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COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2017

Saturday 15th
Sunday 16th

Boats Ablaze with Pot Luck EASTER WEEKEND
"The Great Rabbit Run"

MAY 2017

Friday 5th
Sunday 7th
Wednesday 31st

Nog n Natter
1st Race Winter Series
Remits and Executive nominations close

JUNE 2017

Saturday 3rd
Sunday 4th
Monday 12th
Saturday 17th

Queen's Birthday Weekend (Brass Monkey Event)
2nd Race Winter Series
Executive Meeting
Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving



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From the Commodore's Desk

Sailing Away!

Adrian McHardy and "his scurvy crew" (his words, not mine) including Jackie Holt, took out the Keeler division on "Open Country" Waikato Yacht Squadron Gulf Classic recently.



In the 40miler division David & Leslie Goddard – on Visions placed 1st on line 2nd on handicap.

Ra Cleave on Sweet Surrender placed 2nd in the 60mile division.

Jimmy O'Callahan & Ron Backhouse placed 4th in the same division on Aquila (IV).

I must add too that our Anita Taylor crewed in the Women's Nationals on Auckland waters last week-end where they acquitted themselves well against some very seasoned sailors.

A top effort by all!



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SAILORS AND SAILING, A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

Lynne and I purchased a beautiful Whiting 29 recently and sailed it down from Auckland to Tauranga. A big event for us. The advice and support from Club Members during our preparatory phase provided a relatively uneventful and very pleasant trip down. *Thank you all for your advice...*

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Approaching Tauranga I happened to overhear the mighty Open Country giving a trip report to CG as they departed Whangamata causing me to "put the spurs in" as it may be the only time we could say that we beat them anywhere.....

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Your cruising subcommittee has been powering into the entertaining events of the club, including the first Nog n Natter of the season, Easter Weekend and Queen's Birthday Weekend with the oddly named "Brass Monkey".

More details outlined further in this Mainsheet.

On a more philosophical note; as the end of the BOPTYS season approaches so too does the AGM. As with any club or group a core holds it together.

This is the time for all to ask how we can keep the club going forward and how best you can contribute toward that.

To misquote a famous former sailor:

"Ask not what your club can do for you—ask what you can do for your club"

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Happy and safe sailing to you and your family —

Brian Gilliland, Commodore



Picture of the willow tree next to the clubrooms which came down in the storm first week of April.

Photo courtesy Ron Heydon

Writings from the Rear Commodore

Keep *Friday May 5* free! ... *Nog'n'Natters* are underway.

We have a great speaker: Warren Houston, airbrush artist, who has created magic with pictures, murals, 3D paintings, large and small on anything from hot rods to America Cup boats and even a logo for Adrian McHardy's racing keeler.

His work is fascinating; he is an entertaining, lively speaker. So, be at the:

**Third Place on Lake Road, Friday 5 May
from 6.15 pm - dinner at 7 pm
Cash bar; Dinner \$30 per head.**

We are assured there will be plenty of food for this evening, and that it will be tasty. Please let me know when you book if you are vegetarian.

IMPORTANT: Tuesday May 2 is the cut off date to say you are coming. And as we have to pay for numbers booked, this has to be a commitment to turn up and/or pay for your meal. The trials of life!!

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EASTER is nigh! A long weekend on Rotoiti! "**Boats Ablaze**" for a pot luck dinner (location to be announced on the Saturday, as is weather dependent), and "**The Great Rabbit Run**" for Easter eggs on Sunday morning.

A marvellous opportunity for Autumn family cruising and some conviviality. So, dig out those fairy lights, decorate your boat and join others of the squadron for an evening/weekend of fun and laughter.



Thank you all those who have contributed to activities this season – it does seem to have been a busy one. On the last Saturday of March we had a very enjoyable “women on water” day – only four boats but all full of enthusiastic sailors. It was such a good day that next year we should encourage more from our club to join the action – a great chance to sail in a supportive environment.

Winter series Sunday lake jaunts are starting – all welcome, and of course there will be a barbeque afterwards.

See you at Easter and at the Nog’n’Natter!

