

The Spinnaker

OCTOBER 2004

Commodores Report

A huge thank you to the 36 dedicated members who attended the well-run, effective working bee last Saturday. It was great to see the progress made, the club looks much better for your efforts. It is a shame that it is always the same few faces we see at these events, which hugely help your club. If you are one of the majority who did not attend, you can phone the club and we will quickly allocate work for you to do. If the club had to rely on paid work for all the necessary jobs, it would not be able to function. It is a CLUB and clubs rely upon members support to survive. We are all well aware of the busy lives most of us lead these days, but there are many ways you can help. We look forward to you thinking about how you can help your club and then contacting us. We are still looking for many more helpers to help with the regattas the club is hosting this season. There are sheets for you to add your name to in both bars at the club.

The summer sailing season is nearly upon us and the sailing committee have done a superb job with this year's busy calendar. We look forward to some super events, and seeing you at opening day, 16th October.

Opening Day 11 a.m., October 16

It was with sadness that some of us attended the funeral of member Frank Julius. Frank has been a member of the club for 32 years and will be remembered for his kindness to others and his ability to recycle used equipment for the betterment of his own projects

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and many other boaties as well. Frank was great family man, dedicated to his wife, children and grand children. Frank's smiling, helpful demeanour will be greatly missed around the marina environs. Each time we attend the funerals of lovely people such as Frank, we are reminded that is the things that we do for other people that makes our mark in this world. Frank certainly made a big mark and has left a big hole in many people's lives.

I look forward to seeing you at the great place our club is,
Warren Rankin

The word from the House

Wow – where did those 3 months go? Finn's not quite sailing yet but he is making squealing sounds akin to those you hear from the bowman when Sean decides to 'chinese' the boat.

What a great turnout we've had at the club recently, especially considering it's the off-season. Friday meals are on the up and Saturday and Sunday evenings have been well patronised.

As promised, we are now the proud owners of a data show projector, thanks to the funds raised from our raffles. The projector is available for guest speakers, academy training, meeting presentations and of course big-screen video evenings and sports events. We had a great christening of it last Saturday with the Wellington vs Taranaki game and hope to make these events a regular feature of the clubhouse. We are working toward making the projector available for private hire by club members. Details will be published soon.

The team (Lynley, Yvonne, Jeanette & Co.) are working toward opening day. This is a major event on the calendar and one we could do with some help to setup for on the day. If you can

come down early to lend a hand, we'd love to see you.

Format for the day is:

Guests arriving from 11.00am for official ceremony at midday.

A light lunch from 12:30 with an opening day race starting 1:45pm.

Prize giving will follow (prizes compliments of Lion Breweries). Please note that the prize giving for the Winter Series will also be held that afternoon so if you raced the series make sure you are there from 4.30pm.

A reminder to you all that we desperately need more volunteers to put their name on the "blue forms" around the clubhouse to assist with forthcoming regattas. They don't run themselves and they are great for the Club's profile and coffers. Give it a go – give us an hour or three.

Look forward to seeing you in the clubhouse...
Paul V

Check out the change of name for the club website, the old Watersports name will continue for a while to come, but officially we are now...

www.ebymbc.org.nz

Faye's email address has also changed, its now admin@ebymbc.org.nz, remember to update your Address Book and Favourites list.

Programme:

11 am: Guests arrive
Noon: Official welcome
12.30 pm: Light Lunch
1.45 pm: Racing
4.30 pm: Prize-giving
(includes Winter Series)



EBY&MBC – Christmas Party

Following the huge success of last year's event – and by popular demand – the house are pleased to invite you to this year's Christmas Dinner and Dance.

