



The Spinnaker

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Saturday, April 28th
Champion of Champions

Friday, May 11th
Talk by Brian Taylor

Sunday May 13th
Prize-giving and Barbeque

June 8th
Talk by Bill Brambleby & Bruce Askew

Saturday, June 16th
Race 1, Winter Series

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Hi Everyone

Late Summer has turned on some very good weather, even a few scorchers, just to take our minds off the spring we were given. It would be great to see lots more boats out on the water taking full advantage of these conditions before the weather changes.

We have planned a fun day for Saturday, 21st April and hope this day is as successful as the initial day last year. This will essentially consist of an on-the-water rally, boat handling skills (or lack thereof demonstrated) plus some well earned R&R in some bay or the club, depending on the day. Last year was real fun so keep this Saturday free and organise as many as you can to participate.

John Seggie has a number of Friday nights talks planned, neatly side stepping around the rugby, I add, so keep your eyes out for this. The number of people socialising on Friday is growing thanks to Yvonne's meals, the upgrades to the club, the work of John and his Events team, plus Al and his crew of tireless house helpers. A true team effort.

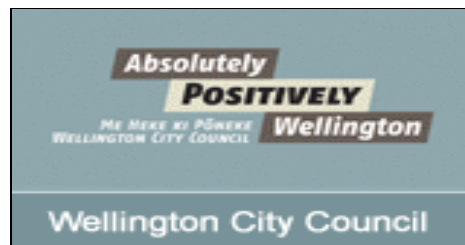
The North Island Secondary Schools Teams Racing (a mouthful isn't it) regatta successfully concluded last week plus the National 420 regatta is coming up over Easter. A big thanks to Gary Wagstaff and his team for organising these regattas, plus the earlier Elliott 5.9 regatta. Each of these regattas are different and demands a new approach. At this point there are 27 entry's for the 420 regatta which will make for a great turnout. New Zealand's position in world 420 sailing is at the top so this event should make for great viewing over Easter.

Our next important events are Champion of Champions & the Prizegiving, dates are on the front page. In other events already underway, a committee has been formed to review the club's Constitution, as was discussed at the last AGM. If anyone would like to assist with this review, please contact Warren Rankin at warren.r@paradise.net.nz or 04-973-6934.

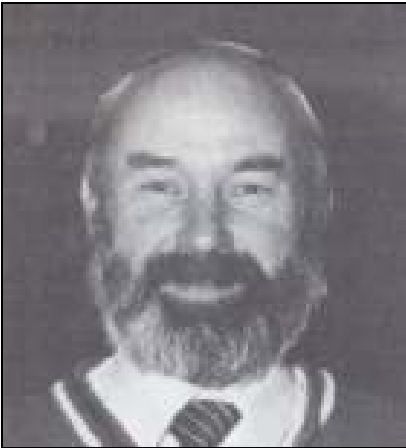
Finally I believe we have a good year ahead of us and that we are in good shape as a club for this year as well.

Safe sailing,

Miles Tremlett
Commodore



From the Vice Commodore



The recent Secondary Schools Teams Racing was won by Queen Charlotte College. There were ten teams from the lower part of the North Island and Blenheim. My thanks go to all those who helped in making this regatta a success. Based upon a need to ensure that the area continues its College TR programme I suggest that a small group get together to promote this type of racing. Any willing people who wish to help please contact myself.

The next major event will be the 420 Nationals to be held over Easter. A later report will cover this event.

April 21st is being promoted by three clubs as "Have a go at Sailing Day". While the club is not directly associated with the promoters it has agreed that it will support its aims and to that end a Fun Race will be held with a course around to Lambton Harbour and Oriental Bay particularly. Refer to the Racing Notice Board and the clubs website for further info.

