

The Spinnaker

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Opening Day was perfect sun-wise, even if the wind left a little to be desired. Scots College piper Alex Telfour led the forces down to the new finger jetties for the bottle breaking ceremony, while our fabulous barkeeps Matt & Rory held down the fort.

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Calendar

November Sundays

9:15am Rugby on the Big Screen

November Saturdays

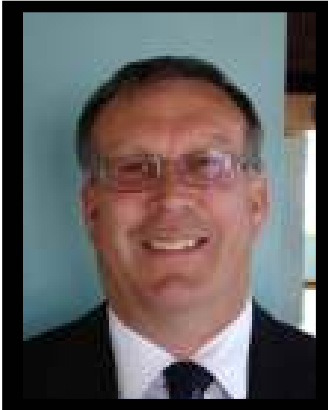
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From the Club Captain



Yet another edition of the Spinnaker sees quite a lot of activity completed and underway facilities-wise. Perhaps the most significant completions are the finger jetties, albeit with some loose ends still being attended to; this is a major facility and an enormous asset for our club and local owners of larger boats. Formally opened on Opening Day with the ritual champagne and blessings, the finger jetties complete the necessary major operational tools that are required for a modern, efficient & safe boat maintenance yard. Pivotal to all of this is the effluent retention and handling facilities which were built at the same time and which are now vital for the long term viability of any operation of this nature. The people who have seen this project through for the club have worked on some knotty issues and we all owe a vote of thanks to Warren Rankin, Brian Parker, John Duurloo, Mike Usher, Russell Third, and

in particular Martyn Spencer. Martyn has been responsible for the effective and cordial liaison that the Club has enjoyed with Wellington City Council, the Designers and Contractor.

At the same time as the effluent handling system was installed, Gary Wagstaff arranged for the sewerage from the changing rooms beneath the startbox to be removed to the main council sewer. Network Plumbing, in the form of club member Roger Wilson, did the work. In addition, Gary, along with Bob Mawson, Rory Graham, Greg Wagstaff and Matt McCullough have done much of the work needed to vastly improve the changing & academy training rooms.

Gary has prepared plans for the enlargement of the changing rooms to more favourably accommodate Sailability sailors as well, and provide for a new club administration office so that when the clubhouse development starts the existing office can be re-combined with the clubrooms. Steady progress is being made with the clubhouse modifications - these things take time. Gary is a tireless club advocate and is one of those people that get things done. Many thanks for your efforts over the last several months, Gary.

The foreshore walkway from the rigging area to the public launching ramp has been enhanced with significant obstacles removed. The walkway is being clearly defined and the existing water supplies extended further into the trailer yacht park. Where it was able to be done conveniently, the timber dividers have been raised to prevent the accumulation of wind blown debris.

Next on the agenda, when funds permit, are plans for lighting in the trailer yacht park and on the rigging area. Also on the list are completion of the changing rooms, recladding the west, east and south sides of the startbox ground floor, some improvements to the startbox itself, and a long-term maintenance plan for the various club buildings.

Last, but not least I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to those who helped on the Working Bee – Saturday, 10 September. We enjoyed some great weather and accomplished everything planned, and a host of other unplanned but good-to-get-done tasks as well.

The season has started with some lousy weather; hopefully Hughie will have a change of mind shortly and we'll all enjoy some of that sparkling weather Wellington can offer.

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Events Report



Now that Opening Day, the Sink F69 talk, and New Members' night are over, your Events Committee are looking at other functions and possible guest speakers. The feedback from members who have attended the organised functions is that they have enjoyed them and would support other similar events. Notwithstanding this, I have been disappointed with the member turnout at all but the club's Opening Day function.

Should any member have ideas for guest speakers please contact me. I have been in communication with Bill Brambleby to give us a presentation and when a date is finalised details will be put on our notice board.

What's next? I have been speaking with the Fishos, and we have organised an informal combined Christmas function. The idea is to make it a LOW COST family function, with members encouraged to bring their children. \$5.00 per adult, kids free. Start time 4.00pm to whenever. Two dates were under consideration – after lengthy discussions **Saturday, 19 November** won out. Confirmation of time & details will be via email & notices around the clubhouse.

It has been suggested we hire a juke box for music and dancing, and members will be requested to bring a plate, salads etc. Weather permitting, the fishos may bring some fresh fish and the club can supply sausages etc from the ticket money. All food has to be able to be cooked on the barbeque. Having a joint Christmas function should be great, and other associated clubs could also be invited.

