



The Spinnaker

The official magazine of the Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club

November 2007



From top left – the new RS Feva training boat, presentation of paintings to Tup Radford, Colleen Luckin with flowers for Mayor Kerry Prendergast, & Cushla Hume-Merry is introduced by Tup Radford for her Friday evening talk.

Racing and Events Calendar

Saturday, 24th November
Christmas Party

Friday, 16th Nov – Dev 21st
Twilight races 4-8

Saturday, 22nd December
Fun Race, last before Christmas

Saturday, 12th January 2008
First race of the New Year

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Plans for the coming year

The new MANCOM committee has set goals it wishes to achieve in 2007-08. We are first and foremost a boating club, therefore the aim is to promote boating at all levels and to provide a high standard of training.

In consultation with the club's sailing instructors, we have made a decision to upgrade the training boats and have purchased a new RS Feva, with the intention to purchase a RS Vision in some six months based on the club's financial position at that time. The Vision is big enough for a family crew. However, I envisage that it will be the ideal boat where an instructor could sail with two persons, giving our instructors a greater flexibility for training. As new boats are purchased we will be selling our older boats, which have given very good service for many years, but are now costing more and more for maintenance.

Not all our members are competitive sailors. In fact, most members from our membership of close to 400 do not participate in club racing, therefore, as it is our wish to retain members, we are looking at improving club facilities across the board. I believe we must create a club environment that encourages young people and their families to frequent the club. This, however, will be a challenge as there is so much choice of social and sports activities for people to participate in. To this end MANCOM is working to improve our present good relationship with the Sailability Trust and, in consultation with the Trust, we have plans in place to improve the club facilities, including access to our premises for Sailability members (see plans later in this issue).

There was an informal discussion with the Wellington Surfcasting and Angling Club and plans are in place to make some space available for this club's trophies. Mike Usher and Mike Stempa have organised a joint Christmas party, which should assist in the mingling of the two memberships. It is also intended to meet with representatives of the Tai Tonga Waka Group to investigate the possibility of that group's members having greater participation in our club's activities.

I appreciated the efforts of the volunteers who worked hard to ensure Opening Day was a success, and the many members who attended this important day in the club's calendar. There have been and will be a number of changes to the way the club functions. Changes will only be made after investigation by MANCOM, and where the proposed changes will be to the betterment of the club and our members. There are a number of sub committees which have vacancies so if you would like to assist your club please put your name forward.

John Seggie
Commodore



Old Salts Reunion

The reunion of old salts again was an enjoyable occasion, although sadly a number of faces were missing. Maybe for health reasons or they've upped anchor and sailed off to more peaceful waters. But for those that did attend, whatever their aches, pains or ailments of age their minds are as clear and active as many of those half their age, the atmosphere is vibrant and alive, I tend to think its more of a meeting of recycled teenagers..

Apparently there's a group of them that have a noggin or two at Port Nick and call themselves the Didi club - "Haven't seen so & so for a while, Didi di?"

We were fortunate this year to have the film about Whispers II, a well known yacht of its day in

Wellington. Presenting the film was our very own old salt Gary Wagstaff with a mop of black hair that would have made the Fab Four envious, (ah those were the days eh Gary!)

For those that feel touchy about being referred to as old and didn't come to this function, all is not lost if you wish to see this very interesting film, Gary has agreed to present it again on an evening yet to be arranged. One highlight was the end of a race in Picton, with much wild celebration and if is indicative of the times, it's a wonder any of them have survived to become an old salt.

Mike Usher

Upgrading the Training Fleet

The RS Feva (see photo on front cover) is an international class yacht that can be sailed by either one or two persons. It has a robust Comptec PE3 (plastic) hull construction with a gib, gennaker and a choice of either a reefing or battened performance main.

The combination of its almost indestructible hull, and ability to select a sail configuration suited to beginners or more advanced sailors makes it an ideal yacht for training purposes and Club racing.