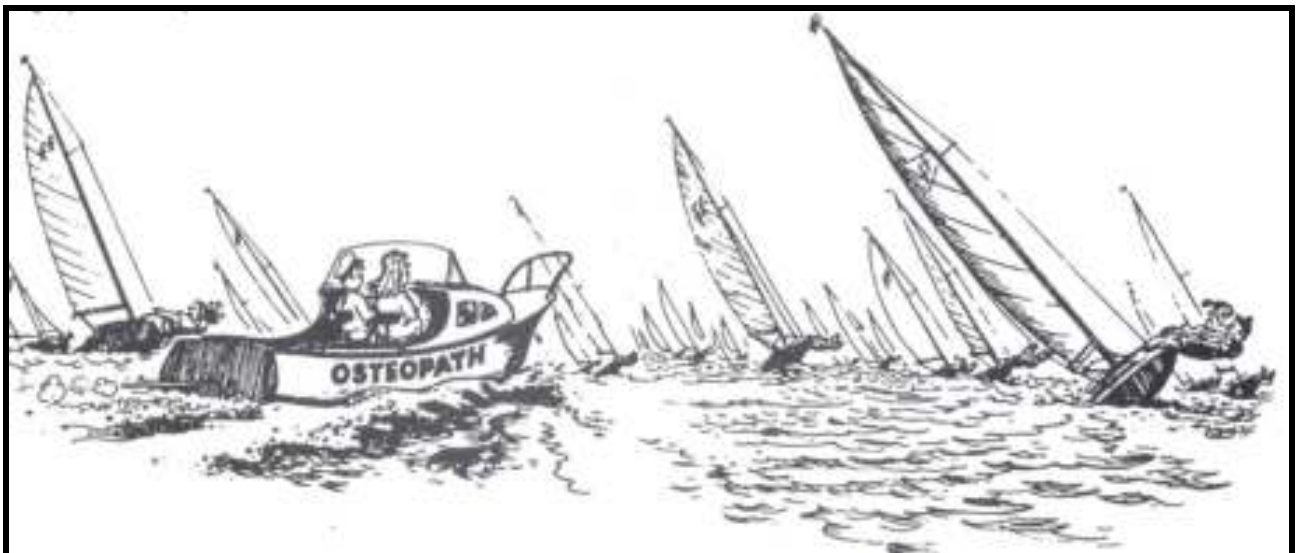
April 28th will be the Champions of Champions starting at 1300 hours, so come along and support your division representative. The VC is hoping that the defending C of C, Richard "Spaggs" Watson will sail.

Sunday 13th May at 1500hrs will be the start of the club Prizegiving which will conclude with a barbecue.

On the day of the prizegiving I would like to have a discussion starting say at 1330 regarding next year's sailing format. Points of discussion will range from number of serious racing to that of more Fun days, shifting midweek racing to Fridays, combining fleets and having yardstick handicap results etc etc etc. Please discuss these and other ideas with your class so that the meeting can be constructive as possible, then the detail can be decided on after.

Saturday 16th June and fortnightly thereafter is the Winter Series again Sponsored by ALTEX and Resene. Please put aside these dates and advise any out of towners that you know. Usual storage conditions will apply.

Gary



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East-West Dash 17 February 2007 - Results

38 Boats entered with 111 people aboard.

Air temperature 21c

Race started 1343hrs in 18-20 kt NW breeze which dropped away as race progressed

	Place	Boat Name	Skipper	m	s
DIV A: KEELERS, DIV 1	1	Eat My Shorts	James McCarthy	70	11
	2	Iceman	Miles Tremlett	70	31
DIV B: TRAILER YACHTS	1	Tarantula	Warren Rankin	76	07
	2	Stinger	Mike de Ruyter	79	26
	3	That's Us	Ross Davies	82	52
DIV C: OPEN C/BOARDERS	1	470 #178	Brin ?	66	53
	2	470 #160	Mark Hill	69	13
	3	420	Carl Syman	80	58
DIV D: CATAMARAN	1	Doug's H16	Davey ?	87	27
DIV 3 TY	1	Seadate	Craig Ryburn	81	34
	2	Mistress	Nikki Johnson	91	59
DIV E: CRUISING YACHTS	1	Wakarere	Matt McCullough	90	24
	2	Toroa	Andre La Borde	unavailable	
	3	Temptation	Paul Wavish	95	30
	4	Quasimodo	Graham Leslie	99	45
DIV G: WAKAS	1	Tai Tonga #2	' The Girls!'	55	45
	2	Tai Tonga #1	' The Boys'	56	06

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TASTING TRAY MALTHOUSE	\$ 25	Kelvin Smith	Cruise

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Thanks to Daryl McGee for the photos on the front page.

The East-West Dash from the height of an ankle-biter



Hi, if you don't know me, I'm Finn, and I have enjoyed the East/West dash every year of my life - well, all three of them so far! It is the highlight of my sailing career. Again this year, *Daisy* (Grandma's Hartley 16) was making the trek out from Titahi Bay for her pilgrimage to Days Bay and return.