Yvonne, Al's team, the Events committee, Helen, Francis and Grant must take the credit for our functions running smoothly. It is too easy to take our volunteers for granted, however without their efforts the club would be a poorer place.

Checking out what the winds at...

A few weather hints for those prone to phoning the club on Saturday mornings to ask what the weather's doing in Evans Bay. These sites give us up-to-date wind details as can be got on the net.

<http://www.metvuw.com/forecast/>

<http://www.metservice.co.nz/default/index.php?pkey=191620&ckey=191849>

<http://weather.noaa.gov/weather/current/NZWN.html>

<http://www.wind.co.nz/region.php>

Builders of composite race yachts now offer Wellington an accessible workshop facility for repairs, refits and resprays. With a door height of 6m there is not even a need to come off your keel.

Recent jobs include chainplate and window replacement, and rudder repairs on 'Splash Palace' for Geoff Herd, structural repairs and topside repaint on 'Esprit' for owners Cheryl Ferguson, Phil Bishop and Terry Steven, rudder rebuild on 'Thus Canby' for John Wood and prod installation on 'Supergroove' for Graham Rowe.

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From the Black Shed

SAIL P437

There are two sails in The Black Shed that need to be claimed by their owner. The number on the sails is P437. Would the owner of these sails please contact me as soon as possible. Another club member is interested in having them if unclaimed. If these sails are not claimed by their owner, they will revert to the Club's ownership; the Club will then be free to sell them or to dispose of them in any other way.

SHED STATUS

The Black Shed is fairly well occupied at present. The ground level is virtually full but with some boat movements going on. There are still some spaces available on the second and third tiers.

The initial plan to have boats parked in such a way as to make entry and exit from the shed as easy as possible for all sizes has become hard to maintain. There have been quite a few changes of boats and owners recently. New Club members with boats in the shed this year are: Rodney Adank, Pierre-Antoine Chauvet, Matt Taylor, Vanessa Young, Joerg Bungert, Barry Mahon, Kevin Mayo, Doug Roberts. Welcome also to anyone whose name is not here.

Dorothy Fox
Shed Controller

Race Sign on & off procedures

I would like to read from the Book of NOR, Rules Chapter 1, Verse 1.7 - Each race day, prior to racing, all boats, excepteth the Cruising Division, intending to race shall fillet in the combined Sign-on/Safety sheet. Any boat that shall faileth to comply will be scored **Did Not Start(eth)**. This rule changes thine rule A4.1. Cruising Div may sign on & receive the course by a signal to thine Race Committee using VHF Ch 77 (Evans Bay Sport).

Signing off is equally as important. You have no idea the heart-plummeting sensation that goes through a race officer when they suddenly realise that boats signed on, boats started & boats finished do not add up. Please, if for any reason you pull out of the race before finishing, don't just trot on back to the ramp, do a detour past the race boat or start box & get their attention, tell them you're leaving. At the very least get someone in the clubhouse to give them a call on the VHF. This is especially important for Cruising Div boats (you special bunch you), because you're frequently out in the big bad harbour & who knows where you might have gone missing/drinking/fishing/sinking.

Be nice the Race Committee, they're the only one you've got.

Coastguard Courses

There are still a few Coastguard courses to go this year, give John Piercy (388-1667) a call if you're interested in any of the following:

VHF	December 11 th	(\$35)
First Aid	November 19 th	(\$80)
Outboard maintenance	November 20-27 th	(\$50)

Day Skipper course are run on demand aboard *MV Duo*, \$200 all inclusive.

A brief round up of what the EBYMBC youth and juniors have been up to during the year...

They've been busy. At least 10 youth/junior sailors from EBYMBC have been involved in various sailing regattas and clinics held during the year. A lot of the sailors have been jumping ships in that they have been sailing in more than the one class.

The year started off with the P Class Nationals and Starlings Nationals in Tauranga in January as well as various Laser regattas in Australia. Meanwhile there was on-going sailing coaching/racing in the 420s at the Tup Radford Intercollegiate Yachting Academy over the summer.

Later in January saw some youths racing in the Phase 2 Nationals held at Evans Bay, the Laser Asia Pacifics Champs at Muritai, & an e6 regatta at the RYNZ Yacht Squadron International Match in Auckland. In February Yachting NZ came to Evans Bay and did a coaching clinic (420 and Laser), and there was the Laser Nationals at Napier, e6 regatta at the Centreport Wellington International Youth match racing and the 420 Asia Pacifics at Evans Bay.