Leonie Kibblewhite
Sweet Surrender

Vice Commodore’s Report

NIGHT RACE

The weather gods were on our side, unfortunately only 2 boats were able to make it. They enjoyed a great sail around on the lake (see spider trail below). Almost 20 km in 3hrs.



- **Start at 16.45**
- **Finish at 21.00**
- **Aquila Distance 18.9km / 0.760 = 24.86 km corrected**
- **Sweet Surrender 19.7km / 0.845 = 23.31 km corrected**
 - **1st Aquila**
 - **2nd Sweet Surrender**



AHOY THERE !!

Judy Scott, Editor

Autumn is here a chill can be felt in the air, the grass is wet in the mornings, and it is dark earlier. We are all starting to hibernate a little, slowing down and not doing as much Just like our club ... as it comes to a slow down in its programme.

However this does not mean your Executive Committee is any less busy, as coming up we have a great Easter planned, Nog n Natters, Queen's Birthday weekend, Annual General Meeting to name a few.

EASTER

You will see the poster for Easter which has some great fun planned, but to reiterate a few things ...

Boats Ablaze This has come about as over Easter the **Wooden Boats Society** on Lake Rotoiti decorate their boats and do a motor around the various bays. Last Easter when we were out it was fantastic to see and many and put in lots of hours of work decorating their boats. So this year, the Social Committee decided we should give of a "bit of a light show" as well in appreciation of their efforts.

So don't forget to pack your solar lights on your boat when out for Easter. Then on the Saturday night after a pot luck dinner, when the lights come on, the bay will be "A blaze of lights".

The Great Rabbit Run I'm sure you all know what this will be about – get the kids (and big kids) all hyped up with chocolate and games.

NOG ' NATTER **Friday 5th May – Third Place**

Another great speaker for the night along with a scrumptious dinner. Only \$30 each. See the notice elsewhere in this Mainsheet, and remember to get your names in to Leonie no later than 2nd May.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND and the 'BRASS MONKEY EVENT'

For those new to the club here is a bit of history about this event – PLEASE NOTE – **THIS IS NOT A RACE!**

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!

Also remember to have your say at the upcoming ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - **your club can only stay “alive” with an active and as several members will be standing down this year the introduction of new people onto the committee is needed to keep BOPTYS “afloat”.**

A large number of our club members are from out of town and it may be that “Skype” type meetings are the “future face” of the Executive meetings instead of relying on only the Rotorua members to make up the Executive (although we do have Brian and Owen travelling over every month).

Or may be the Executive meetings are held at alternative venues each month so it is not the same people travelling. Give this some thought as well, or any other ideas that may enable more non-Rotorua based people making up the Executive.

Wishing everyone safe travels, lots of chocolate and hot cross buns for Easter. Brad, Cleo the cat, and I, will be sailing the Hauraki Gulf on Samasaan, so fingers are crossed for fine weather across the country.

Judy Scott
Samasaan

CHANGE OF DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / PRIZEGIVING

A busy time of year to get the Princes Gate this year in Rotorua,
so we have had to change the date to

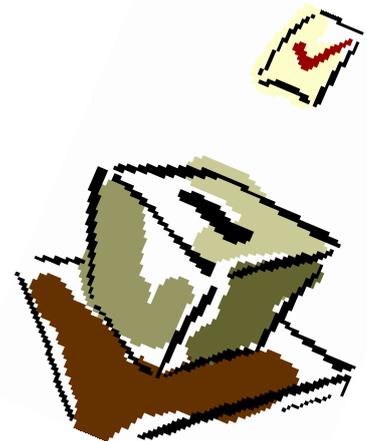
**WATCH THIS SPACE – may change from the
publicised dates.**

Because of the Lions Tour, more than likely will be 1st July.

Its only two months until the **Annual General Meeting**.
 Time to start thinking if you wish to be on the committee, who you wish to vote for, or write a remit if you feel strongly about something.

Presently your Executive Committee comprises:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Commodore	Brian Gilliland
Past Commodore	Brad Scott
Vice Commodore (Racing)	Jimmy O'Callahan
Rear Commodore (Social)	Leonie Kibblewhite
Secretary	David Goddard
Treasurer	Barry Bringans
Hardstand Convenor	Owen Dalton
Marina Manager	Ra Cleave
Editor/Publicity Officer	Judy Scott
Safety and Training	Ron Backhouse
Club Representative	Clive Martin



Every position is open for nomination every year except of course Past Commodore.

