

The Spinnaker

MARCH 2005

Commodores Comment

Hello all

I hope you all have managed an enjoyable break over the so-called summer. I had thought until recently a real summer had arrived but here we are again back with the gusty northerlies.

My congratulations to the large number of you who have so willingly helped with the Phase2/ Noelex 22 regatta and the 420/470 Asia Pacific invitational and national champs. These events have been a great success and I am proud to be part of a club that can so readily show the rest of the country how to stage good sailing events. Well done to you all, especially the sailing and house committees. It was super to see club members in these events as well, competing hard and learning lots.

The Tup Radford Intercollegiate Yachting Academy sailing 420's out of the new shed has grown rapidly and is now a big part of our weekly club activity. The Academy sails every week night at present and it is super to see these keen youths and their parents participating at our club.

I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in our negotiations with WCC over the new club lease. We are hopeful the new lease will be signed very soon. A few features of the new lease include; the trailer park area will be on a 15year term, not 3 months as it is now. Rent reviews will be 5-yearly not 3 as they are now, the term will be 15 years. At the rent review completed by WCC last year, and due to come into effect, the rental will increase substantially from our last review in 1999. This is to be expected with the huge increase in land values over the past few years. Our advice is that we have been treated reasonably. You will hear more as progress continues. (continued page 2)...

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...With the signing of a new lease, the club will be able to progress the café proposal. The committee will be discussing this at the March meeting.

The committee are also investigating how to improve the showers toilet facilities under the start box. Our latest estimates are approximately \$100,000.00 (yes, that is one hundred grand!)

Please remember that the club now functions seven days and nights a week and the organisation for sailing and other events the club runs, occur regardless of the weather. The sub committees of the club need your support to make each event happen. If you have not helped yet, now would be a good time to offer. The club is its members and you are the club. Ask yourself how can you help your club and get in touch.

Enjoy your boating and your club

Warren

Upcoming Events Programme

Now that the days are getting shorter, and the nights longer, we are resuming some of our popular off-the-water events.

Boat maintenance workshop - Tuesday 5th April, 7pm

Chris Hargreaves is running a workshop for those members who wish to do their own maintenance and keep their boats up to a standard suitable for club racing.

Suitable for owners of wooden and fibreglass boats, centreboards, catamarans, trailer yachts and keelers.

Chris is from the well-known Hargreaves boating family and has been involved with boats since before he could walk. We are very grateful that he has offered to share his knowledge with us.

Guest Speaker/New Members night – Friday 15th April 15, 8pm Justine Maddock – Global Challenge

With the recent departure of the Global challenge Boats we are fortunate to have as our speaker for this evening someone who has 'been there done that'. Justine competed in the 2000/2001 race and is coming to share her experience of sailing around the world in this exciting race with us.

All members are welcome, but this evening is especially aimed at our new members. The Club's executive will be present to explain to you how the club runs and to help you get the most out of our Club.

The normal Friday night meals will be available, however to assist with catering, if you intend to come for a meal would you please book by phoning 939-4167 or emailing admin@ebymbc.org.nz by Tuesday 12th.

Guest Speaker - Friday 20th May 20, 8pm Bill Brambleby & Bob McDougall – Slipways of Evans Bay

Both speakers have had a long association with the slipways of Evans Bay. Shelly Bay Patent Slip, and our own Club slipway. Bill and Bob are coming along to give a repeat of the excellent talk they gave at last year's Old Salts afternoon. A must for anyone who is interested in the history of the Bay.

If coming for a meal please ring 939-4167 or email admin@ebymbc.org.nz by Tuesday 17th May.

The word from the House

What an incredibly busy couple of months for the club with three very successful regattas now under our belt. But we haven't finished yet. The National TY's over Easter are shaping up to be our biggest and best yet - but to make that happen we need all hands on deck to help out, both on and off the water. The small team of house volunteers have done an amazing job keeping up the hospitality work – for which I am extremely grateful – however we still need club members to give up a few hours of their time to keep the food and refreshments flowing. Please let me know if you can help out, there's a sign up sheet at the downstairs bar, any hours you can give are greatly appreciated.

We are constantly looking for ways of improving the facilities and services we provide members and guests so if you have any complaints, suggestions or requests, please let one of the house committee know. If we can, we will.

See you at the club

PaulV

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Evans Bay yachts (past & current) made their presence felt at St Omer over the Christmas break. L to R – Aquasition, some bloke from Christchurch someone from the club knows, Tarantula, Gauntlet IV, Honky Tonk. Conditions must have been good as they're all hanging off Tarantula's anchor...