Subject to funds, and the initial yacht performing to expectations, the medium term plan is to purchase further Feva's, (or the larger RS Vision which allows 2 students as well as an instructor in the boat) to slowly replace our existing very old and worn out Phase2 training fleet over the next approximately 5 years.

We will shortly be selling our worst two Phase2s (as well as 2 abandoned wind surfers). If anyone is looking for a very cheap Phase2 as a do-up project, or a windsurfer, please contact Colin Lee (027-413-2084).

Brent Frogley

Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.

- [Elbert Hubbard](#)

Yachting New Zealand Honours Awards



Barrie Smith & Gary Wagstaff racing the R-class Twinkle in the 1958-59 Easter Regatta in Rotorua.

Whatever your level of participation around the club, I'm sure every one of you is aware that every sports club in existence has a few special members who do so much of the behind-the-scenes work that keep the clubs day-to-day operations going. You may say "They're retired, they have all the time in the world, it's easy for them", but that's not the point, they have the dedication & enthusiasm to keep soldiering on, whether their work is noticed or not. Without people like these, sports clubs would cease to function.

The EBYMBC Management Committee wanted to recognise these individuals, so nominated two for Yachting New Zealand Honours Awards. Its good to see YNZ also appreciated these rare individuals, both go to Auckland on November 16th to receive their awards.

Barrie Smith – Honours Award nominee

Since its inception 4 years ago Tup Radford Intercollegiate Yachting Academy (TRIYA) has introduced over 250 secondary school pupils to the sport of sailing, including advancing to teams racing and competing at national and secondary school regattas. TRIYA has a fleet of ten 420 yachts and Barrie has voluntarily maintained these over the last

four years. During the summer period he would spend on average three hours a day five - six days a week working on TRIYA boats and generally assisting with the supervision of TRIYA activities and the students. He continues to provide support, albeit at lesser hours, over the winter period.

The students are "full on" sailors and the 420's are not particularly robust boats. Without Barrie's skills and time in maintaining the boats TRIYA simply would not have been able to function on the budget that it has. He is an accomplished "handyman" who can often repair gear, rather than having to replace at a greater cost.

While TRIYA has a paid part time coach, this person is typically not much older than the students. Barrie's supportive and quiet approach, together with the commitment that he demonstrates has endeared him to the students who often use him as a confidant when they feel more comfortable talking to a "fatherly figure".

Barrie has on several occasions travelled to Auckland, always at his own expense, to help transport boats and to support TRIYA students when competing in regattas.

Gary Wagstaff – Honours Award nominee

Gary is one of those special few, whose unwavering support, and daily hands-on involvement keeps sporting clubs afloat and prospering. As a member of the Wagstaff family, five generations of which have been or are members of Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club, Gary is a prime

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example of the unstinting dedication that the family has put into the club since its founding. Has been a member of Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club since 1950 (aged 13).

Since his retirement, it is a rare moment that Gary is not to be found at the club with a spade, hammer, or screwdriver in his hand, repairing this, improving that.

No task is a problem for Gary, when asked to be at the club at 7am on what was forecast to be a very cold wet Saturday, to assist with putting a Waka into the water, his support, as usual, was instant & without question.

His skills as a draughtsman have been willingly volunteered many times for the club, most recently in designing disabled facilities for the shower block, & a floating jetty to assist Sailability members to get into their boats.

He has represented Wellington at Sanders Cup (1954), Cornwell Cup (1955/56) National Competitions, was the International Moth Champion (1965); participated in Trailer yacht, R Class and Moth Class Nationals.

Gary chaired the New Zealand Trailer Yacht Association, and as such was part of the NZ Yachting Federation council. Represented New Zealand as crew in the Southern Cross series in Sydney.

Gary has occupied at one stage or another, every Flag Officer role at Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club, some roles more than once, & is currently the Vice Commodore. He has represented Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat club on the Wellington Yachting Association, & continues to do so.

He has been a Life Member of the club since 2000, is a National Race Officer (relinquished), a Club Instructor (relinquished) and an International Judge & a member of Yacht New Zealand Appeals panel, officiating most recently at Sail Melbourne and the BT Global Challenge (not relinquished).