NOMINATION FORM AT BACK OF NEWSLETTER !!!



Yes, its that time again ...

Please return trophies to Jimmy O'Callahan to allow time for engraving before prize giving. If you have a problem with this, please contact Jimmy to make other arrangements.

The unveiling of Val Arnold's memorial plaque at the clubhouse last Saturday was enhanced by sunshine and blue skies over the clear, sparkling waters of Okawa Bay, a fitting tribute.



The gathering had a certain eminence comprising another founder and past Commodore Graham Petterson, Patron and past Commodore Don McGowan, past Commodores Barry Dennehy, Paul Rogers, Bruce & Jackie Holt and other contributors to what is today a very successful Yacht Squadron.

As the wife of Val, co-founder of the Squadron, June Arnold described herself as a "sailing widow" whose husband loved sailing solo or else voyaging his family up to places such as Kawau Island for memorable holidays, whilst current Commodore, Brian praised the foresight and hard work of Val and the Squadron pioneers that turned a swamp into a beautiful reserve, marina and hardstand.

Others remembered Val for his devotion to family and sailing, whilst neighbours adjacent to his anchorages remarked on the beautiful music wafting across from his on-board keyboard'. It is said that also "wafting" was the smell of pipe smoke as he passed upwind. "Wafting" too was the smell of a *suspected* roast *allegedly* cooking on board as he raced single handed yet it is said that he'd rustle up a four handed crew if a trophy was at stake. (*Be it fact or fiction, sailors love a good tale*).

Pictured here is Val sailing Cutty Sark on Tauranga waters in the 1940's



SAFETY TIPS WITH THE HIGH LAKE LEVEL

- Lake Rotoiti is very high at the moment and when you come into the jetty it easy to damage your boat on the bollards.
- Also when you get off your boat it a lot higher step and can catch you by surprise.

Ron Backhouse
Safety Officer

Easter Cruising Weekend

We all know what this means. Easter eggs, hot cross buns and lots of fun.

On the **Saturday night** there will be a **POT LUCK DINNER** and **“Boats Ablaze”**, **SO REMEMBER to put the fairy lights on board.**

For those who haven't experienced this before, at Easter the Wooden Boat Society decorate their boats with lights (and lots of other things) and cruise around the lake. This year we thought it would be nice to do something similar and decorate our yachts with fairy lights (however we will stay anchored in the bay) – hence **“BOATS ABLAZE”**.



On the **Sunday** there will be the **“GREAT RABBIT RUN”** – a fun activity for the whole family.

Listen out on Channel 64 for location of pot luck dinner/boats ablaze/great rabbit run, as this is weather dependent.

So pack the boat with all that lovely yummy Easter food and come on out to Lake Rotoiti for a fantastic Easter Weekend.

NOELEX 25 : TOROA

Unfortunately we are not able to sail as much as we would have hoped so sadly are putting Turoa up for sale.

In very good condition, can be viewed at Okawa Bay, Lake Rotoiti.

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Email: hadams@aquinas.school.nz