Also, throughout the summer, there was the annual Wellington Yachting Association regatta series with each yacht club around Wellington taking turns to host.

In the April school holidays the YNZ Youth Trials were held at Murrays Bay where sailors from EB sailed in 420, Laser, Laser Radial, and P Class.

Then came winter. Not only was there the winter series held at Evans Bay, the winter series was on at Titahi Bay again with racing in the mornings and coaching in the afternoons (May - August), with EB having entries in the Laser, Laser Radial, Starling and Optimists. At the same time there was

weekly e6 sailing at Port Nic run by the Lion Foundation Youth Yachting Scheme, and that is still on going with sailors preparing for the 4th and final round robin.

YNZ came again in September for a training clinic at Worsler Bay, and WYA had a coaching clinic for P Class and Starlings at Plimmerton.

Labour Weekend was the North Island Regatta for Starlings and P Class held in New Plymouth, and there was also match racing in the MRXs for the Loaded Hog Cup held at Port Nic.

At the time of writing (27.10.05) coming up before Christmas there will be the P Class Tanner Cup Trials at Plimmerton, Starling Match Racing at Worsler Bay and another YNZ clinic, as well as the start of the Wellington Yachting regatta series.

Mention must be made about Aaron Hume-Merry in the Laser and Cushla Hume-Merry in the Laser Radial. They're both part of the Yachting NZ Youth Squad as carded sailors. During the year they have travelled up to Auckland frequently for both training and other regattas. In November Cushla is off to Brazil for the Womens Laser Radial Worlds and the Youth Laser Worlds. And then in December/January both Aaron and Cushla will be doing more regattas in Australia.

As the writer is relying on memory no doubt some events have been omitted. But, if you would like to know more about what is on offer for youth in Wellington have a look at the Lion Foundation Youth Yachting Scheme's website on www.lfyys.wellington.net.nz and Wellington Yachting Association's website on www.wya.wellington.net.nz.

Nanette Clough

(Ed: Holy cow, the energy of youth & the dedication of youth's parents. You folks are amazing!)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The Editor
"Spinnaker"
Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club
WELLINGTON

At the Annual General Meeting in June, a question was asked from the floor about the personnel costs under the heading of Administration. This letter is in response to that question.

The cost as entered under personnel does not represent the salary of one person, as the inquirer seemed to think. Entered under this heading over the past year is also the cost of a student brought in to do the filing - with varying degrees of efficiency! I do not know how much she was paid. On two occasions, to my knowledge, a flag officer has worked in the office while Faye was on holiday and each was paid accordingly, although I do not know how much. One of them was paid in the vicinity of more than \$1000 for one week, so that will account for some of that money. During this week, a person working in computer accounting was employed at a rate of about \$35 or \$45 per hour to enter the accounts only, because the flag officer 'standing in' for the office administrator was unable to process the accounts. This was additional personnel cost.

It is a mystery why no one stood up and gave this information at the AGM. I referred again to the Annual Report before writing this. Moreover, questions of privacy could be involved if a person's salary is revealed in public - which might have resulted.

My personal complaint is with the cost of computer programs which have not always suited the Club's system(s) but this is not a personnel item.

This letter is not a criticism of anyone or anything in the Club. It is in reply to the question that was asked at the Annual General Meeting. Maybe other people could also respond. I realise that I have laid myself open to criticism in writing this but am quite happy about that.

Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Fox

Yachting New Zealand & Wellington Yachting Association

Central Zone Development camp is to be held at Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club for laser and 420 sailors 3rd- 4th Dec.

Yachting New Zealand coaches Matt Brown will be coaching the 420's and Dan Slater the Lasers. YNZ have now posted the events for selection of the 2006 ISAF Youth Worlds Team which includes the 2006 NZ Laser Nationals, 420 Nationals, Hobie 16 Nationals, Mistral IMCO & Techno Windsurfing Nationals as well as Youthsail.

Check www.yachtingnz.org.nz for further information on selection criteria. Registration for the ZDC closes 18th November, download your registration form from the www.wya.wellington.net.nz web site.

For any further information contact L. Merry, W.Y.A. Coaching Co-ordinator
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A BOB BOTH WAYS; THE TRAILER YACHT ADVANTAGE.