Encouraging new Members – Crew service

A club can only grow through new members, obviously if you know of someone who is interested in sailing and you can take them out on your boat, (or arrange for them to go out on someone else's), that is ideal.

However we are aware of people wanting to crew who approach the Club, put a notice on the noticeboard, or a member knows of someone who may want to try a particular class of boat but does not know who to contact within the Club to arrange this.

In these cases Martin White and Murray Thomas have offered to be the liaison persons. They will also be continuing to liaise with Learn-to-Sail students to encourage them to partake in club racing.

If you are looking for crew, either put you contact details on the club noticeboard or the crew register on the club website (www.ebymbc.org.nz). The crew register page on the website will shortly be upgraded to make it more user friendly.

If you know of someone who would like to crew, and cannot find a boat for them, please get them to put their name on the noticeboard or website. Martin and Murray will regularly monitor the sites and put people in touch with each other.

Murray Thomas

Help stop the spread of harmful marine pests

Many of you will have heard earlier in the year that the pest sea squirt *Styela clava*, which is widespread up in the Hauraki Gulf, had been found on some vessels in Wellington Harbour. Discoveries like this mean someone out there, no matter how unintentionally, is transporting fouling pests. So let's not join the trend on this by doing our bit to limit the movement of these kinds of pests which can harm our environment and industries that rely on the sea.



Salt water pest *Styela Clava* hanging off a boat hull, as found in the Marlborough Sounds.

With Christmas approaching many of you will be taking your boats elsewhere for holidays, and then returning them to our precious, clean(ish) Wellington harbour. There are a couple of practical steps you can take to help prevent the spread.

- First up, before you go away, please ensure your hull (both trailer yacht & keeler) is clean and your antifoul (if you use it) is in good condition (hot tip, this also makes you go faster!). As a general rule, marine fouling pests can't hitch a ride if your hull and areas such as the propeller, rudder, water intakes, anchor well and chain etc are clean. Because sea squirt has unfortunately been found in Wellington, it's important to ensure we don't spread it elsewhere. This is particularly important if you are visiting areas that are currently free of *Styela* such as the Marlborough Sounds (there are other sea squirts in the Sounds, but as yet, not the evil *Styela* one).
- At the end of your holiday, where practical, check the hull, propeller, rudder, anchor and chain, scallop dredges, fishing gear, dinghies & outboards for any greeblies (weed, mussels, barnacles etc). Should you find said greeblies, don't just pull them off and chuck them back in the drink - take them ashore and **put them securely in a rubbish bin**. This is especially important if you find the culprit after you've returned to Wellington, even if it looks dead, **put it in the rubbish**.
- If you have a trailer boat, this is obviously easier. Check your boat and trailer thoroughly for greeblies as mentioned above, and wash down thoroughly with freshwater like you would normally.

We have a big pile of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand's laminated cards of all the most unwanted marine pests. If you'd like a free set to keep on your boat, drop me a line at kokamo39@clear.net.nz.

MAF Biosecurity New Zealand is distributing pre-Christmas some guidelines for boat cleaning, details about why these marine pests can be such a problem, some ID cards of common marine pests & what you can do if you find them.

If you find something out there you're not sure about, or have any questions, call the MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Pest and Diseases hotline **0800 80 99 66**. MAF Biosecurity New Zealand also has comprehensive information on marine pests on its website: www.biosecurity.govt.nz

Have a great holiday,
Cheers, Alison

The View from the Commodore's chair...

Recently I have attended three Club Opening days, two Wellington Yachting Association meetings, and Yachting New Zealand's Annual General Meeting in Nelson. There are a number of difficult issues being debated by the Wellington Yachting Association at the present time, two of which are the SEM (Senior Equivalent Membership) voting (whereby clubs get votes proportional to their membership numbers, as opposed to one vote per club regardless of size) and the position of the Wellington Councillor position to Yachting New Zealand.