I was very excited when mum and dad finally got me down to the boat club. I jumped out the car calling out "Hi Grandma, where's Grandad?" There he was, with the boat rigged and nearly ready to go. I was quite keen to go on *Daisy*, but it was a bit cloudy with a cool southerly, so mum said maybe I should go over in another boat with Grandma and maybe the weather might have improved enough for me to sail on the way back. So I waved goodbye to Mum, Dad, and Grandad and headed off to jump on *Te Akutangi* with Captain Popeye (Gary Wagstaff), who let me sit alongside him on the driver's seat, ye-haa, I thought. Grandma had wanted me to sit on the floor, although she did have to admit that the boat was more solid than it looked.

The boat was untied and we were off! What a ride! The harbour was quite rough with waves side on due to the southerly wind, which appeared level to us sitting low in the water. Popeye was zig-zagging first left into a wave to ride it head on, then to the right to surf over the next wave, we seemed to be all over the place. I couldn't see Grandma's face, although I am sure that just like me she was thinking about how exciting and fast it was. She must have been because she was holding on tight to the front of my life jacket straps, and gripping the seat we were sitting on as hard as she could. The waka girls were yelling with excitement as we passed. Part way out of Evans Bay we came alongside *Daisy*, Popeye slowed the boat down so I could call out and wave to Mum, Dad and Grandad. Grandma didn't wave because she was holding on too tight.

As a special treat the "*Spirit of New Zealand*" was out in the harbour. We slowed down and watched the young sailors on board working so hard to 'trim the sails'. It was just fantastic to see *The Spirit* so close, and to see the joy on these young sailors faces. I really loved that "Big Spirit Boat", as I called it, but soon we were off again, heading towards Days Bay jetty. As we arrived, Captain Popeye spotted a diver in the water by the jetty steps and held back until it was confirmed there was only one diver. Thank you for being so careful, Popeye.

We tied up, and the dive instructor lifted me onto the jetty. Yay, Days Bay - we made it, and we were off down the wharf to find a place to picnic and play in the sand while Popeye went backwards and forward bringing people in from the boats that were now starting to anchor just off the beach. People were

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beginning to fill up around the Pavillion, and we headed that way too. We met Lynley on the way, and she bought me a Spiderman drink and a biscuit while Grandma helped Mum, Dad, and Grandad get Daisy securely anchored. All the people at the Pavillion were very happy and relaxed, sitting around tables or out in the sun, but all too soon, we were under starters orders. I am not quite sure what the rules were, it all seemed a bit confused, but no one seemed to mind.

The predicted ease in the weather still hadn't occurred, so while hot and sunny, it was still a bit windy for me to go sailing, so this time we were joining John, Rodger and Daryl on John's boat. Rodger carried me over to the boat - lucky he didn't drop me in the tide too! I sat on the seat opposite John, and Grandma stood behind me, pinning my lifejacket to the seat, and once we figured out that someone had used the 'kill' switch, we were off. This was a fast boat too, my lucky day, and I sat back to enjoy the ride. It was very relaxing, so much so that I can't remember much of it. However, I am told that it was a close fought thing between the wakas. The guys were leading the girls by a length, all power to the girls and our boat was willing them to catch up with such a small margin having crossed the harbour from East to West.

I woke up when we were back in Evans Bay, the water was calm, hardly any wind and brilliant sunshine. We stopped at the jetty, and I was told to run to the finish line, as we might possibly be the first to finish. So off I ran (actually Grandma carried me) and Christine filled out the details as we handed in our 'official' card. What a hoot. At prize giving I got a Resene backpack for being the youngest finisher.

Thank you so much to Daryl and everyone involved in making the East West Dash such a fun day. Everyone involved is helpful and friendly, just wanting to make it the best day possible, which it is.

...and then the view from the serious competitors

We set sail with 6 people who had never been on a boat before, along with a whole lot of others. With Deirdre's boss at the helm, Summertime soon came up behind us and the chase began. There was a brisk breeze - good sailing all the way to Eastbourne.

We dropped anchored at Eastbourne, had some lovely food and drinks, then watched the chaos as other boats arrived (namely John Seggie). Turoa tied up against us, Eat My Shorts attempted to drop anchor but that kept dragging, and Mystic couldn't get their anchor out. Al and Kate went ashore while Mike and Ann potted about. Then along came John... - he started off by bumping the wharf, then went to back out, unbeknown to him he was reversing right into Summertime. Allan and Dave were screaming at the top of their voices to get his attention - near collision just missed. John dropped anchor in front of Wakarere.