One of the well known advantages of having a trailer yacht is the ability they provide their crew to sail them anywhere in New Zealand. While many club members travel each year to sail in new and interesting places this article is aimed at those who haven't tried it as a means of racing in different fleets. For trailer yachts, there are a number of great events that are worth considering, and for the coming season they include;

Sunday/Monday, 27/28 November	Lake Rotoiti endurance Race.
Saturday, 7 January, 2006	Waikawa Regatta.
Saturday/Sunday, 14 /15January	Lake Brunner 24 hour race.
Saturday/Sunday, 28 /29 January	Wellington 24 hour race – yes I realise that this doesn't mean traveling out of Wellington, but it is good preparation for the 100 miler !
Saturday, 4 February	Trailer Yacht Nationals, Waikawa.
Saturday/Sunday, 11/12 March	100 Mile Gulf Classic, Auckland
Easter, 14 – 17April	2006 NZTYA North Island TY Champs, Lake Taupo.

One of the most enjoyable races is the 100 Mile Gulf Classic. This race – it has never been 100 miles, but let's not quibble over details – is now a well established icon of the racing calendar in Auckland, having been raced for some 17 years. The event is open to TY's over 6m LOA, is sailed from the Maraetai Beach Boating Club and, depending upon weather conditions, takes in the Firth of Thames, the outer Gulf, the Rangitoto Channel and the Tamaki Strait.

The fleet is divided into appropriate divisions so that boats can race fairly as individuals, but organisers have now included team racing. Any four boats from the same Yacht Club may be entered as a team, making it even more attractive as an event for those that travel from out of Auckland. Another nice thing about the 100 miler is that it is coincident with the Auckland Boat Show (8 -12 March) so the plan could be; take the boat up Thursday, go to the boat show during the day Friday, attend the briefing that night, compete on Saturday, home Sunday.

I don't know how many boats from Evans Bay have competed in the 100 miler, but last year 'Iceman', 'Eraser' and 'Supergroove' made the trip and 'Eraser' has won the race twice - in 2000 and 2001. 'Supergroove' will be traveling north again next year, even if just to return the cup!

Regards, Graham
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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.

The Mighty Tongan Experience

Fabulous. In a word, this describes the trip to Tonga recently completed by a group of sixteen people from EBYMBC.

After over 12 months in the planning, a forward party of six comprising Helen Orchard, Murray Thomas, Jennifer & Ray Loader, Andrew Cromarty and Cheryl Constable touched down at Tongatapu International Airport at 2.30am on Monday 26 July in the middle of a tropical rainstorm. Such was the ferocity of the rain, that the locals took pity on the new arrivals and transported us from the bottom of the plane steps to the terminal building (a mere 30m away) by bus, to avert any possible drownings along the way.

Outside the terminal building, the forward party were then met by the proprietor of the Otuhaka Beach Resort who then drove us through the dark of night to the resort located in the NW corner of the Tongatapu, in a van that contained more rust and bog than the frigate Wellington.

We then enjoyed a relaxing couple days at Otuhaka, gently easing ourselves into the relaxed pace of Tongan life, snorkelling in the reef in front of the resort, touring the island and sampling the local food including delicious cooked and raw fish dishes and the first of many Ikale beers. Highlights of the island tour included the market place in the capital of Nuku'alofa, the blowholes along the rugged SE coastline of the island, and admiring the many palatial estates of the Tongan Royal Family.

Then on Wed 27 July, the forward party boarded their flight to the Ha'apai group of islands, approximately 100kms NNE of Tongatapu, only to discover that the plane (Convair leased from Air Chathams) would be flying to Vava'u (a further 100kms NNE of Ha'apai). Following a brief touch down in Vava'u, we then flew back to Ha'apai and landed at the Pagai airstrip that starts at the beach on one side of the island, crosses the main road and ends at the beach on the other side of the island (talk about not wasting any land). Outside the swish new terminal, we were greeted by our host, Patiola, who stole our hearts and our stomachs with her wonderful hospitality and delicious cooking. Whilst in Ha'apai, we found superb snorkelling just along the beach from the guest house, enjoyed the magnificent food, survived Helen's "Let's swim the treacherous currents of the Nukuamo passage" and enjoyed the first of many after-dinner rum and gins which advanced their way to pre-dinner by the time we hit the boats.