FACILITIES

New finger jetties about to be installed

At long last the Council have indicated that work on the wash down facilities and finger jetties will start in March and will take about 4 months to complete. This will have a major impact on the Slipway operations while construction is underway.

Shower sewer connection problems

I had previously advised we had planned to connect up to the sewer, via the wash down facility, and had hoped to start the upgrade to the women's showers and toilet facilities and to provide easy unisex access to facilities for Sailability and others. Council have now made it clear that they will not allow us to connect via the wash down facilities. We therefore have to review our options for our own direct sewer connection (macerator toilets, pump or gravity fall). We had not budgeted for this cost this year and it is potentially a considerable expense. We need to look at funding options.

Start box shower water heater needs replacing

The water heater has developed a leak and needs complete replacing. Costs are in the \$4,350 - \$6,120 range and were not anticipated. We intend to replace the existing mains pressure cylinder with an instant hot water gas powered model. Separate bottles will be used to supply the

gas, as our current mains supply is inadequate. Installation will start shortly.

Hardstand conditions of slipping have been reviewed

We have reviewed the hardstand conditions to more clearly address a number of issues. As noted last "Spinnaker" the new contract will more clearly outline obligations and the charges that apply.

Lighting work for trailer park delayed

As mentioned in December, the cost of commercially made light stands is prohibitive and we are looking at other options for lighting the trailer park.

Wharf Crane ready to be installed

The new crane on the end of the wharf for Sailability, Flying Fifteens and others has been constructed and is now on site ready for installation. The contractor has completed wharf-strengthening work and the crane itself is ready for installation.

Club House roof recently repaired

A long-standing leak in the upstairs bar area has finally been repaired now that the summer weather has allowed the tradesmen to work on it.

Russell Third
Club Captain

Storage Shed Health and Safety

Would all users of the main storage shed please ensure that masts, booms and kayaks are sufficiently raised (2 metres minimum) above the floor so that they do not pose a health and safety risk to shed users. A wind indicator or kayak rudder could easily cause an eye or other injury. The Shed Controller will be in touch if with you if you store your boat in a manner deemed to dangerous. Thank you.

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Sailability

Hi everyone!

As some of you may have noticed we have been a regular feature at the club on Sunday afternoons now for nearly 2 years.

In that time many people have been given the opportunity to get out on the water and some even to learn to sail on their own, when before Sailability and Access Dinghies this would have been considered impossible.

We are steadily getting more interest from people of all ages some of who are interested in learning to compete at Club and perhaps Para-Olympic level.

If you are at all interested sharing the love of sailing, take some people for a sail in the Access Dinghies or help arrange things on the ramp, please give me a call, I can always do with an extra hand and I'm sure you will find it rewarding.

Remy

Academy News

All our classes are about half way through now and we have another lot of enthusiastic beginners keen to give this yachting thing a go. Here's hoping the weather holds and doesn't blow them all away. I do my best to encourage them all to turn up on race-days so be prepared to take some crew if you have room.

The 420s have generated a lot of interest from adult learn-to-sailers as well as the youths, and Murray Thomas & John Labou are doing a great job running an intermediate/learn-to-race class using both 420s and Phase II's, depending on conditions. I hear some of the participants are now looking to get their own boats, so it's all good news.

Talking about new boats - congratulations on you new Starling Ben Powley! - If you know Ben you might have noticed that he has just experienced a hell of a growth spurt so his Mum, Janet, decided that along with his shirt, pants and socks she might as well upsize his boat. Be very careful with it Ben, I know Janet would like to keep the boat for herself when you're through with it and at the rate you're growing, that could be in just a few months.

Also congrats to Helen who just got her boat ready to launch on the morning of the 420 Regatta with no time for ceremony. That means there still has to be an official christening, have you got a name yet and when is the party?

Back to Learn-to-Sail...when we advertised for the last lot of classes we where over-run with people wanting to learn so I have had to put quite a few on a waiting list for the next lot of classes. We also have a number of instructors who have been with the academy for a long time and would like a break, so if you are at all interested in becoming an instructor and double your time knocking about in boats while getting to know new people, let me know, I promise you will have a lot of fun.