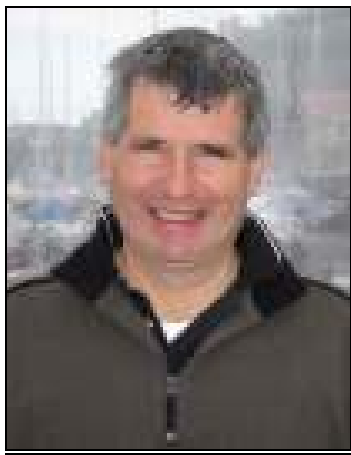
Windy and choppy conditions made for an interesting trip ashore for those who did. Picked up by a very busy Popeye in the rescue boat, we could have done with some 'gone in 60 seconds' for that bottom step on the wharf, very slippery. Barely time to go to the loo, register and then turn around, drink and back to the boat.

While we were ashore (30 minutes) the wind picked up instead of dropping as forecast. Daryl announced that the rules had changed (don't they always) and that the race wouldn't actually start until everyone was ferried back to their boats, then all boats had to be behind the yellow buoys before the start. Deirdre disappeared downstairs - it was far too traumatic to watch as all shapes and sizes and types of boats jostled for position. Then we were off and had a wonderful sail all the way back to Evans Bay, the wind dropping as we headed back, and absolutely gorgeous weather.

Great food back at the club and a few more drinks. A most enjoyable day.

Matt & Deidre McCullough, Wakarere

Hot off the Learn-to-Sail Press



Nineteen graduate from Learn to Sail

Thanks to some good weather, but more importantly a fantastic effort from lead instructors Murray Thomas and Warren Rankin, together with all the assisting instructors, 15 Learn to Sail Students have just passed their YNZ Level 1 and 2 Qualification, and a further 4 only require their formal assessment to also pass. Almost all of these folks have indicated that they intend to join the Club, and do an intermediate Learn to Race course starting 6th May, prior to competing in the winter series. Please look out for our new members on the water and make them feel welcome. Most of them will be in our now repaired (if not immaculate) fleet of Club Phase 2's, with specially strengthened bows, thanks to Remy's fibreglassing, so we have all been warned. If you are looking for crew please give Brent Frogley a ring on 938-4680 so he can put you in touch with these keen graduates.

An Opportunity to Cruise the Sounds

The annual Learn to Sail Cruise the Sounds Weekend is Friday 25th - Sunday 27th May. If you can get Friday off join us on the morning ferry to Picton where we will pick up our charter keelers, provision the yachts, and do some late afternoon sailing to an idyllic overnight bay. Folks who need to arrive late can catch a later ferry and be water taxied to our anchorage. On Saturday we will sail Queen Charlotte Sound and overnight at one of the many waterfront resorts with the option of dining and partying ashore. Sunday normally sees us sail to a barbecue lunch, and then its back to Picton to catch the late afternoon ferry home. There will be a suitably experienced skipper on board each yacht, however you will get every opportunity to be involved in helming and sailing the yacht. The cost is \$200 which covers yacht hire and food. You need to book and pay for your own ferry fares and the optional dining ashore on Saturday night is additional. If you are interested please contact Remy Thomassen thomassen@paradise.net.nz, or phone 970-1926, and mail your cheque to Sounds Trip, EBYMBC, PO Box 14 496, Kilbirnie, Wellington. Because of the need to book yachts in advance the minimum deposit to secure a place is \$100, with the balance payable by 15th May. This event is open to all Club members, but numbers are limited.

Try a Yacht day

On Saturday April 21st several of the Wellington yachting clubs are getting together to give the public a chance to see and try yachts ranging in size from model yachts to keelers.

Venue: Freyberg Beach, Oriental Bay

Time: 10am to 3pm

As part of this promotion we will be taking two of our Clubs 420's around. This is a opportunity for you to try these exciting centreboard boats which have both a trapeze and spinnaker. Please contact Murray Thomas on 970-4836 home or 380-8783 if you would like to be involved with this.

Club Instructors Course

This is being held at EBYMBC from Friday evening through to mid afternoon Sunday 27th – 29th April. There are still some places left, and thanks to sponsorship from the Eastern Suburbs Sports Trust, arranged by Murray Thomas, there is no cost to EBYMBC members. You only need to have basic competency in a dinghy sailing to attend this course and gain a nationally recognised qualification. If anyone is interested please contact Brent Frogley on 938-4680.

abdicate (ăb' dī-kāk) (v.) To give up the last piece of cake to someone else.