On Fri 29 July, the forward party flew NNE again back to Vava'u, the location of the yacht charters, followed by Donia Macartney and Lainey Cowan who joined the party the next day. A Whalewatch tour on Sunday was our first introduction to the amazing waterways of the Vava'u group of islands. A myriad of volcanic and coral islands, surrounded by alternating deep coves and shallow reefs. And Humpback whales a plenty. One more island tour the following day and we were ready to be joined by the balance of the sixteen strong charter group that evening for another fabulous dinner at one of the many restaurants in Neiafu.

That was the plan anyway. An oil spill at Auckland airport, meant the flight from Wellington was turned back and so the balance of the group had missed their flight to Tonga.

And so that evening, the party of nine had to eat all the lobster by themselves but were treated to the company of past member of EBYMBC, Brian Taylor and his companion Rita. We had run into Brian in the main street of Neiafu (as you do!) and he later berthed his yacht next to the Moorings whilst we were enjoying a drink at Mermaid bar.

After some urgent rebooking of flights and accommodation, the rest of the group comprising Philip Orchard, Grant Viggars, Jane & Victor Lenting, Chris Berg, Rosemary Balantine-Scott, Molly Lynch and Linda Dalton (who arrived the previous day), arrived just in time for the boat briefing at Moorings base

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on Tues 2 August, and the two 40 foot catamarans set sail (actually motor) out of Neiafu for 10 days cruising around beautiful tropical waters of Vava'u.

Over next 10 days, the two yachts leisurely navigated their way through the network of reefs that protect the numerous picture postcard tropical islands, exploring the outer islands, their white coral sand beaches, their crystal clear lagoons and fading coral reefs by day, and seeking safe haven in the more sheltered bays at night from the constant 10-15 knot SE trade winds.

Humpback whales, with their majestic backflips, flipper slapping and diving, accompanied us on our each day's journey, including a very close encounter of the 40 foot frolicking whale kind, whilst anchored at the entrance to Maninita island lagoon.

The good boats Tikiti Boo, skippered by Murray Thomas, and Hibiscus Star skippered by Andrew Cromarty, ate, sailed, sunbathed, read, ate, snorkelled, ate, drank, yarned and sang their way around the islands. To Rosemary, Jennifer and Jane who did a magnificent job organising the food, our waistlines are very grateful, as is William at No. 6 anchorage and his 8 children to whom we donated the leftover food. They will be enjoying chicken chips, hummus and olives until well after Christmas!

Tikiti Boo wins the award for the best dance moves on the foredeck, whilst Hibiscus Star gets a highly commended award for trying to sail everywhere including a little bit of grandstanding on the last day when she sailed off the mooring and (almost) out of Hunga Lagoon.

On another note, after suffering the humiliation of getting the tender jammed sideways underneath the boat, much to the laughter of those watching on Hibiscus Star, Tikiti Boo got the last laugh the next day when Hibiscus Star wrapped the tender painter around the port propeller shaft and then suffered another starboard engine failure whilst in the middle of setting anchor. Well done Phillip for his calmness on the helm!

Not satisfied with the leisurely sailing that is to be enjoyed in Vava'u, the crew of Hibiscus Star also kept themselves challenged and entertained by a plague of mechanical problems (dead alternator and blocked fuel system on the starboard engine, lost of instrumentation and winch power, stuffed traveller, air locked water pump etc. etc.). It was just as well we weren't sailing in any waters containing reefs or requiring anchoring!

The scenic highlights of Vava'u include the amazing Swallows Cave with its masses of silver fish, Mariners Cave with its concealed entrance and misty interior, the coral ledges on the north side of Ava island with its amazing drop into the abyss, the idyllic Maninita island and its abundance of birdlife, the grace and beauty of the stingrays bathing in the shallow waters of Fanua Tapu passage and of course the awe inspiring sights of the Humpback whales.

On Fri 12 August, we returned to Neiafu and said goodbye to the yachts that had been our home for the past 10 days & the great salts at Moorings, and boarded a Polynesian Airlines flight back to Tongatapu. That evening we were entertained at the Good Samaritan Inn with wonderful Tongan singing and dancing with a little bit of fire eating thrown in, and of course a few more Ikaes just to round off the trip. And so we returned to Wellington on August 13th to a gusty northerly and chilly 13°C, a world away from the temperate 21-22°C sun soaked weather of Vava'u.

To Helen & Murray, we are all extremely grateful for organising such a fantastic holiday, in this truly beautiful corner of the South Pacific. And to all of you on the trip, thank you for your great company and good humour.