Happy sailing everyone

Remy (again)

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The club's thanks go to John Seggie and his yacht Waianau for stress testing the new slipway cradle cable recently, apparently John's heart got a little stress testing of its own. (Thanks also to Errol Crosland for his artistic talents)

From the Vice Commodore's Deck

Well three down... one to go. The last few weeks have been absolutely full on with major regatta organisation which, thanks to a very enthusiastic group of volunteers, have made the system work like a well oiled machine. In fact, those were the comments from NZ Olympic Silver medallist, Leslie Egnot, who was here for the 420/470 NZ National championships and I quote...

"What a great atmosphere and friendly place to be for a major regatta. Over five days of training and the championships I couldn't help notice just the way everything dropped into place and there were no hiccups and very noticeably no agro or tension among the organisation."

So team take a bow from Leslie who has sailed all over the world in major regattas world championships and Olympic Games.

The Noelex 22 Nationals, Phase II Nationals, EBYMBC Regatta included the WYA Junior championship series with 74 entries and then the Asia Pacific 420-470 Regatta which included the National championships for both classes, all in the space of 5 weeks showed that the club has great depth of spirit, expertise and willingness to pitch in and assist.

Looking after registrations, traffic control, food and beverages, accommodation, on the water race management, course laying, rescue boats, boat storage, security, race results, rules and protests committees and dare I say hospitality, all happened because of the team spirit that exists.

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People have learnt new skills and at the same time got to know fellow club members and worked well with them. There is a camaraderie that to me is very obvious and that is great for the future of EBYMBC. I have absolutely no doubt that if we were asked to stage the next Americas Cup it would happen without a hiccup.

So now one more big one, the New Zealand Trailer Yacht National Championships at Easter, and I am sure it will come together just like the last regattas and we will all have a great time.

So a huge thank you to all those who have offered help and we have all had a ball doing it.

Good Sailing,
Mike Coupe
Vice Commodore

A short communication from Communications

Well, turns out it is true, boats don't sink when they let go from their lines. Although there weren't exactly a plague of opportunities, Kokamo did make it out onto our beautiful harbour a few times over the summer break, indeed our biggest problem was lack of wind, ah that that should always be the problem.

Coming from a 40ft cruising yacht (that doesn't even participate in the Cruising Division, much to John's disgust), you may have spotted a recent Spinnaker bias towards items of a cruising nature, but I would like to address this imbalance. I'd love to hear from some of you dinghy people, or anyone with an indecent enthusiasm for racing, perhaps even someone who crews on the rescue boats. If you have anything even vaguely resembling a literary bent, please contribute, there are hundreds of members out there on the edge of their seats just waiting to here what you're up to. Good photos are also much appreciated.

Recently we've put together packs filled to the brim with useful information for people new to the club. In fact there's so much in them that the postage is going to put a serious dent in my budget, so if you've joined the club recently please pop up to the office next time you're on the premises & pick one up in person.

I'd also like to put in a quick plug for the cause of volunteering. I put in a few hours over the recent 420/470 regatta (aren't I good!) & without hesitation I'd say it was a lot of fun. Everyone was very patient with my occasional frothy pints & I'm pretty sure I didn't poison anyone or drive Yvonne to drink with my vege-chopping skills. The upcoming TY Nationals are going to be huge (think 80-100 TY's with 3-4 crew each), so if you're not going away for Easter, put your name on the list, help continue the tradition of excellent regattas for which EBYMBC is renowned for.

Oh, & happy racing, I understand some of that goes on around the place from time to time.
Cheers, Alison
(kokamo39@clear.net.nz)

Debt Recovery Costs

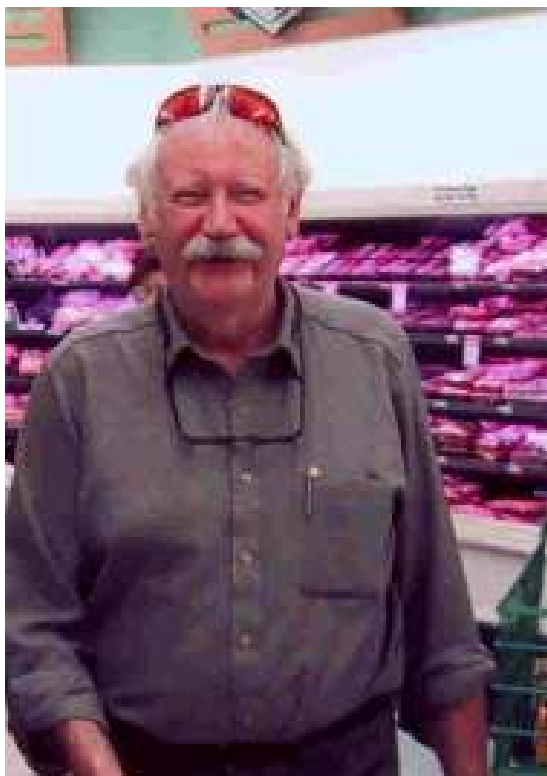
The Management Committee has agreed that, from 1 March 2005, all new outstanding debts will incur interest and any associated debt recovery costs. Interest will be charged at the rate of 19% per annum.