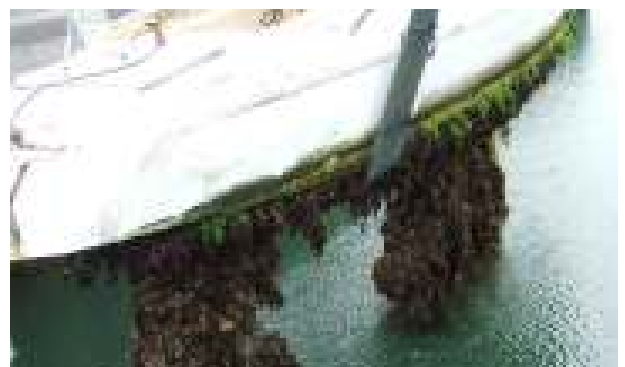
The things you can with containers

Many of you will have seen what the family on Owhiro Rd have done with container housing, but here's a different approach...



Alright, so our models aren't exactly Elle MacPherson, but behind them you can see the remarkable transformation of a seemingly ordinary container into a slightly-less-than-typical Kiwi bach. And the minds behind this clever concept, brothers Olaf & Sven Wiig...*that name sounds familiar, where do I know that name...oh, the kidnapped guy.* Yes, it seems during his days of bread & water, Olaf's mind kept working on the design of this little holiday home, in fact his drawings even caught the balaclava-slotted eyes of his captors, though disappointingly none of them it seems have enough free weekends to really get the most out of an ingenious weekend retreat such as this. Free, financially assisted or not, he returned to Wellington to finish the job with his twin brother Sven.

Whilst antifoul was not required for this particular occupant of the Evans Bay hardstand, my thanks to Resene's Steve Hazelwood, (who was on hand just in case they changed their minds), for taking these photos. And seeing as I had custody of Steve's camera, I nabbed a copy of this photo of a to-remain-nameless yacht, as a reminder to those of you who've been putting off slipping for a while...don't leave it too late now, you too could be chiselling entrees off the bottom of your boat.



IT'S A HARD LIFE

I'm happy to report that the slipping and hard stand is still running full on, the only problem we have is the queue that is waiting. Boats being what they are, they nearly always surprise their skippers with a little more work than expected, the weather doesn't help in this, so the end result is the boat is on the hard stand at least twice as long as estimated, and though they are made aware of it at the outset the price increase after 30 days comes as a shock to some, but appears not to bother others. The upshot of this that it presents us with some difficulty in trying to book on certain dates, like when the skipper says "I am taking time off to work on it", we do our best.

The yard is currently the resting place of three steel yachts, and dare I mention it all have to undergo some repairs to keep the sea on the outside (go Neville)! For those that don't know him, Neville is the guy that casually looks at the problem and says something like "that shouldn't be too hard" to the skipper whose in a cold sweat at the club bar. Many a steel boat owner, myself included can thank Neville for his skills with metal.

We had to notify the bio security people early this month as SEA SQUIRT was found on a boat we hauled, they are keen to avoid it spreading and at least keep a check on how it is spreading, one of the big worries is to keep it out of the Marlborough Sounds where it could cause problems for the mussel farms.

The clubs Events coordinator, John Seggie, who just happens to be one of those mussel farmers, is contacting the bio security people for them to come and give us a talk at the club one evening. It's in our interest to assist in controlling the spread of these hazards to the Sounds, that after all is a boatie's playground; this we can do by cleaning our hulls before crossing the ditch.

Mike Usher

Ten rules to kill a club

(Yachtsman, 1936...& dare I say, still valid today)

1. Don't go to club meetings.
2. If you go, go late.
3. Whenever you attend a meeting, find fault with the executive.
4. If the weather is bad, do not think of going.
5. Never accept office. It is much easier to sit back & criticise.
6. If you are appointed to office, don't go to the meetings; if you are not appointed get peeved about it.
7. When your opinion is asked at a meeting, reply that you have nothing to say; after the meeting tell everybody how things should be done.
8. Don't do any work; when others do the lions share tell everyone that the club's run by a clique.
9. Don't bother about new members, let the ones who do the work do that too.
10. Don't hurry about paying your subscription; wait until you receive two or three notices – then grudgingly pay up.

chicken-thirty (chĭk'ən-thŭr'tē) (n.) Refers to a ridiculously early time in the morning when the roosters start to crow.