Date: 27 November 2004

Venue: Clubrooms

Time: 6:30 p.m.: Happy Hour

8:00 p.m.: Dinner

9:00 p.m.: "Rarotonga" Auction

(see elsewhere for auction details)

This will undoubtedly be another great night of fun and frivolity so get in early – express your interest - and put your name down on the form displayed on the upstairs notice board. Then dance the night away until 1:00am

Cost to be advised (but approx \$25-30 per person)



Sailing Academy Report

Hi everyone,

Well the Spring classes started the weekend of September the 25th. Unfortunately we weren't able to get the Saturday Junior Group out due to the ever-challenging Wellington Spring conditions, but things were perfect on Sunday for both the Junior and Adult Classes.

The Optimists are looking great, thanks largely to the sweat and elbow grease exerted by the team at Totally Marine, and the paint from Altex Marine. Their colourful sails really stand out in the Bay and look quite festive.

As far as the Juniors go, we hope to have some separate racing organised for them and the

Sailability Racing Squad on race days. I believe we have people to run it however we could always do with extra people especially someone to help crew a Support Boat. If you are able to help please sing out, (939-4171).

We have received the new 420's. These boats are scheduled to have a busy life being used for training Youth alongside the Radford Sailing Academy boats, as well as for training adult intermediate sailors and club racing. They will be used in the forthcoming 420 Nationals and Asia Pacific's to be held at this club early next year.

In the meantime there are also lots of things happening regarding Youth sailors; we will have

Sailing Academy Report cont'd

Youth sailors representing the club at the Phase II Nationals, 420 Nationals and Asia Pacific's. There will also be a fair few adults involved who have come through our Sailing Academy.

Jane and I are off to Europe to visit the relatives for a month, so we wish everyone a great start to the Racing Season and hope you will all have had some good sailing before we return.

Regards,
Remy

Upcoming Events

Saturday October 16 Opening Day 2004-2005

Season - Be at the club before 1100hrs and partake in the events. The formal activities will be followed by the opening day race.

Sunday October 24 (Labour Weekend) 2pm –

Old Salts Afternoon Guest speakers will be Bill Brambley and Bob McDougall who will be speaking about some of the history of Shelly Bay and the Clubs slipway. Cost \$15.00 includes refreshments. All Members, past members and friends are welcome.

For tickets and enquiries phone Mike Usher: 04-299-2380 or 027 240 5109

Friday October 29 – New Members Night

This is a great chance for newcomers to find out about what goes on around the club, have a few drinks & an excellent meal, & we have a special guest speaker lined up, details will be emailed out & posted around the club.

Saturday October 30 – Boat Bits Boot Sale

9am –12 Noon: Here's your chance to turn those old boat bits you have lying around into cash. Throw them into the boot and come down to the club to sell them. Rain or fine.

Contact person: Bob Hill

Friday November 5 - Fireworks Evening

We will be providing an on the water BYO barbecue. Raft up, have a barbecue from the best vantage point in town, & miss the traffic jams home.

Contact person: Jeanette Baylis Ph 383 7381.

Saturday November 27- Christmas Dance

Rumour has it they're planning something pretty flash, come along & start the festive season as you mean to continue.

Murray Thomas

Events

Ph 939 4836

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. Sending things out via snail-mail is an expensive way to do things in our electronic world, not to mention time-consuming, so let us keep in touch with you online.

If you haven't heard from me in the last month then chances are I don't have your email address, & 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 from the Communications Committee

A word from Communications

What can I say, we're still beavering away on the same things as we were two months ago, but are we ever making great progress. The website is taking on a whole new personality, these days its so up-to-date that Judy Bailey checks with us for late breaking stories. And of course, its changed its name (www.ebymbc.org.nz).

But the word for the season is *Promotion*. Firstly, to you, our existing members, to make sure you're kept well informed of what's happening around your club, & secondly, to the outside world, who has no idea what they're missing out on. In this day and age, when every sporting club in existence is seeing a decline in membership numbers, it's a dog eat dog world, survival of the fittest, & we need to get our name

out there, loud & proud, so to speak. If you have any ideas, yell out.