Andrew Cromarty

Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.

A friendly but firm reminder from the Accounts Department

With the club's membership year having changed this year, members effectively received five months membership for free. Subs were due at the end of September but many are still outstanding. Come on folks, lets show a little respect for the club and all the hard workers who make it such an excellent place to sail & socialise, & get those outstanding subs and storage fees paid. I'm sure the last thing anyone wants is to put the club into a perilous financial position. As further argument, see rule 1.8 of the Notice of Race.

There have been a few who've objected to the increase in boat storage fees, please understand that the WCC doubled our rent, & as a responsible Management Committee, we had to find fair ways to fund that increase (& note that storage rates did not match that doubling). The Committee are all sailers too, so we are literally all in the same boat here. (Not to mention the fact that you'll be hard pressed to find cheaper storage rates anywhere in Wellington. You do not want to know what Chaffers Marina sets us back!)

From the Commodores Log....



Sailing in Schools

The club is about to embark on a new initiative to make sailing available as a sports curriculum subject to schools within our catchment. The advent of sailing becoming an accredited subject for NCEA has created a wonderful opportunity to bring sailing within the reach of children from age nine and upwards to intermediate level and perhaps junior high school grades.

The Tup Radford Intercollegiate Yachting Academy, which is affiliated to EBY&MBC, already provides sailing in their 420's to all the high schools and colleges in the Wellington region and with full NCEA accreditation, capable of examining students in Year 11 for NCEA credits. TRIYA coach

Paul Verry recently went through a course in Auckland which accredits him as an examiner, and at this stage is the only person in the Wellington area with that qualification.

Evans Bay YC will now provide sailing to all schools at the levels mentioned above and this will act as a feeder to the Radford Academy and our own Sailing Academy when students reach Year 11, capable of qualifying for NCEA credits they will already be accomplished sailors and hopefully members of our club and enjoying the sport...

In the next few weeks we are planning to invite school principals and sports masters to the club for a presentation on the plan, and provided we get acceptance & commitment from the schools to participate we will apply for funding to appoint a full time club coach. This coach will not only deliver the programme for schools but also be available to manage & coordinate our very successful Learn to Sail programme, and be available to run special coaching clinics & private tuition within the club.

The Café.

The process of lodging a Resource Consent for the café/restaurant to proceed has been completed, and limited notifications to residents in the immediate area on Evans Bay Parade were sent out by Wellington City Council. Submissions relevant to that closed on October 19th and only two opposing submissions have been lodged (plus one in support). These will now go to a hearing before a Commissioner on November 19th. We will keep you informed of further progress after that hearing.

Wellington Yachting Association & Yachting New Zealand.

At the August AGM of the Wellington Yachting Association I was elected President, which also automatically put me on the National Council of YNZ. Then at the AGM of YNZ held in September I was appointed to the Junior & Participation Committee of Yachting New Zealand. While this has added a fair bit to my workload the combination of all that has provided a very close working relationship now with both WYA and YNZ, and provides the club with a direct link & influence into what is happening within those organisations.

There have been massive changes in the way both organisations are now operating. We often ask what we get from paying our levies to these groups and especially the \$30 per senior member equivalent (SEM) that we pay to Yachting New Zealand. That question over several years has been very valid as it always appeared that YNZ delivered very little back to grass roots sailing at club and regional level. Let me assure you that that is all changing. In the Wellington region YNZ is about to appoint a full time Regional Support Officer as part of a six-person national coordinated group, that will work with clubs & schools to develop sailing in the region.

This is much the same as what Wellington Yachting Association did with the appointment of Neil Verry as Regional Development Officer 4 years ago (who has recently resigned from the position to pursue other interests). The difference for WYA in the future is that the job is paid for and administered by YNZ and we do not have to find the funds to keep the job going. Adverts for this position have appeared in the Dominion and are also on the EBYMBC website and YNZ & WYA websites.

Added to this project YNZ is about to launch what is called "*Have a Go*" which will take sailing to schools all around New Zealand.

These are just two of the initiatives that will help drive sailing at club and regional level. In the next few weeks you will see two of the top sailors in NZ here in Wellington, coaching a special YNZ/WYA Zone development camp for our 420 and Laser sailors. Athens Olympians Matt Brown and Dan Slater will be at the club for two days, and are provided as part of a programme of regional coaching made available from Yachting New Zealand. We will see a lot more of this in the future.

