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COMING EVENTS

September	Sunday 1st	Winter Series – Races 5 and 6
	Tuesday 3rd	Executive Committee Meeting
	Friday 13th	Nog'n'Natter – Rotorua Club, from 5.30 pm
	Saturday 28th	Working Bee

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Time to make a tack and catch up with the last month. Although it's not a busy sailing time, it is a busy time for the members of the new executive and the various sub-committees in the Squadron. The main focus is mapping out a programme for the next year, juggling the needs of the various groups; social, cruising, racing and external events. As I type this Judy has just collected the calendar for next year from the printers and its working its way into an envelope and will soon be with you. There will also be a couple of additions in the envelope, thanks to the BOP Regional Council for these.

Other items of interest include the NZ Trailer Yacht Association (NZTYA), who held their Annual Meeting of Representatives (AMR) in Rotorua in July. The BOPTYS social girls helped cater for this. This was my first AMR for many years and it was refreshing to be back, seeing some old friends and meeting new people from all over NZ with the same passion for trailer yachts we all have. There was no great new items or startling news, however it was reassuring to see the National body is still functioning well with all of our interests at heart (17 attended). There was 3 new designs approved and the latest listing of the National Ratings (see the NZTYA web page for a copy). Two of our members have continued the long held tradition of BOPTYS contributing to our National body. Congratulations to Jo Martin, now the national secretary and Jackie Holt who is the North Island Vice president. Well done girls.

The other item that has kept a group of our members busy is the NZTYA Nationals sub committee (led by Darrell). This sub committee has been formed to boost the numbers of the steering group (thanks Jackie) which had started on the organisation of this event. We now have an approved Notice of Race, National race officer and Entry form. Promotion has started, we also have a generous sponsorship from Burnsco Marine (in the Mount) towards the prizes. This event will be hosted by us over the weekend of November 8-9. If you are interested in helping please let Darrell know.

The winter racing is continuing (1st Sunday of the month) and soon will be the annual working bee to tidy up our patch and make sure its all safe and ready for the summer ahead. All too soon it will be summer, hope to see you then.

Brad Scott
Wild Orchid T3421 ZMZ 3400

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

What has the Social Committee been up to?

The first committee meeting has been held to set dates in conjunction with the sailing committee dates, and the first Nog'n'Natter for the season is on **FRIDAY 13TH!! SEPTEMBER** (I can assure you there will be no bad luck, just a good evening.)

In July the NZ Trailer Yacht Association held their Annual General Meeting in Rotorua and the Social Committee organised and provided the morning tea for the delegates.

We have also agreed to provide the hospitality, food and refreshments for the NZ Trailer Yacht and North Island Championships being held at Lake Rotoiti in November, so your committee will be very busy.

Regards

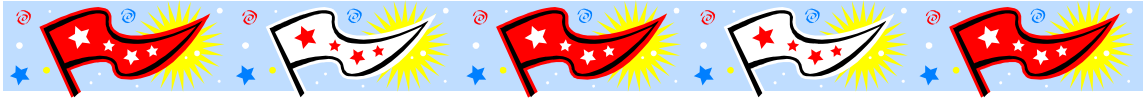
Pat Heydon
Rear Commodore

Nog and Natter – "Fly the Flag Friday"

Friday 13th September at Rotorua Club

From 5.30 pm.
Main meals about $20 each.

Keep the evening free, it'll be a great night.



Any queries contact Pat Heydon on 362 4184

AHOY THERE !!

The Events Calendar is due out shortly. Ron and Barry have provided some great photos and along with others acquired, I decided on a "moody" photo at the boat ramp, instead of a dramatic racing photo.

However for the 2014/15 Events Calendar I thought I would run a ***photo competition*** *and from that choose the best photo for the calendar.*

Photos will need to be suitable for printing onto an A4 Landscape size page.

So this season while you are out sailing, take your camera along with you, and get a photo of what you feel epitomises trailer yachting, hopefully on Lake Rotoiti.