The EBYMBC Management Committee decided to support a change to the current proportional voting formula to the SEM voting as per the Yachting New Zealand constitution. If the change gains support it will result in the larger clubs losing some of the voting numbers they have at present. The reason this issue is contentious is that the clubs with smaller memberships state that the three larger clubs in the Wellington Association will be able to dominate any SEM vote. While it is very logical to have voting related to club membership numbers, an agreed change to the SEM system - while favouring the smaller clubs - may bring a harmony to the Association, & so allow the organisation to move forward, instead of stagnating over administrative matters.

The other issue is in regard to the Wellington Yachting Association Councillor to Yachting New Zealand. At present the Councillor is also a YNZ Board member and your MANCOM sees this as a potential conflict of interest. Our position is that a member should not be able to hold both positions at the same time. If these issues are sorted at the November meeting it will clear the way for the committee to work hard at future meetings on all things yachting and support clubs to enhance our sport.

By way of background to what Wellington Yachting Association does, the following notes are from their website...



Wellington Yachting Association is the body supporting yacht clubs and their members in the Greater Wellington Region. Its committee is made up of the 12 Yacht Clubs.

The W.Y.A.'s main activities are promotion and co-ordination of yachting for the development of sailing with increased numbers in participation to high performance.

The W.Y.A. ensures that a comprehensive sailing programme for the region is established each season between the Yachting and Boating Clubs with delivery of this programme including further development and coaching initiatives.

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I'll 'ave a pint, thanks Luv...



We need bar volunteers, people to help out from time to time. You don't need to have experience, just enthusiasm & a smile. This is a great way to get to know people around the club, to learn a useful skill & to make a contribution to the club. Even if you can just do a couple of hours every now & then, give Rear-Commodore Greg a call (house@ebymbc.org.nz), & he'll find a time that suits you. Better still, pop down to the club over the weekend & talk to him in person.



Moaning Minnie gets a Spring clean

A long-haired buoy is pulled from the water after three years, but "he" is OK.

On Wednesday 27th July, the large red steel navigation buoy that usually resides south of Barrett Reef at the entrance to the harbour was freed from its moorings and towed into the port for its three year clean and paint. Over the past three years it has grown about four tonnes of seaweed and mussels that needed to be cleaned off. We invited Victoria University and MAF Biosecurity NZ to collect samples and observe what has been growing on the buoy.

Its identical twin will shortly be going out to stand watch over the entrance and the reef it is named after for the next three years.

There has been a buoy at the south end of Barrett Reef since October 1946, when the two identical buoys were purchased from America. The buoys have undergone several changes over their life. Originally they were fitted with gas powered lights and needed to be exchanged each year so the gas bottles could be refilled. This changed to an electric light with large dry cell batteries, each almost two metres long. The current light has two much smaller batteries these are charged by solar panels. The light uses energy efficient LEDs and flashes twice every six seconds all through the night.

The buoys originally had a wave powered fog horn fitted that gave a long slow moan in the swell, hence its common nick-name was Moaning Minnie. With the use of better radar on ships and more houses being built within hearing of the buoy the fog horns have been removed.

From the Greater Wellington Council website - www.gw.govt.nz/section31.cfm

It's amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper. - [Jerry Seinfeld](#)

IT'S A HARD LIFE

The weather's not helping the situation on the yard, many of the jobs that were the reason the boat was hauled out for have been delayed weeks, so the queue waiting to slip is getting longer and we have the sorry job of telling some skippers "no hope this side of Christmas" at the very time that we should be handling our peak season.

Very frustrating eh, but I'm sure all yards around the country are suffering the same problems.

Mike

(He says "I going down to the boat. Long suffering 'er indoors replies "What, again, you might as well be married to it ". "Wow", he says "great idea".)

HAVE WE GOT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ?

This is the best way to keep in touch with happenings around the club, its totally safe, completely painless. Our motto (one of so many) is "An informed member is a happy member". If you haven't been receiving regular updates, drop me a line at kokamo39@clear.net.nz



EBYMBC presents the 2007 Annual...

