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# The Cutlass

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## Commodore's comments

The AGM was a successful meeting with very robust discussion. As I reported to the meeting, the club is actually in a very good position at the moment. We showed a small profit this year for the first time in many years (the result of a number of changes to management processes, as well as cost saving measures), membership remains stable and we are seeing a number of boats changing hands indicating that the interest in boating remains high.

One of the key items for discussion at the AGM was a proposal to introduce a crew membership category as part of the associate membership.

This was agreed to on the basis that a person who takes out crew membership is unable to register a boat on the club register. This means that each boat still requires an owner who is a senior member before the boat is eligible for prizes from racing. But the change does offer the opportunity for crew to join at 33 percent of the senior member subscription. This should provide an incentive for more crew to become members of the club and therefore feel that they can participate in club activities. It is now up to skippers to encourage their regular crew to join the club.

The joint winter series with Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club is now well underway with a good turnout of boats for each race. I haven't been able to get to all of the races, but it is great to see the number of LBYC boats that are racing. It certainly changes the dynamics of the start to have approximately 40 boats jostling for position.

A highlight for me this year has been participation in the Auckland to Noumea race on Lion New Zealand. I had a fantastic time, despite the gale force conditions just after the start and the fact that we had to beat the entire way. Lion is a big, powerful boat and being at the helm in heavy weather was a whole new experience, especially after dark in the absence of moonlight or stars to steer by. It was good blue water experience and I gained a number of insights, which I will share with you when I give a talk about the trip at the beginning of August. The trip has reconfirmed my desire to take *Am Meer* offshore when Katie and I get the opportunity.

**Geoff Thorn, Commodore**



## Visit the bar!

Most of our events are accompanied by a drink and good company at our lovely club house bar, complete with deck looking over the marina.

On Friday nights the bar is always open, and our resident chef Graeme cooks reasonably-priced hot meals, and on race days he does things like nachos, and steak or sausage sandwiches. At other times you can buy pies and snacks from the bar.

Kids are welcome at all times: we're family friendly.

The bar is open on:

- Fridays 1700-2230
- Saturdays 1600-1800
- Sundays 1600-1900 on non-race days, or from the end of racing until 1900 on race days

## Are you getting our emails?

The club sends out regular emails notifying you of social and cruising events. Do let us know if you're not getting them: the contact details are on the first page of this newsletter.

## Upcoming events



### Tuesday 14 July Technical Evening

Wayne Holdt of Yachting New Zealand will talk about what our levy buys by way of advice, representation and development for yachting matters big and small. You can't grumble about the levy unless you've heard for yourself! Wayne's an interesting guy: a competitive yacht racer, coach and club administrator, past Commodore of New Plymouth Yacht club, worked with Sailing... Have a Go! in Central Region, and spent a year as Sailing Coordinator for Southport Yacht Club in Australia. Bar opens 1900hrs, talk starts 1930hrs.

### Harbour jaunt Sunday 26 July

Cruising captain John Lord (*Joint Effort*) has organised a wee harbour cruise for launches and yachts on Sunday 26 July. It won't be as cold as ice yachting (see left), but given the winter so far it could be a tad brisk. So fill the thermos, bring the kids, and scoot out to have some fun on the water. Meet at 1100hrs at the marina. It will be a Le Mans start from Lowry Bay beach: so all boats will require a dinghy and an anchor. There will be a raft up for lunch afterwards.

### Lion rides the storm: Tues 11 Aug

Come and hear Commodore Geoff Thorn talk about the recent Auckland to Noumea yacht race in which he crewed on Sir Peter Blake's yacht *Lion New Zealand*. The fleet was hit by bad weather throughout, including 8 metre waves. 80% of *Lion's* crew were seasick for four days. A yachting who has notched up 100,000 nautical miles said it was the worst 1,000 he ever did. Bar opens 1900hrs, talk starts 1930hrs.

### Commodore's dinner 29 August

It's a long way off yet, but mark this date in your diaries for the annual Commodore's Dinner at Lowry Bay Yacht Club. Always a fun night with good food and an entertaining speaker. Tickets will be on sale in August.

## Thanks to our great race sponsors:

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The Glass Shoppe

Sika (NZ)

## Got any good scuttlebutt?

Tell us the gossip for the Scuttlebutt section of *The Cutlass*. Email [info@lbyc.org.nz](mailto:info@lbyc.org.nz), or ring Katie on 04 479 4913.