Events

The Events Committee is working on a programme for the next few months, which will be run on Friday evenings. The intention is to have the speaker start their talk at 6.30pm until 7.00 - 7.15pm, followed by questions. For members wishing to have a meal at the club, Yvonne will serve these from 7.30pm.

First up will be a talk by Brian Taylor on Friday, 11th May on his overseas yachting experiences. Brian has been a club member since 1975 and is a very well travelled yachtsman.

The next proposed date is 25th May and this presentation will be on biosecurity.

Bill Brambleby and Bruce Askew will give a presentation on 8th June. Bill is most knowledgeable on the patent slip and Bruce is the designer of many excellent boats, including some very competitive yachts.

By special request, there will be another Rock and Roll evening held as a mid winter party. Tickets will be restricted to 90, members can book tickets but these can only be picked up once paid for. More on that later.

Cruising Division 2006/07 Race Results (provisional)

Buchloz Cup

1st UPSTART – John Schuyt, 2nd KIORE – Lewis Rivers, 3rd TEMPTATION – Paul Wavish

Holmes Cup

1st TOROA – Andrea La Borde, 2nd SUMMERTIME – Alan Irvine, 3rd REACTOR – Noel Thompson

Marangi Cup

1st TEMPTATION – Paul Wavish, 2nd WAKARERE – Matt McCullough, 3rd MYSTIC – Mike Usher

Commodore Cup

1st MYSTIC – Mike Usher, 2nd KOTUKU – John Duurloo, 3rd WAKARERE, Matt McCullough

Hadfield Cup

1st UPSTART – John Schuyt, 2nd REACTOR – Noel Thompson, 3rd SUMMERTIME – Alan Irvine



cleavage (klēv'ər-ij)(n.) The advantage women have over men when wearing a low-cut top.

Fullswing and all that Jazz

Recently a jazz band named *Dejablue* dropped into our club to give members a free evening performance of swing jazz. The band were getting together to hone their skills in preparation for the National Jazz festival to be held over the Easter period at Tauranga.

Dance club, *Fullswing*, delighted Evans Bay members with very lively vintage dancing such as jive and the jitterbug. The dancers were in colourful costumes of the period and were certainly enjoying themselves. *Fullswing* have a beginners course and say a dance partner is not required if you wish to join in with their club.

Dejablue, a five member band with male singer, got us all in the groove in no time at all. I noticed a discrete toe tap, knee knock and finger tap by Evans Bay members who were certainly enjoying the music. During the last numbers Anne Usher took a fast spin on the dance floor along with some of our lot. Mike took time out from the dancing as he thought it less energetic pulling a few levers on the club travel lift.

I feel both performing clubs could be asked to return to Evans Bay for a full social evening. Thanks *Fullswing* and enjoy your Tauranga Jazz festival *Dejablue*. Judith and I will be at Tauranga to once again enjoy your music.

Like to look them up: www.fullswing.co.nz and www.Dejablue.co.nz

Robin Clearwater



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chipple (chĭp'əl)(n.) Residue left on one's hands and clothes after eating a bag full of chips.

Member Profile



Brian Taylor, *by J Seggie*

Brian joined the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club around 1975. He started sailing in the early 70s in a Hartley 16, in those days the club had a Hartley 16 racing division in which he competed on a regular basis. Around about 1985 Brian purchased a Ross 780 named "*Interstellar Overdrive*" which he entered in club races and in 10-12 Ross 780 Nationals. He also participated in many of the offshore races, like Wellington/Nelson, Wellington/Gisborne, Tauranga/Brisbane and the Tasman Triangle, which included the 50th

Sydney/Hobart. Following this twelve year period Brian retired from his job of running the Public Service payroll system, and took up sailing full time. He completed six or seven return trips to Tonga/Fiji by 1998, plus two to the USA and a circumnavigation of the South Island.

Brian's big trip started in 1998 from Wellington, crewing on various boats. Firstly to Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Australia, Solomon's, Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Chuuk), and other islands in this group. From there he sailed to the Philippines then from Phuket to Sri Lanka, Maldives, Djibouti (an ex-French territory near the horn of Africa). From there to Egypt, through the Suez Canal, then to Malta, Sardinia, and a few other stops before Mallorca, then completing this leg of the trip in Barcelona, Spain. He spent a further six months cruising around the Mediterranean in various other boats, before being contacted by a friend to sail across the Atlantic from the Cape Verde islands to Martinique in the Caribbean.