Christmas Party

Saturday, November

24th

Live music starts from 7pm,

Tickets \$30 from the Club office

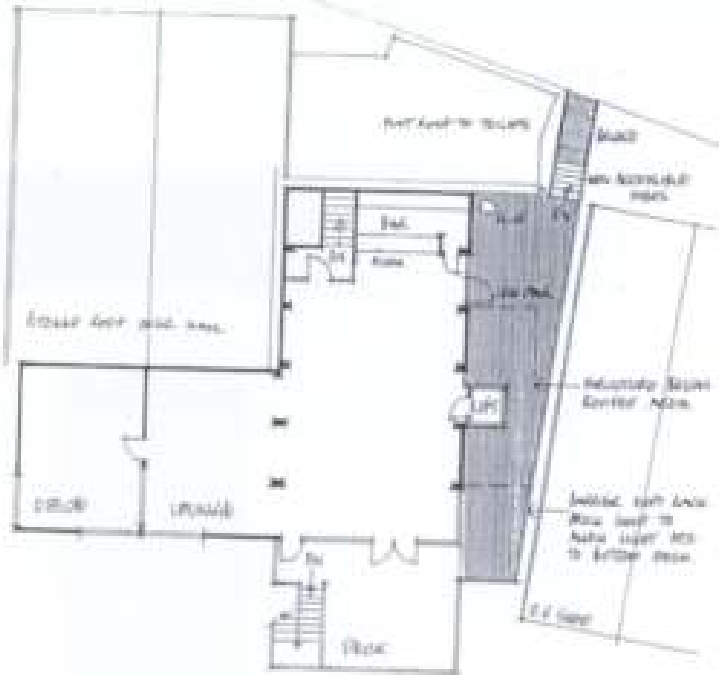
Clubhouse renovations

As you can see, plans are afoot for some changes around the club rooms. These drawings, done by the omni-talented Gary Wagstaff, incorporate many important features that the club has been lacking for some time now.

With our ever-improving close association with Sailability, the absence of toilet facilities accessible by all has become more and more of a problem. Hence, on the ground floor you will see a new unisex toilet installed, where there is currently a storage cupboard. Likewise, access to the upstairs level has until now been impossible for anyone of limited manoeuvrability, but the lift (operated on a hydraulic system based on water, rather than petrol or oil) added to the north wall of the clubhouse, provides what can be a very expensive feature at a very reasonable price.

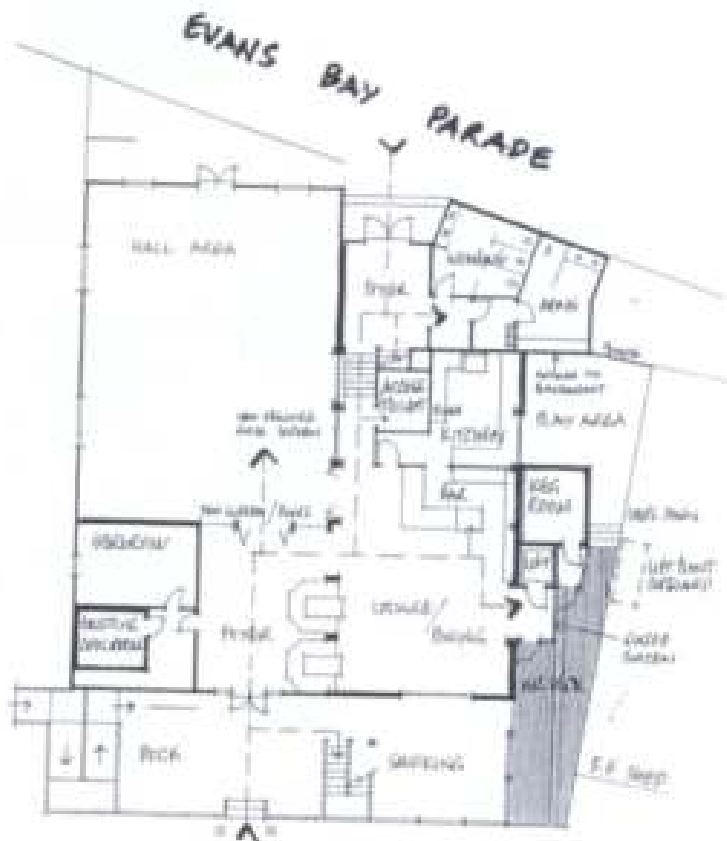
One of the most well used features of the clubhouse, although not visible to the drinkers eye, has for some time now been in serious decline. The beer lines from the chiller room to the bars are becoming more unreliable by the minute, but with the relocation of the kegs to their own purpose-built room adjacent to the bar, and hopefully generous brewery sponsorship, the lines will be replaced with new ones that will ensure continuous flow of this all-important beverage & income earner.