## July diary

### Tuesday 14 July

Club Night / Technical Evening 1930hrs – Wayne Holdt, Yachting NZ

### Sunday 19 July

Italian Ceramics Tilecentre LBYC/RPNYC Winter Series Race 4 at RPNYC

### Sunday 26 July

Harbour Cruise for yachts and launches, meet 1100hrs at clubhouse

## August diary

### Sunday 2 August

Italian Ceramics Tilecentre LBYC/RPNYC Winter Series Race 5 at LBYC

### Sunday 9 August

Italian Ceramics Tilecentre LBYC/RPNYC Winter Series Reserve Day 1

### Tuesday 11 August

Club Night / Technical Evening 1930hrs – Geoff Thorn, Auckland to Noumea race on *Lion New Zealand*

### Sunday 16 August

Italian Ceramics Tilecentre LBYC/RPNYC Winter Series Reserve Day 2

### Sunday 23 August

Sika (NZ) Ltd Long Harbour Race 2 1000hrs

### Saturday 29 August

Commodore's Dinner at Lowry Bay Yacht Club

### Sunday 30 August

Teams Race 1300hrs

## Scuttlebutt

**The *Two Low for Zero* boys were overheard speculating about the origin of a stray stainless steel nut found loose on deck. One of them considered the possibility that some b\*\*tard had randomly strewn nuts on decks along A pier to give yachties the willies. Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.**

Young Cole Porter took the plunge in more ways than one when he sailed an Optimist in the Antarctic challenge – he got tipped in the water and his co-pilot had to retrieve him.

**The delivery run for *Cosmic Thing* across Cook Strait turned into a real cosmic event, with big winds and big waves. John Lord, who did some steering, said that at one point the only part of him touching the boat was his hand on the tiller.**

Word has it that the people from the YachtYakka website made themselves less than popular when they boarded a yacht after having been refused permission to do so, and took photos of people asleep in their bunks.

**A skipper who shall remain nameless was so tired after a long race that he could not remember which position was 'off' for the battery switches. His wifey had to rescue him to ensure they were turned off correctly.**

## Our sailing committee:

The sailing committee organises all the racing events for the club. Feel free to contact them to have a chat.

Sailing capt: Tom Trapp (*Piaf*)

Sailing sec: Brent Porter

John Hermans (*Mint Condition*)

Manfred Wolff (*Easy Spirit II*)

Graeme McMillan (*Blue Water*)

Grahame Eathorne

Gordon McIntosh (*Sika II*)

John Lord (*Joint Effort*)

Judy Lymbery (*Jigsaw*)

## Line 7 bargains to be had



Line 7 is known for its sailing and outdoor gear and more recently men's and women's casual gear. It provided clothing for crews in the America's Cup, and has agreements to make clothing for the NZ A1GP motor racing team, Rowing NZ, and the Sir Peter Blake Trust.

Line 7, the clothing brand worn by New Zealand's America's Cup entrants since 1987, has gone into receivership. Sales are being held in its stores, with 60% off everything, so it's a good time to pick up a bargain and, if the ads are to be believed, to help save the company.

## Two yachts stolen and grounded

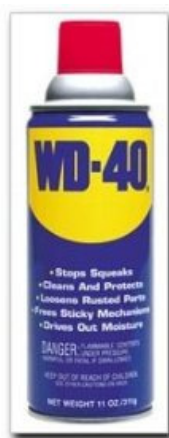


Last week two yachts moored out in Lowry Bay were broken into and set loose from their moorings, ending up on rocks.

The yacht *Bonnie Portree* was found stuck on the rocks at Sorrento Bay with its sails up, and a hole in its side. It was unable to be refloated. Its contents, which the owner said weren't of much value, had been thrown overboard.

The yacht was lifted out by crane and taken to Seaview Marina for repairs. Police said that the thieves had stolen a dinghy to get out to the boats. There did not seem to be any motive apart from joyriding.

## A Swiss army knife in a can



Did you know that you can use WD40 for dozens of things on boats apart from the well known uses like starting damp batteries and undoing rusty nuts? Unbelievably there's a 'Fans of WD40' website where people list their fave uses like dissolving dirt in water pumps, cleaning scuff marks off fiberglass, protecting console gauges, coating rubber ties to stop them drying out, spraying fishing lures to keep corrosion away (and some say it attracts fish), and unclogging nozzles on spray cans.

## Just cruisin'

Our cruising captain John Lord organises lots of great events for the club: technical evening talks on interesting things, and events out on the harbour, like the fishing day and social cruises. Come along to the next one (see Upcoming Events): the bar's always open. Or suggest an event yourself.

## Any bright ideas?

We're always on the lookout for new products, or sailing tips to suggest to our members: let us know if you've come across a good solution for one of those yachting problems.