Andrew & the Sponsorship team are working hard to bring in some extra cash, & you may have seen our esteemed Vice-Commodore wandering around the place in his very smart club logo clothing. Order forms for a variety of items will be available very shortly.

And keep your eyes on the local weekly paper, the Wellingtonian, there is nowhere we cannot reach, no lines we will draw in the name of self-promotion !

Fingers crossed for a calmer spring than last year.

Cheers, Alison
(kokamo39@clear.net.nz)

Cook Islands Getaway!!!

EBY&MBC have generously received two accommodation vouchers to resorts in Rarotonga compliments of "Sailing Cook Islands" to whom the club donated its redundant Optimist fleet.

You are invited to bid for either or both of these wonderful prizes either by closed postal bid or by turning up and participating in the Auction to be held at 9:00pm at the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on 27 November. There is no reserve, so the highest bidder gets the prize.

Prize 1

Pacific Resort, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Five nights for two people sharing a double room

Prize 2

Sands Villas, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Seven nights for up to six people (travelling together) sharing a deluxe 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom beachside villa
Value up to \$4,800

Conditions

Bids open to EBY&MBC members only. Prizes are ONLY for accommodation. Travel and all other expenses are not included. Prizes are valid up to 30 June 2005.

Further details of accommodation and indicative travel prices - see the upstairs notice board.

TRAILER YACHT HOIST

Summer's coming! Races to be won! Is there work to be done on your trailer or your bottom?

The trailer yacht hoist is being modified so **you won't need to drop your mast to be lifted**, which makes the whole event a piece of cake - really! And best of all, it costs only \$40 to 'slip' in & out, then \$8/day, less 30% for EBYMBC members, (minimum 8m length). Our Venerable Commodore has given the system a go, and was heard to say, "For an inexpensive, easy-to-use hoist in a well-protected location, why would you go anywhere else?"

The hoist is available to book now, contact slipway: 939-4172 or 027-240-5109, to discuss your needs.

A huge thank you

...to the crew of 36 who turned up to the Club Working Bee on Saturday, September 18th, in preparation for next month's Opening Day. Despite a rather blustery day it stayed dry and we got a lot done. Thanks also to the kitchen and bar staff for the very welcome lunch.

Work completed included:

- Protection being installed over the hose runs in the trailer park
- Gorse grubbed out from behind the "Black" shed
- Painted parts of the walls of the above shed
- Weeded gardens and the trailer park and hard stand areas

• Generally tidied up rubbish – we managed a whole truck load

- Tidied up the grassed areas
- Fixed, painted the Club house notice board and hose box at the Slipway
- Checked all electrical appliances and the winch electrics at the Slipway
- Checked and cleaned all lights
- Steam cleaned the Club BBQs, kitchen filters and the front of the Club house
- Fixed one of the older hardstand cradles
- And, earlier in the week, Remy and helpers painted the Optimist fleet centreboards and rudders.

All up it was a very productive day.



Gary is shown modelling the Supervisor vests used to help volunteers locate those overseeing work, while Rear Commodore Paul is on BBQ clean-up duty.



- Where are we at...with the Slipway?

As at mid September we had 16 boats up on the hard with only one spare cradle. The 3 new cradles are now fully operational and we have recently dismantled a number of old ones, selling over 6 tonnes of steel in the process. Three good cradle bases have been retained and we are looking at putting new arms on those bases. All in all, the facilities for holding boats on the hard have never been better.

But when it comes to the hardstand itself, things are happening a little slower...the Council have still to let tenders for the finger jetties, a boat wash-down facility and hardstand upgrading north of the slip. Drawings have been completed by the Council's consulting engineers and the Club understands that a negotiated contract will

be arranged for construction. Eventually, the contractor will require space for construction, materials storage and an office in space at present used for storage of boats. Arrangements are being made to temporarily extend the hard storage area towards the Clubhouse, but nevertheless there will be a reduction in the number of boats that can be accommodated on the hard during the construction period.

