. Quality of food was good, as was value.

With the upcoming AGM we have decided to cancel the Social Club Night shown on the calendar 15 May. (To be honest we couldn't recall what was intended when we put it on the calendar). ☺

Clive's Brass Monkey sail on the Queen's Birthday Week-end should more than make up for it. Lots of fun for sure, and of course preparations are underway for a festive evening for the AGM and Prizegiving and dinner 20th June.

While sitting here composing this, the mail arrived and along with it my **Day Skippers Certificate**. I read and re-read the course material over and over, never quite feeling quite ready for the exam. When I finally gritted my teeth it was all worth it -97% - man am I chuffed!! I have already started "Boatmasters" and this weekend we hope to be on the water racing and somewhere along the line we'll have the benefit of sail coaching by Darrell (as will others). Learning is half the fun in sailing isn't it?

To all – I wish "Fair winds on your back and a smile on your face"

Brian – Rear Commodore



- We give a **BIG WELCOME TO:-**
- Jo Roos from Te Aroha with the Gazelle Andrometa and
- Dave and Trish Austin from Rotorua with their Sabre 20 Whiplash.



AHOY THERE !!

Hmmm, what to talk about at this time of year ... always an issue .

First on my mind is the Annual General Meeting to be followed by the Prizegiving. Advertised elsewhere in this newsletter are the details for the event on **Saturday 20th June**.

The club has found the format of having the AGM followed by the Prizegiving to be the best option. Please, come along to the AGM, no-one is bullied onto the committee and it is a good way to learn how your club runs. In saying that, it is always fantastic to have new people on the committee, so why not give it a go.

Please let Brian Gilliland, Rear Commodore, know if you are planning on attending either one or both as soon as possible. Caterers have to be notified of the numbers so please get in touch with Brian. As usual, unless you give at least 24 hours notice of not attending, you will still have to pay for your meals.

We have had a lovely letter from the yacht Perfect Pitch which you can read below ... thank you guys for your kind words and we hope to see you again some time soon.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM and Prizegiving.

Club Room Renovations

The Boatpark, Marina area and generally the Okawa Bay area is looking really good thanks to the work of club members. However over the past few years there has been comment from both members and out of towners that the “clubrooms” are looking a bit tired.

At the recent Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that some renovations/updating take place in the clubhouse. Brian Gilliland, your Rear Commodore, has been given the special task of coordinating this big job.

This is still only in the development stages but it would be nice to have things sorted by the end of winter, so be prepared for some changes. If there is anything you think you may have special skills which could help with this renovation, eg donation of a marble bench top, high quality fittings and fixtures, then please contact:

Brian on 07 883-7102 or email him at

rearcommodore@orcon.net.nz

PS: As I am about to send this to print I have heard that renovations have already started, so please be patient if all facilities are not up and running next time you are there.



29/4/15

Please find enclosed a \$60 donation for the use of your trailer park over Easter and the 2 weeks following. This is for both Celeste and Perfect Pitch; I trust it fully covers your running cost plus a little.

We enjoyed our time on the lake and the friendship offered from all and sundry. We were sorry that we were unable to join the evening at the Rotorua Club, we really appreciated the invite.

We hope to be back one day, and looking at maybe country membership – something to think about next year!

Many Thanks


Allen Birchler

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WINTER RACE 2015 SERIES = RESULTS

A DIVISION : RACE 1 – Sunday 3 May 2015

Boat	Owner	Elapsed	Handicap	Corrected	To Win	Finishing Place	Points	Next Race Handicap
Elevation	T Poolman	1:49:35	0.952	1:44:19		1	1	0.961
E Mail	D McGowan	2:03:44	0.927	1:54:42	0:11:12	2	2	0.927
Samasaan	B Scott	2:49:35	0.879	2:29:04	0:50:55	3	3	0.870

B DIVISION : RACE 1 – Sunday 3 May 2015

Boat	Owner	Elapsed	Handicap	Corrected	To Win	Finishing Place	Points	Next Race Handicap
Summer Skies	A Taylor	1:42:54	0.749	1:17:04		1	1	0.764
Moonshadow	G Holmes	1:36:30	0.815	1:18:39	0:01:57	2	2	0.823
Hawkwind	S English	1:51:59	0.791	1:28:35	0:14:34	3	3	0.791
Cruza	R Heydon	1:54:16	0.807	1:32:13	0:18:46	4	4	0.799
Shira	E Williams	2:47:47	0.701	1:57:37	0:57:51	5	5	0.687

WHAT'S ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND?

Brass Monkey Trophy

The Brass Monkey Weekend began in the late 1990s by a group of members as the last hurrah before taking their boats out of the water for winter maintenance.

Clive Martin got Athol to get the trophy (the three wise monkeys) on one of his trips to Bali. It is not a race but a **FUN** weekend for those who wish to take part despite the weather conditions. The trophy is presented at the discretion of the current holder.

So, if you are keen to contest this trophy, come to that part of the lake where the **WIND IS NOT**, and that is where it will be happening!