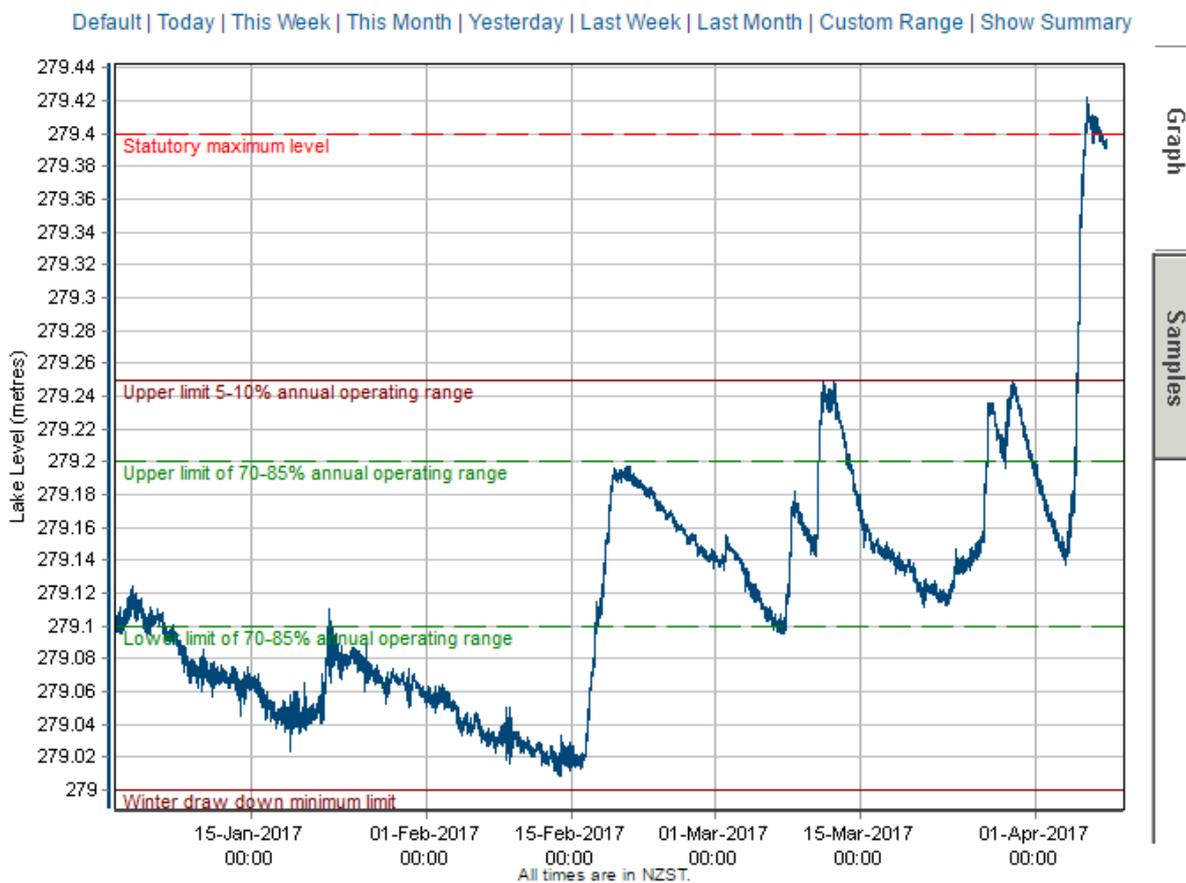


Lake Level

This last weekend the Regional Council activated a “no wake” policy for Okawa Bay as the lake was above the ‘statutory maximum level’. The consent for the Okere Falls outlet sets the upper and lower lake levels and the Regional Council operates the lake within these as best it can. This is also tied to the level of Lake Rotorua.

The excessive rainfall from the remains of cyclone Debbie saw the lake level rise very fast and the upper level exceeded (see plot). These data come from that green tube like structure to the left of the ramp in Okawa Bay. The BOP Regional Council have lots of data online now, so you can track water levels, lake temps, O₂ levels if you are keen. Check out here: <https://goo.gl/4p2ic8> The red data buoy by the pylons is also online and has weather data (wind speed, gust and direction) as well as temperature down to 20 m, along with Chlorophyll and dissolved oxygen levels.

Brad Scott





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Rear Commodore (Social)	Leonie Kibblewhite	Sweet Surrender	345 6303
Past Commodore	Brad Scott	Samasaan	347 8953
Secretary	David Goddard	Visions	347 3454
Treasurer	Barry Bringans	Scorpion	362 4227
Mainsheet/Publicity Officer	Judy Scott	Samasaan	347 8953
BoatPark Manager	Owen Dalton	Treble	022 415 6801
Marina Manager	Ra Cleave	Sweet Surrender	362 4191
Safety & Training Officer	Ron Backhouse	Sea-nility	027 303 8632
Club Representative	Clive Martin	X-Ta-C	362 4646
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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 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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"/> Boat Park Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mainsheet Editor/Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee |

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 31 May.

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