With the addition of the 'smokers lounge' at the back entrance of the club, the old back doors have now become redundant & something of a health hazard when the lounge is well occupied. These doors will be replaced by a large window, & the newer French doors on the deck will become the main rear entrance for the club (continued over).



PROPOSED UPPER FLOOR 1:100

JHW
12.09.07



PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR 1:100

JHW

Decking is being added on the northern side of both levels, on the ground floor to provide better access to the kegs & storage areas, & upstairs to provide better access to the limited amount of sunshine the clubhouse gets. The downstairs kitchen and bar area is to be redesigned to improve workflow & general visual appeal to the club's interior.

So when's it all going to happen, & what's it all going to cost? Well its early days in the process now, but watch this space, as more information comes to hand, we will keep you informed.

The Club Captain reports on Club Facilities

The annual Working Bee was kicked off on the Friday (before the official event on September 29th), by Chris Hargreaves, who started on the ramp to the changing rooms in the Start Box. To all those dedicated volunteers who put in the hours on Saturday, especially the two electricians & six builders who gave their professional services for free, the club owes an enormous tanks. A huge amount of painting was achieved on the front of the clubhouse, railings, picnic tables, & one family took charge of redecorating the women's changing rooms in the Start Box with great gusto.

Several members of the learn-to-sail team began construction on the wire fence enclosure for the 420's, which has proved necessary after various parts from these boats have shown a tendency to go walkabout. Several bods put in some hard labour helping Mike Usher clean up around the hardstand, along with Purdy & Sven who installed protective coatings over the power supply boxes in the hardstand (electric shocks never give the club a good look). Neil Currie continued his hard work on getting Kokotahi looking fabulous for the upcoming racing season.

As always, a huge thanks to Gary Wagstaff for his organisational skills, overseeing and technical know-how, & to Steve Hazlewood for the supply of Resene paints, & his professional knowledge on how, where & why they should be used. Paul Sara, who in all honesty (!) believed the working bee began after lunch, putting in the required hours on the afternoon shift. Yvonne did her usual excellent job of feeding the hungry workers.

These annual events are so important in keeping up-to-date with club maintenance, & by saving us from having to pay for professional tradesmen, in helping to keep membership fees down, so thank you to all those who helped, & apologies to anyone who I forgot to name.

Upcoming events for Facilities include new sliding doors for both the front & side of the Black Shed, which should be arriving within the next month. Frank Clark has taken away the tractor that tows the rescue boats to pretty it up & get it in fine functioning order. The installation of security cameras around the trailer park is still in the pipeline. And lastly, we are getting quotes for the installation of a disabled toilet & shower in the start box. So much to do, so little time.

Cheers, Matt

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Alice Leslie in a Sailability Access dinghy, takes on Valerie May & Ataroa from the Cruising Division in last Friday night's Twilight Race.

The fly over by an Air New Zealand 747 specially painted with the EBYMBC logo was a huge highlight of Opening Day.



Hello big buoy. Kokatahi helps out with some mark laying.



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