Following this trip Brian sailed from Aruba, off the coast of Venezuela, to Panama, and through the Panama Canal & across the Pacific to the Galapagos Islands. Then on to the Tuamotus and Marqueses groups, through Tahiti, then to Suwarrow in the Cook Islands, and finally back to Tonga and Fiji.

It was in Fiji that Brian purchased his yacht "*Kyogle*". In this boat he spent time cruising around Samoa, Tonga, & the Wallis and Futuna group from June 2001 until 2006. During this period Brian undertook a journey from Majuro, in the Marshall Islands, to Hawaii, on a delivery trip with a friend. It was at this time that he decided to embark on a trip round California for a period of two months, however this was done by car. At the conclusion of this trip Brian decided to come back to New Zealand, via Tonga, with *Kyogle* to see his Evans Bay buddies and for a refit of his trusty vessel.

Brian has agreed to give a talk at our club and I am sure this will be most interesting. There are two main categories of sailors - the ones who get great pleasure tinkering with their boats and others who use them to see the world.

It was a privilege speaking with Brian and hearing of his exploits, we look forward to hearing more during his talk at the club on Friday, May 11th.

apathist (ăp'ə-thē-ĭst) (n.) One who denies the possible existence of a supreme being only because they have a lack of interest in discovering this for oneself.

THE BLACK SHED

There is just a little movement in The Black Shed. Although there have been some fair sailing days this summer, the season was a little late in getting started and this may be the reason things seem a little lacklustre just now. The ground level is full, as usual, but the second tier has space for some boats. The second tier is cheaper than the ground and it is possible to lift a smaller boat up and down, so this is a good place to keep your boat if you are using it less often. Also, just a reminder of the following, although people are generally being co-operative which is much appreciated:

- * Please do not move or interfere with someone else's boat
- * Please do not stand on someone else's boat; there are stools and a chair provided to be used to reach higher craft
- * All masts and other long items must be lifted clear of the aisle and towards the roof, so that they are out of the way of people using the aisle; this is a serious safety issue
- * When you sell your boat, you do not sell your boat space with it, you are renting the space not owning it. Anyone who buys your boat can go on the waiting list for a space in the normal way; please ask them to ring me
- * You rent your space for your boat and, within reason, can do as you wish with it, however, if you store another boat there as well, you may be charged for that too
- * Please supply your own rope and pulley(s) to secure your gear
- * Please remember security can be difficult sometimes so take care of how you store your gear

If anyone is able to spare any time to help me with tidying and cleaning the shed and doing a few things in there, I would appreciate some help. The jobs needed just now are:

- * sweeping, which I sometimes do by not moving the boats or by moving one boat at a time and replacing it
- * re-sticking the names next to the numbers on the cross-bars, as there have been a few changes and some names are coming off and some just need replacing
- * checking the boats, i.e. reconciling the boats with my working list.

I would probably work on a Saturday in April or May but could change this. My phone number is 586-3919 or 021-650-236. Thank you.

Dorothy Fox



Communications Update

We're getting to that part of the year when the Race Programme runs out but there are still all sorts of things going on around the club. To that end, if you enjoy participating in club events, or at least like to know what events are happening just in case one day you decide you might like to participate, then the best way to achieve this is to **send me your email address**. Every two weeks or so, I send out a calendar of upcoming events, some racing & some social, sometimes related to EBYMBC, sometimes further afield. Some things are just stuff I think you might like to know, but I do try to keep the emails short & to the point, I try never to include attachments, & I promise never ever ever to give your email addresses to anyone else (although having said that, I will be finishing my three year term as Communications Co-ordinator later this year, so will have to hand my list over to someone else then, but it will be under threat of thumb screws should they use those addresses for any other porpoise). If you would like to add your name to my list, drop me a quick line at kokamo39@clear.net.nz. I can provide references if required.

With my Computer Technician hat on, the club has a computer for sale. This is a **Windows XP PC** that was used in the office, but has now been thoroughly tidied up, and still has all the necessary software on it - XP, Office, antivirus & so on. It comes complete with monitor, keyboard & mouse. Give me a yell if you're interested.

Wearing my Miscellaneous Bits & Pieces hat that I try to keep buried in a deep drawer, we have a new delivery of **club logo caps & club burgees** available from the office (\$12 & \$30 respectively). Previously the burgees were individually sewn, by a mysterious company in China, but we're told by local flagmakers that this would be prohibitively expensive if done here, so we have resorted to having printed flags made. If anyone knows the origin of the previous Made in China flags, we'd love to know too. If anyone would like the club logo put on clothing they already own, please get in touch with me.