Unfortunately this will reduce the slipway and hard income during this financial year, but on the other hand, the future is looking very bright.

Mike wheels and deals while the real workers get on with the job...



The Phase 2 Association has launched its website, designed by Bryn Heveldt with hosting etc organised by Demian Dixon. I'm assuming these names mean something to those of you who know things about Phase II's, so go & have a decko... www.phase2.org.nz

What's happening with... ...the Café Proposal?

Following members' agreement at the AGM in June 2003, the proposal team have signed agreements with George and Stathe Apostolakis. We have had many meetings with the Wellington City Council and consultants of various kinds, and have managed to formulate a resource consent, building consent documents & plans and have forwarded them to the WCC. We expect consents to be granted once a new club lease is finalised.

The current lease the club has with WCC does not allow for the club to sub-lease. This lease expires in 2006. However, the club has asked the WCC to consider a new and more appropriate lease, which will allow the club the flexibility it needs to move forward. The WCC took 8 months, but have finally sent us a document, which was in many parts unhelpful. The club committee and solicitor have responded to the new lease document from the WCC and we await further negotiations with this document.

For those of you who are new to the club here are a few headlines about the formation of a café downstairs in the clubhouse.

- Activities, including sailing, now occur at the club 6-7 nights a week, and at least 3-4 days a week. The busy slipway operates 7 days a week. Yet the club is only able to be open weekend nights and during the day on yacht racing days. Thus we are not able to provide useful, encouraging services to those increasing numbers of members present outside weekends.
- The current downstairs and exterior of the clubhouse is not inviting. The clubrooms cover a large floor area and two bars. The club profits from food and beverage sales do not adequately cover the costs of effectively maintaining and upgrading the building. In terms of needed expensive upgrading, the building itself needs: new north facing windows upstairs as the current ones all leak; repairs to the leaking roof; engineers' reports tell us that the foundations of the old part of the building need at least \$20,000 worth of

work; the downstairs interior is in bad need of refurbishing; the furniture and floor coverings in the downstairs area are in need of replacement, as is the beverage chiller and the beer lines.

- The new café will incorporate a new chiller, new beer lines, foundation repairs, totally refurbished interior, more windows, glass doors and skylights to allow more natural light and an extended deck area outside, thus providing attractive indoor and outdoor surroundings to make members and non-members feel comfortable, welcome and provided for.
- In the past 5 months the clubhouse has made a net profit of approximately \$466.00 dollars. If we add into the equation the costs of administration of the two bars, hall hire, wages, etc and the huge amount of time it takes for the rear commodore and volunteers, to effectively manage this resource, you can see that this is far from economical. The new café will provide regular rental income, which will not only provide a stable economic base, but will also allow the club to refurbish the upstairs.
- Over the last 12 months I have been taking a tally of members present after racing. The largest number has been 60 persons, for approximately 2 hours. We certainly do not need an area bigger than the upstairs bar for this number of people.
- The café proposal would inject up to \$200,000 in capital into the building in improvements. It would provide a welcoming place to eat, drink and socialise in outside club bar hours, would enable the club to effectively meet host responsibility issues such as adequate food available, would give the club more chances to gain new members, and enable easy catering for club functions and regattas. It would also hopefully enable us to provide a lift for disabled persons to get to our top bar.

We are hopeful that the WCC will enable us to make more rapid progress and you will soon see the benefits of this scheme.



Cruising Division Update

With the increased interest in the cruising division racing, hopes are high for a good summer series. In addition to the normal weekend racing, Mike Coupe has scheduled evening racing, and cruising members I have talked to were keen to give it a go. Some members may have difficulty with mid-week evening racing due to work commitments, and unfortunately I will be one of those.

We are most fortunate in the cruising division to have so many talented yachts people, and a number of those have talents & skills which they share with the rest of us. For this reason I have decided to profile some of these cruisers in our magazine, starting with Neville Clark.