Entries Close: ***31 May 2013 with the Editor***

Top three photos will be acknowledged accordingly.

Mobile Devices, IPads etc

There has been some feedback regarding the BOPTYS web page when viewed from tablets and smartphones. To keep the cost of the web page down we selected a provider that gives us restricted ability for the 'mobile' side of the web page. Presently you need to use a PC or laptop to view all the information on the BOPTYS web page, especially forms, images and the newsletter.

The provider we use for our website is a good price and we feel we cannot justify spending more money to make it mobile friendly. This area of technology is rapidly changing, so we may get the ability one day at a reasonable price.

Judy Scott,
Mainsheet Editor

Vice Commodore's Report

The race committee has been busy coming up with the new race season schedule. A few changes have been made from last year, we have included two extra round Rotoiti's in addition to the regular Sunday races . So check out the new calendar for dates, we've split the WASP Wednesday night race series into two, one before Christmas and one after. The Enduro event has been re- introduced, more details to come.

As I hope you all know by now, our club is hosting the Trailer Yacht North Island and National champs in November this year, check out our club website and advertising on www.crew.org.nz under racing forums. Would love to see lots of BOPTYS members competing, so get your entry in, forms online!

Also as this event approaches we will be asking for extra help from our club members in a range of tasks, we want to show off our great facilities to others by putting on a well run event, so would love to see club members getting involved on and off the water.

Cheers.

Darrell
Vice Commodore

Sunday 4th August Race 4 - Winter Series

The day started with a gentle breeze about 3-5K and ended up fading away to nothing.

Well done to No traffic you showed us all the way home. Cheers. David, Lady Penelope

A DIVISION		***Start Time***	***H***	***M***	***S***			
			11	***5***	***0***			
CLUB HANDICAP		***Club H'Cap***	***Finish Time***			***Corr. Time***		***New H'cap***
Boat	***Type***		***H***	***M***	***S***		***Place***	
Major Tom	Ross 780	0.966	1	0	33	1.5137	1	0.980
Email	Elliot 7.4	0.913	1	11	20	1.5520	2	0.918
Elevation	Elliott 7	0.953	1	9	59	1.5906	3	0.948
Convergence	Elliott 7.4	0.872	1	24	20	2.0138	4	0.860

B DIVISION		***Start Time***	***H***	***M***	***S***			
			11	***0***	***0***			
		Club H'Cap	***Finish Time***			***Corr. Time***		***New H'Cap***
Boat	***Type***		***H***	***M***	***S***		***Place***	
No Traffic	Hot Pot	0.825	12	55	0	1.3452	1	0.833
Buzz Off	Farr 7500	0.801	1	14	45	1.4756	2	0.801
Lady Penelope	Noelex 22	0.844	1	20	23	1.5829	3	0.836
Aquila	Aquarius 22							
Treble	Gazelle Mk2							
Wild Orchid	Ross 650							
Toroa	Noelex 25							

A pleasant day was enjoyed by the hardy, with a below average weather forecast leading into the weekend, the seven boats that turned up, enjoyed a 6-9 knot breeze from a south western direction. A relaxing kite run down to picnic point, with a beat home which saw a few boats changing positions throughout.
With the breeze dying, the race was shortened to enable all contestants to finish in a respectable time to all enjoy a BBQ back at the marina.

Congratulations to NO TRAFFIC and MAJOR TOM who took out line and handicap results in their respective divisions. Well worth the effort from NO TRAFFIC who travelled from Tauranga and some of his crew from Auckland, great to see you guys out there!

Reminder for the next winter series Sunday which is on September 1st, we have scheduled two races to finish the series so bring a packed lunch as we'll be stopping somewhere down the lake for a break in between races.

Darrell Civil

WINTER SERIES

First Sunday of every month

Sunday September 1st

Briefing 10.00

2 Lake Races

Everybody Welcome!!

SAFETY AND TRAINING

Safety Checklist

With the worst of the winter weather hopefully behind us and more yachts venturing out onto the lake week by week it is timely to be aware of some of the safety issues in and around our boats.