Cruising Division Update from John Seggie

The cruising division has enjoyed good sailing conditions from mid January, and the Wednesday evening sailing, while not as well attended as weekend racing, has been a success. Club regattas have been well supported by cruising division and with the support of many volunteers the regattas have been a credit to the club's organisation and professionalism. This Spinnaker we profile two members who have had association with sailing over many years, Bill McCulloch and Ron Wallis.

Member Profiles – Past and Present

Bill retired recently from TipTop, although it has been a bit of a Clayton's, the retirement you have when you don't actually give up work.



Bill in an Australian supermarket (apparently this is slightly less odd than having one's photo taken in a New Zealand supermarket).

Bill joined the club in the early 70's and was sailing a 40 foot concrete yacht called *Andromeda*, a Hartley South Seas design, which he had for approximately 14 years. Bill and his family spent much of their holidays cruising in the Sounds, and on numerous occasions sailed to Golden Bay, an area Bill was very fond of. Shortly after *Andromeda* was sold it foundered on Boulder Bank at the entrance to Greville

Harbour. Bill in the meantime had purchased another yacht, *Wakarere* (long fast canoe). *Wakarere* was built in 1938 for Sir James Elliot and was (and still is) extremely competitive, being designed by American San Crocker and of the New Bedfordshire 35 Class.

This yacht is very special to Bill, who recently handed over his prize possession to his son, Mathew. Mathew is a keen competitor, who along with his larrikin mate, Rory, participates in most cruising division racing. Mathew and Rory recently treated *Wakarere* to a full repaint, and she looks great, all they have to do now is learn to sail her as well as Bill could.

Bill is a regular supporter of our club and his passion for the sea is as strong as ever. He has sailed with Dave Ward in the yacht *Exodus* from Wellington to Townsville, and from Townsville to Southport on the Gold Coast, spending time in the Whitsundays. Bill plans to meet up with Dave Ward now that he is meant to be retired and do more sailing in the not too distant future.

Ron Wallis

“I have been asked by John Seggie to make known how at such a late age in life did I seek to join EBYC.

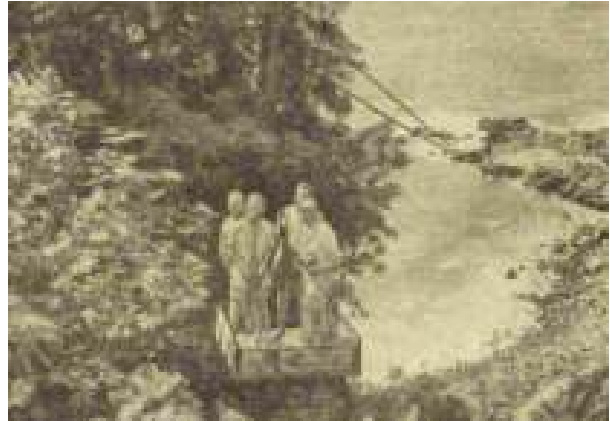
Pre-war I had done a lot of holidaying and sailing in the Marlborough Sounds and that led to my joining the Royal New Zealand Airforce, Marine Division, attached to a flying boat squadron at Laucala Bay in Fiji. Time marched on, the war was over and in 1947 I found myself in the world of Real Estate. On a given occasion in the early fifties I met Jeanette Stratmore with

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her Mum & Dad on their family farm on the edge of Lake Wairarapa. She went out of my life for many years to follow. Real Estate led to my meeting Eric Tomkies, who with his two brothers built and owned *Rakoa*, a 47 ft long ketch with a 100hp GM diesel. I was invited to join the crew of 5 and sail up to the Pacific. I accepted, joined Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club and on the 13th April 1954 we set sail for Raoul Island in the Kermadecs, which was about 300 miles North East, away from main shipping routes. *Rakoa* was the first small boat to ever leave the Port Of Wellington and the farewell was fabulous. Needless to say the time we spent ashore on Raoul Island with the 11 lads attached to the NZ Govt Weather Office was really fantastic.



L to R: Ted Owles; Eric Tomkies (skipper), Carl Johnson, Bill Leighton, Ron Wallis in Rakoa's main cabin.