Neville has been sailing for some forty-three years, starting around the age of five in the Hauraki Gulf area, and was a sea scout for two of his formative years. Neville has been an Evans Bay Club member for approximately fifteen years over two periods. The first period was for ten years and the second two years, with a break of four or five years in between. Neville is a person of strong principles and he left the club following a disagreement at the time over the direction the club was taking.

Neville's skills are such that he has built three boats, one of which is still to be completed. All his boats have been of a similar design, and each an improvement on the last. His first boat was

Hobo, his present one *Moreta of Pern*, and the one nearing completion *Demelzia*. The motivation for building the first boat was to sail the Pacific, therefore the boat was built extremely strong to sail well in harsh conditions. As many of us are aware, Neville is very competitive in strong weather conditions, but less so in light weather. While the three boats were built for offshore sailing, Neville has not quite gone offshore yet.

Neville is very generous with his metal work and welding skills, assisting members with repairs to steel yachts and motor sailers. He has even been known to damage his mate's boats thus giving himself the opportunity to repair them. He is also an expert at strengthening rust holes in steel hulls by installing a pod for a forward-facing sonar.

I had intended to catch us with cruising division members on Saturday September 18 at the working bee, but the majority of you must have been working so tremendously hard, that not only could I not find many of you, but most did not come into the club house for lunch and free beer either.

Happy cruising, please support Opening Day.
Regards, John Seggie

A new meteorological station has been purchased and recently installed giving up-to-the-minute information about the wind strength and wind direction from the comfort of the clubhouse. Many thanks to Conrad Jagusch for the installation work.

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For more information about Sailability Wellington, and about our Open Day, please telephone 04-472 4546 and leave your contact details, or visit the Sailability page on the EBYMBC website <http://www.ebymbc.org.nz/sailability.html>

Nautical Quiz : Latitudes & Attitudes

This month, there are two \$25 EBYMBC bar tabs at stake.

1. The Southern most tip of the South Island (Slope Point) is at what degree of latitude?
2. Which Spanish city beginning with S lies exactly opposite Wellington on the Earth's surface?
3. If you were crossing from the Tasman Sea to the Coral Sea, you would be at what latitude?
4. Ancient sailors crossing the so-called Horse Latitudes would most likely be suffering from too much or too little wind?
5. In Wellington, what is the variation between magnetic & true north in 2004?
6. The 180° line of longitude divides which major Fijian island?
7. How many nautical miles are there between 39°57'S and 41°09' S?
8. The Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn lie at what degree of latitude north & south of the equator?
9. The words Latitude & Longitude come from the Latin words meaning what?
10. Lines of longitude are measured from what specific place in Great Britain?

Solutions to the last Nautical Quiz: Disappointingly no-one got all of August's questions right, have you people never heard of the internet ??? So, here are the correct answers...

1. Friday; 2. October 6, Nicholas Young; 3. Any three of: Alexander, Borrowdale, Charlotte, Fishburn, Friendship, Golden Grove, Lady Penrhyn, Prince of Wales, Scarborough, Sirius, Supply; 4. 1986; 5. Le Pic Mascarin; 6. John Wray; 7. 1945, 9; 8. Three; 9. April 10; 10. Australia II; 11. Jules Sebastien Cesar Dumont D'Urville.

Answers to be emailed to the Communications Committee: kokamo39@clear.net.nz. Two correct entries will each win a \$25 EBYMBC bar tab. Entries must be in by **October 25th**, and must clearly include your club membership number. Results and answers will be published in the next Spinnaker.

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Upcoming Coastguard Courses

NZ Day Skipper (date TBA)

The Day Skipper course is designed for all those who are new to boating whether in large craft or small (launches, yachts, runabouts, or trailer yachts). Not just for skippers, it is ideal for all members of the family or crew.

Contact Person: Rowan Hatch

Ph 388 8544

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21 and 28 November

Contact person John Piercy 388 1667

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