## Send us your recipes

Got an idea for how to cook things with limited facilities on board? Or make nautical but nice cocktails? Share the ideas with us.

## Light up your sails



Perhaps not recognisable as a nautical light, but nonetheless quite pretty are luminous draft strips to put along your sails to make them stand out at night so you can see the shape of the sails. The makers, Glowfast, claims that this improves performance of twilight sailing by up to 20%, and that you don't lose the advantage of being invisible to other competitors because the glow strips are visible only within a couple of hundred metres. The glow lasts for 20 hours after exposure to natural light. Other products include luminous rope clutch labels, spinnaker Vs, and tell tale patches. Go to <http://www.glowfast.com/>.

## Outsider youth girls sailing scholarship



Yachting New Zealand is offering a scholarship opportunity for two youth-aged female sailors to attend the 2009 Sail Melbourne regatta.

The successful applicants will receive airfares to the Olympic & Invited Classes Regatta of Sail Melbourne, and will be billeted by a host family near the event.

Application forms are available on [www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz) and should be received at Yachting New Zealand before the 31st of August 2009.

## Compulsory licensing, byelaws mooted



After a spate of fatal accidents in the South Island a few months ago, members of the National Pleasure Boat Safety Forum were considering introducing compulsory licensing of boats until Yachting New Zealand argued that licensing has not been shown to reduce accidents.

Yachting New Zealand has also opposed proposed byelaws in the Marlborough Sounds for a daily charge to use the water.

## Women's invitational



Rochester Yacht Club (New York) is keen to host a 4-person team from New Zealand for the 2009 Rolex International Women's J-22 Keelboat Championships in New York on 7-10 October. Charter boats are available. Contact Cory on [corysertl@gmail.com](mailto:corysertl@gmail.com).

## Tell us your holiday stories

We want to hear your cruising highlights, good or bad – dragging anchors, great fishing, drunken parties, romances, gossip, and general scuttlebutt. They'll go in the Cutlass! Or be brave and give a talk at the club one evening.

## We hope you like the e format

Doing *The Cutlass* by email saves us \$300 in printing costs each month. If you like reading it on the toilet, you can still pick up a printed copy in the foyer, or ring the club manager to get one sent out to you.

## Become a *Sailing ... have a go!* instructor

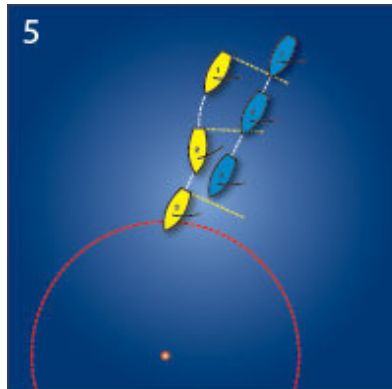
### SAILING ... HAVE A GO!

Yachting New Zealand wants to employ a qualified sailing instructor for the Central region *Sailing...Have a Go!* programme. The position will suit someone who enjoys teaching children to sail and has energy and experience to run the mobile programme with assistance from head office.

The instructor will visit schools and clubs from the lower North Island (Wellington to Hamilton). The contract will commence in September 2009 and continue through until mid April 2010. More information on the programme is available at [www.sailing.org.nz](http://www.sailing.org.nz).

Applications close 31 July 2009. Visit [www.yachtingnz.org.nz](http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz) for the job description and application details.

## Proper course: now you can bear away



In recent changes to racing rules, Rule 17.2 about 'proper course', has been deleted. John Doerr, writing for Yachting New Zealand, explains what this means.

Rule 17.2 prohibited a boat from sailing below a proper course when another boat was steering a course to pass to leeward of her. So, it used to be that you could protect yourself, by luffing, from a boat trying to pass to

windward but you had to accept a faster boat overtaking to leeward. Now, if you see her coming and provided you can keep clear as you do so, you can bear away across her bow so forcing her to sail even lower or risk going to windward and being luffed.

Being able to bear away below a proper course could be particularly useful approaching a downwind mark. Because overlaps are so dependant on the angles between the boats, there is now a greater opportunity to break an overlap at the zone, as in the diagram. Previously, Yellow would have broken rule 17.2 when she bore away at position 2. Her timing must be good and it may be difficult to prove in the protest room but nevertheless the opportunity now exists.

## Coastwatch 0800 4 CUSTOMS



Te Mana Arai o Aotearoa

Customs is constantly seeking information from the public on any suspicious border activity like drugs, crime, and terrorism. If you see anything, ring Coastwatch on **0800 4 CUSTOMS**, their national 24 hour hotline.