Aerial cable bringing the lads up from the landing rock on Raoul Island.

We left Raoul Island and sailed direct to Nuku'Alofa, which took 7 days. Here we became very involved with Captain Carl Johnson, who was skipper of the Tongan Government owned ketch *Hifofua*, she was about 125 ton. Carl invited us to follow him through the Tongan Isles to Lifuka in the Ha'apai Group and finally through the Ale Pulepulekai Passage direct to the Vava'u Group of islands. But we had to always anchor a mile offshore to avoid infestation by the rhinoceros copra beetles. After a brief stay we sailed on and a couple of days later we sighted Makoluvu and Nukulau Islands, so we sang our Bula Tau knowing that we had finally reached Fiji and after Customs clearance would sail around Suva to my busy war time area Laucala Bay.

I have retained my membership to become a veteran of RPNYC and some few years back who should come into my life again but none other than Jeanette, who had married Colin Baylis and was the mother of two adult sons. Whilst enjoying a few drinks Colin invited me and my lady (Lily Hyslop), to Evans Bay Yacht Club, where we were introduced to John and Ann Seggie and many other sporting folk. John suggested that he and Colin would get pleasure in nominating me for social membership. So be it, I cheerfully agreed and now at the age of 92 years my seven years membership in EBYC have been very rewarding and I'm grateful to all."

(Thanks to Ron for the loan of his valuable 1954 magazine, The New Zealand Traveller, which included the above photos.)

The Karori Wildlife Sanctuary is looking for "skippers" to man a small 15-person boat for tours on the lower lake at the Sanctuary. The boat is electric powered and will operate for 3 hours on a Saturday & Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering for a monthly roster, have the skills to handle the boat, and are prepared to collect fares and look after the passengers, please contact Michael Ayre at Michael@sanctuary.org.nz or phone the office on 920-9200.

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Many thanks to Dean Stanley of Worser Bay, who threw his own personal safety out the window as he waded into the thick of the 420/470 rigging arena over the weekend of February 25-27th.

Do we have your email address ?

There's plenty happening around the club – racing, social events, courses, changes of plan – all of which we'd like to keep you informed of. If you haven't heard from me in the last month then chances are you aren't on the official mailing list, & who knows what you might be missing out on. Please drop me a quick one liner to kokamo39@clear.net.nz, just has to be your name & email address & you'll be in the loop.

Cheers,
Alison Pritchard
Communications Co-ordinator

P.S. Many club racing & learn-to-sail photos have recently been loaded onto the website, check 'em out, you too could be on view to the world!

Coastguard Courses

The Coast Guard has a number of courses coming up shortly, the full list is posted on the noticeboard at the club, but here's what's coming up in the near future. Contact John Piercy 388-1667 if you're interested.

Boatmaster Wednesdays 6-9pm. Next course starting March 30th (\$200).

VHF Sunday 8-12noon. Next course May 1st (\$35).

First Aid (Workplace/Marine) Saturday 8am-5pm. Next course March 19th (approx \$80).

Outboard maintenance Sundays 9am-12noon. Next course May 22nd & 29th (\$50).

Answers to December's quiz:

(1) Dead Calm; (2) C.S. Forester; (3) 1984; (4) Anthony Hopkins; (5) James, Robert & Elizabeth; (6) Spray; (7) Jacaranda; (8) Moby Dick; (9) Isaac Washington; (10) Leonardo di Caprio and Kate Winslet.

EBYMBC Logo Clothing

Club clothing is appearing on all manner of bodies around the premises, but supplies will never run out, so there's still plenty of opportunity to order your preferred item. The logo can also be embroidered onto an item of your own clothing, have a talk to Mike Coupe, he'll put you in touch with the right people.

All clothes are available in sizes XS, S, M, L, XL, & XXL.

Order Code	Description	Price
EBYC 1	Heavy duty knit jersey (blue)	\$80
EBYC 2	Sweatshirt (blue)	\$30
EBYC 3	Polo shirt (blue)	\$25
EBYC 4	Polo shirt (white)	\$25
EBYC 5	Polar fleece vest (blue)	\$60
EBYC 6	Shower-proof vest (blue)	\$65
EBYC 7	Cap (blue)	\$12
EBYC 8	Beanie (blue)	\$10

Order forms are posted around the club, and at www.ebymbc.org.nz but please remember nothing will be ordered until we have your cash in our hot little bank account, we're not doing the clothing out of the goodness of our hearts.

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