As it has not had much use the ramp can be very slippery when launching and retrieving your boat. (Shoes or boots with good grip should help here)

Fuel

- If your boat hasn't been used for some time the fuel may be stale and cause starting and general unreliability issues. (New fuel or a winter service may be useful).
- Be aware of fire dangers when refueling
- Not a good idea to have your gas cooker going at the time.

Gas

- As gas is lighter than air leaks are not always obvious.
- An occasional soap and water wipe around the bottle valve and hoses will identify any leaks.
- (A good idea to turn off the gas at the bottle when you have finished cooking to let it run out completely from the lines)
- Turn off the gas at the bottle as above if leaving the boat for any period of time.

Weed

Because of changing lake levels be aware of large weed patches in the lake at times (This can be enough to stop your motor so adjust your speed accordingly.)

Radio

- After a few hiccups last season with Coastguard communications I am informed that the system is working well now and so it is important to do your trip report, eta , and your off the lake log out report.
- Ask about Coastguard courses. These cover vhf radio use skippers courses , navigation etc

Weather

- It is your responsibility as skipper to obtain a weather forecast before venturing out and make a trip decision based on that information.
- Good forecasts are available via newspaper, radio, internet etc
- Do not rely on Coastguard to supply this info.

A few suggestions before the summer sailing season

- Anchor warp condition / knots.
- Boat hook (where is it) does it still telescope effectively?
- Trailer bearings / winch and rope / webbing (what condition are these in?)
- Battery condition (check levels and condition before going out in to the lake)
- Some batteries lose condition quickly when not being used a lot.
- Rescue flag (essential).

All of the above should be obvious but worth a mention so safety issues become second nature to us all.

Random safety equipment checks will be carried out on a more regular basis in the future so have al those safety items you say you have (and signed to that effect) at hand should you be asked to show them.

Regards
Ron Heydon
Safety and Training

Glaziers Corner

Are you having trouble with leaking windows? This article that I found may help you.

Replacing frameless boat windows
First of all measure the over lap of the window. It is recommended that it be 40mm or more. The bigger the contact area the better, but joints should have a minimum of 3mm for an expansion gap.

Prepare both surfaces with meths. After totally cleaning the old sealant off, mask up the area and paint it black.

Pre-fit your polycarbonate. Mask and prime with black windscreen primer. This will reduce the U.V. damage.

Drill the screw holes and countersink them.

Fitting
You will need a trigger bottle with turps in it, and a silicone spatula. Now TOTALLY MASK THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE BOAT AROUND THE WINDOW AREA.

Sealant
"Fix All" from Hold Fast is a good sealant. It comes in big tubes. You will need one tube per window. Next cut very small pieces of ice-cream container and stick next to each screw. The ice-cream container is used as a spacer, so you have a good thickness of sealant. To fit the window cut a v in the sealant nozzle and put a very generous bead of sealant round the opening.

NOW TIME IS VERY SHORT. YOU HAVE GOT TO WORK VERY FAST.

Fit the window by putting one screw in the bottom two corners and then the rest. Nip them all up, but not too tight. Let the sealant go off and tighten up fully in 48 hours.

I hope this is some help.

Clive
X-TA-C

BOAT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Do you have a lack of time or inclination to tidy up your Trailer Sailor?
Make use of another club member's services to tidy up your boat. I can clean and polish, do minor repairs on the hull, electrics, inside of the boat. I can waterblast and then spray with a compound to delay further growth of algae and mould on the boat surface.
I can undertake repairs to wooden parts, fibreglass and yacht fittings. All the things that you were going to get round to but are still working on it.

My boat is a Noelex 25 , Bluethunder and is a work in progress like most of the boats on in our Boat Park.

My experience is as a keen DIY person for many years, a trailer sailor owner for 12 or 14 years, a past dinghy sailor, and a retired Teacher of Science and Wood Work at Western Heights High School.

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