For anyone who needs something to put themselves to sleep at night, the **minutes of the monthly Management Committee** meetings are posted on the unofficial noticeboard, don't all rush at once now. Gary has promised me a proper noticeboard once the Easter competition is out of the way, something that will be *much easier to push pins into*.



Before I go, I'd like to share with you these photos I found in a 1989 Yachtsman magazine, of the Vice Versa Party. In all fairness I've deliberately made it quite small, but I think those in the know can pick out some familiar faces. It would be wonderful to see this level of commitment & enthusiasm to social debauchery around the club these days.



Cheers, Alison

backronym (bāk'rə-nīm') (n.) An acronym that was clearly thought of first, and the (usually dull minded) phrase was secondarily crafted to fit the acronym.

Shakedown to Stewart Island

2007 has proven to be an exciting year so far for us! We are Selwyn and Jenny Taylor, new members of the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club, and at the beginning of the year we bought our own yacht after 10 years of being shareholders in an H28 berthed at Mana. Our new yacht is '*Eketahuna*', a 46ft Ganley Gulf Trader. After several interesting attempts at getting a large yacht out of a small berth, and a few short sails out in Evans Bay, we decided we needed a shakedown cruise. On completion of engine maintenance and rigging check it was "Stewart Island, here we come".

At 4:45am on Thursday the March 8th the two of us, along with our good friend Stu Crockart, left the harbour and headed into Cook Strait with 35 knots of northwest wind behind us. Once out of the influence of the Strait, with steadying sails up, we encountered a brisk southerly and with our 150hp Gardner motor ticking away we pushed on at 6 knots.

The wind dropped and the sea smoothed off as we passed Akaroa at the end of the first 24 hours. The highlight of the first day was catching two delicious tuna.

Day two was spent motoring with no wind on a lazy swell and having the pleasure of watching albatross gliding all around us. We also have wonderful memories of standing on the bowsprit in the middle of the night watching dolphins playing in the bow wake. With streaks of phosphorescence trailing from their backs they were truly a spectacular sight.

Day three took us past Otago Peninsula and into Foveaux Strait. We experienced Foveaux at its best, with glassy sea and clear, star-filled sky. We entered Halfmoon Bay on Stewart Island at 8:30am on Sunday in time to meet our fourth crew member, Jo (Stu's wife and Jenny's cousin). Our timing was great as that night we were expecting the weather to deteriorate with strong winds forecast and snow down to low levels at the bottom of the South Island.

Leaving Halfmoon Bay we motored out into Patersons Inlet to a sheltered little all-weather anchorage called Sailors Rest. Well anchored and with 2 stern lines in place we listened to the wind whistle through the tree tops above us, but *Eketahuna* never moved at all. Next morning, after a delicious breakfast of freshly caught blue cod, we hopped into the inflatable and went exploring ashore. The bush walking was beautiful but we were glad we had taken a compass as we could see how easy it could be to lose your bearings and become hopelessly lost.

A couple of days later, after the weather had cleared, we moved on and explored Big Glory Bay where Selwyn had a hunting block booked for the next week. We anchored there for a couple of days before moving on to the Southwest Arm of Patersons Inlet.

Cruising along that morning we spotted two whitetail deer on a slope of the peninsula we were passing. This was very exciting because this was what the hunters, who were expected the next week, were hoping to see. That night we headed into Prices Inlet and anchored in Kidney Fern Arm. There we stayed for a couple of days in what must be one of the most beautiful spots on Stewart Island.

All good things must come to an end for some and it was time for Jenny, Stu and Jo to leave *Eketahuna* and return to the real world and work commitments. Selwyn was then joined by the hunting party which included our son Brad. A week of hunting, fishing and kayaking was enjoyed by all and three whitetail bucks were shot - one by Brad and two by Selwyn's brother, Gordon. All in all a successful hunting trip.

The Spinnaker

The hunting party departed on the ferry back to Bluff and then home and Selwyn was joined by our neighbour, Bruce, who had flown down to help sail *Eketahuna* home to Evans Bay. It was a reasonable trip back with a light southerly and a gentle following sea, although dense fog was encountered off the Otago Peninsula. Three days later *Eketahuna* was safely back in her berth. A wonderful time was had by all and we are all looking forward to returning to Stewart Island sometime in the future.

Jenny Taylor



Eketahuna in Sailors Rest



Selwyn Taylor on watch



A couple more East-West Dash photos, thanks Deidre