Please note that I am available at the club most Fridays if anyone has any problems or suggestions on delivery of services to members. Please come and chat.

Good sailing for the season

Mike Coupe

Commodore

Thank you to Neil Verry.

The club would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution that Neil Verry has made to yachting in the Wellington region. Neil recently stepped down as the Wellington Yachting Associations Regional Development Officer after 4 years in the job. During that time Neil has worked with all clubs in the region and provided great assistance in organising regattas, coaching clinics, seminars on Race Management, Judging and YNZ instructor courses. His input to Sailability & the Tup Radford Intercollegiate Yachting Academy has been greatly appreciated

His involvement with developing youth sailing will be missed, and from Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club, Neil & Heather, we wish you all the best for the future but hope to see you on deck at the club frequently.

Mike Coupe

Situations Vacant

Yachting New Zealand Wellington Regional Support Officer

Yachting New Zealand is seeking to appoint a Regional Support Officer to work developing all aspects of the sport of sailing in an area encompassing Wellington region including the West Coast/Manawatu and also the Nelson Marlborough region.

The role will involve working closely with the 3 regional yachting associations and the Clubs, Sailing Academies and Schools in those areas, but reporting directly to Yachting New Zealand's National Programme Director in Auckland. There is obviously travel required throughout the area designated.

Applicants should have a sound knowledge, personal experience and commitment to the sport. It is essential that the appointee is a well organised self starter with good public relations & personal skills with people of all age groups. Hours of work are flexible to accommodate weekend and evening programmes.

For a copy of the Job Description please visit our website at www.yachtingnz.org.nz & click on 'About Us' and look for Situations Vacant.

**Applications should be made in writing and addressed to
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Applications close on Monday 21st November 2005**

Wanted to Hire * One Bosun

(Persons who are not scared of water, hard work, rubber duckies)

At its last meeting, the Sailability Trust decided that we needed to employ a 'Bosun' to help Remy organise our Sunday sailing. This doesn't mean that we won't need volunteers. We most certainly still will.

Our thinking was that the Bosun, (or Boatswain as it's correctly spelt), would be the person who could help with organising sailors on shore and ensuring that yachts and equipment that are needed are set up for use and that volunteers are given information on what might be required.

It would be a job that receives some payment, but not a great deal. And it might be ideal for a reliable younger person. The job description is just being put together and is not final.

If you know anyone who might like to do this job on every 'Sunny Sailing Sunday' then please let our chairman, Don Manning, know on (04) 567 7868.

Bar staff needed!

Those of you who frequently frequent the club bar may have noticed that you keep seeing the same charming faces behind it. And much as we love their smiles, there really is a need for the work to be shared around. You don't have to go on a committee, just help out on the bar for as little as 2 or 3 hours a month. This is a great way to get to know people around the club, most of who don't bite, very often, & very little training is required.

As an added incentive/bribe, if the House doesn't get some help, one option is to start reducing the bar opening hours, another is to pay for bar staff, & we're fighting to keep drink prices down as it is. So if you enjoying the use of the bar, please consider helping in its running.

If you're able to help, get in touch with Al Osborne - Email alano@palantir.co.nz or ph 021-481-087.

Changes to club administration

Over the past year, it has become increasingly obvious that administration of such a busy club has become more than a single full-time job. The management committee has undertaken a review of the job requirements, and has decided to split the administration into three part-time roles – a club manager, accounts officer & membership secretary. You'll shortly be seeing two of these jobs advertised in local papers, but initially we'd like to open up the membership secretary role to club members.

This person will be responsible for:

Maintaining the membership database & boat register, issue membership cards & assisting the Accounts Officer with preparation of annual subscription invoices for members.

To do the job you will need to be:

A good communicator, organised & able to implement efficient systems, self motivated & self managing, computer literate (especially in Microsoft Office products), able to set appropriate priorities to meet deadlines, adaptable to change, flexible, patient & keen to show initiative.

This is a paid contract position, requiring about 4-6 hours per week. If you're interested, please get in touch with Mike Coupe Email: pegasus1@xtra.co.nz or ph 027-746-106.

Video Operator needed

The club is keen to find someone to operate a video camera on board one of our race boats. Its always a real buzz to get back to the clubhouse after racing to find the race highlights (& low-lights) being replayed on the telly, but to do this we need someone with the stomach for a race boat & the skill for camera operation in a wobbly environment. If you could do such a job from time to time, please get in touch with VC Miles Tremlett (ph 233 2417 or m.tremlett@xtra.co.nz)

What's going on on the Communications Committee...