For more details, phone Clive on 362 4646





Ben Geddes
B3 Mainsheet Trimmer

"After joining Blind Sailing New Zealand I have experienced a high level of growth and commitment to the sport. I am proud to be a member and competitor and am honoured and excited to be a part of blind sailing's international competitions. I look forward to the opportunity to represent New Zealand again in Chicago and to uphold New Zealand's reputation of developing highly skilled sportsmen. Your support for this cause will again see Blind Sailing New Zealand at the forefront of disabled sailing."



Russell Lowry
B1 Helm

"The opportunity to represent New Zealand and compete internationally has been a life changing experience. As a consequence of my increased involvement in Blind Sailing New Zealand I've chosen to get involved in the local Wanganui Sailing club. The confidence I gained through World Blind Sailing competitions has given me the boost I needed to become more active and involved at a local level, enabling me to forge new relationships and support the introduction of Sailability in the Wanganui Region."



Please Support the New Zealand Blind Sailors to compete in the Blind World Fleet Racing Championship in Chicago, 9-13th September 2015

New Zealand will be sending a team of 6 blind or vision impaired sailors and 6 fully sighted sailors to Chicago, entering a boat in each of the B1, B2 and B3 categories. Our top blind sailors are listed as World Sailing Champions, and have won 10 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals in 6 previous World Blind Sailing Championships.

We need your help

We need to raise an estimated \$55,000 for travel, accommodation, entry fees, insurance, training boat hire, uniforms, sundry and admin fees.

You can help support us by:

1. Making a one off donation to Blind Sailing NZ
2. Setting up an automatic payment to Blind Sailing NZ
3. Supporting individual sailors who will each be seeking to raise \$3500 (for travel & accommodation) in their own communities, and paying the difference themselves.

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Blind Sailing NZ Bank account: ASB 12-3026-0014674-00

Contact:

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30 April 2015

To Yacht Clubs and members.

Blind sailing New Zealand is endeavouring to contact all Blind and Vision Impaired Sailors around the country. We are aware that there are Blind and Vision impaired persons sailing at Yacht Clubs throughout NZ and we are appealing to those clubs to help us contact these blind and VI members.

There are several reasons why this is important to us:

1. The 2015 IFDS Blind Sailing Fleet Racing World Championships are to be held on Lake Michigan, Chicago, from 9 to 13 September 2015. Blind Sailing NZ is inviting Expressions of Interest from Blind or Vision Impaired Sailors who would like to be considered for the team.
2. We are reviewing our membership database and wish to ensure that we have all Blind and Vision Impaired Sailors and interested supporters on our records.
3. To help us with national publicity promotion and profile as we foster sailing as a sport or recreation for Blind and Vision Impaired persons.

Blind sailing is no longer centred in Auckland sailing keelers. We now have Blind and VI members sailing at a number of Yacht clubs around the North Island in keelboats, Trailer yachts, dinghies and with disabled Sailing in ballasted centerboarders. But there are others out there we wish to contact.

Please help us contact all Blind and Vision Impaired sailors in NZ by forwarding this information to your members directly or through your Newsletter. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Dick Lancaster
Blind Sailing NZ

Dick Lancaster, Chairman, RD 4, TAUMARUNUI, NZ. Ph: 64-7-8966484

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BSNZ Council, PO Box 46182, Herne Bay, Auckland, New Zealand. Website: www.sailingblind.org.nz

Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron

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NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned, being financial members of the BOP Trailer Yacht Squadron, wish to make the following nomination for the Executive Committee at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

For the position of: (tick one box only on each form)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodore | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Commodore (racing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Commodore (social) | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety & Training Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina Convenor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hardstand Convenor |

Proposer: (print name)

Proposer's signature:

Seconder: (print name)

Seconder's signature:

I, the Nominee, accept this nomination (signature)

Date:

Note: This nomination form **MUST** be in the hands of the Secretary or the Commodore by 29 May.

Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron Inc.

PATRON: Mr Val Arnold esq.

CONTACT PHONE LIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014 / 2015 SEASON

Position	Name	Boat Name	Phone
Commodore	Brad Scott	Samasaan	347 8953
Vice Commodore (Racing)	Darrell Civil	Major Tom	346 1789
Rear Commodore (Social)	Brian Gilliland	Vamanos	07 883 7102
Past Commodore	Jackie Holt	Convergence	348 7305
Secretary	David Goddard	Lady Penelope	347 3454
Treasurer	Barry Bringans	Scorpion	362 4227
Newsletter/Publicity Officer	Judy Scott	Samasaan	347 8953
Marina Manager	Paul Rogers	Buzz Off	347 6504
Safety & Training Officer	Jimmy O'Callahan	Aquila	345 5769
BoatPark Manager	Allan Civil	Major Tom	345 7099
Club Representative	Clive Martin	X-Ta-C	362 4646
Clubrooms Okawa Bay			07 362 4016

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