Whilst I really had no direct influence in the two EBYMBC related Port Watch articles that appeared in recent Dominion Posts, in a blatant grab for reflected glory I'm going to mention these items of mass communication in my report. The first "Tales flow when Old Salts get together" was an after-match write-up on the Old Salts Gathering at Labour Weekend. A week later there was a tremendous article promoting the November 6th Sailability Open Day, and the hard work done by the Sailability sailers & coaches. Isn't it great to see club endeavours reaching a wider audience.

Our website, under the capable hands of Trevor Weaver, is an ever-expanding source of club information. Keep an eye on the on-line Calendar, dates and times of important club events (& rugby screenings) are here for viewing even if you're not on my email list (grumble, snarl). The race programme is available (& lets face it, if you're in the Cruising Division especially, you need to keep an eye on this, your start times change more frequently than Winston Peter's political allegiance), as are the race results.

Every time I ask if I have your email address on my super-secret list, one or two more of you come out of the e-closet. Its really quite a painless experience honest, I promise I won't try to sell you anything other than the all-round fabulousness of the Evans Bay YC. I also seem to lose the odd one of you from time to time, so if you've changed jobs or your home email address, please let me know - kokamo39@clear.net.nz (Kokamo is the name of our boat & she's 39 feet long).

For those of you cave dwellers who aren't on the 'net, I will make an effort to keep these events lists posted on the clubhouse noticeboards. Many thanks to contributors Nanette Clough, Andrew Cromarty, Murray Bathgate & Jan Nauta for articles & photos in this issue of the Spinnaker. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Cheers, Alison
Comms Co-ordinator

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Membership cards

Many of you have been (rightly) asking about the absence of membership cards for the 2005-06 year. There is method in our madness. The plan was to embark on a whole new era of card design & technology...but we hit a couple of snags. The aim was to introduce plastic, swipeable cards, with a fancy-nancy magnetic strip on the back that would be used when buying drinks & food at the bar, & also be a way of identifying club members (who will get a discount) at the café. We even found a sponsor, so it was all going to be dirt cheap.

Problem is, the sponsor only wants to go ahead if the café goes ahead, & the café proposal now has to go to a hearing, & if that falls on its face, then it has to go to appeals, & so on & so on. So the new & exciting plastic membership cards have temporarily ridden off into the sunset, astride their faithful steed, Sponsorship.

Fear not. When the new plastic cards do eventuate, there are plans for them to do all sort of other magical things, like tallying members' bar spending, so that wonderful prizes can be handed out. And we have not yet begun to imagine the full range of possibilities.

In the meantime, we are about to get the current format cards printed & sent out along with receipts for fees, so that peace and calm can return to membership-ville.

Hot off the Academy Press

Well if you are like me, sailing a smaller variety of sailing craft, you would be getting frustrated by those strong north-westerlies which seem to like Saturdays as much as we do.

The Junior classes on Saturday have not been getting a good run because of this but so far the Sunday and midweek sessions have been doing alright. You would have seen some new faces from Learn-to-Sail who have taken up the offer of joining us with club racing, and as the weather improves I'm sure there will be some more.

Lets make these people feel welcome and make them feel part of the scene so they would like to stay around. Some may choose to get their own boats as the come out of LTS and are still fairly green as far as their boat tuning and handling is concerned. These sailors will appreciate any helpful advice from more experienced club members, as when they have done a ten week course they still have to consolidate what they have learned. They have learned the basics, should know the basic rules, rig a boat and steer it on all points of sail, tack, jibe launch and retrieve but they won't have done this in all wind conditions. Please don't call them wimps if they look hesitant or criticise if they then get up the nerve to go out and find they can't handle the conditions.

Last Sunday the 6th Sailability had its Opening Day and the Chairman of the Sailability Trust, Don Manning, welcomed sailors, members and sponsors. He noted Sailability's appreciation of support from its sponsors, volunteers and the EBYMBC. In spite of a cold stiff southerly it turned out to be a successful day with a good number of prospective sailors taking a look and being taken for a sail by some of the members. If anyone would like to help with Sailability as a volunteer you are always welcome.

That's all for now,
Cheers, Remy

Some drink from the Fountain of Knowledge, others only gargle.

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