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Commodore's comments

The clocks have sprung forward, signalling the start of lots of racing to get you fit and relaxed before Christmas. October was exasperatingly windy, wet and cold, so I'm hoping that we can expect a lovely warm summer with moderate winds. It's looking promising so far. Several yachts zoomed over to the city side of the harbour to watch the fireworks from right underneath, and it turned out to be lovely and calm by 9pm.

All yachties are welcome to join the laid-back Friday night no-spinnaker series, and the Spring series every Sunday. Please note that the Friday races do start at the normal 1815 hrs, contrary to what it says in the Almanac. The bar is open for drinks, and Graeme, our caterer, will be doing his usual tasty, hot meals on Fridays.

For non-racers, there's a mystery cruise going out on Saturday 10 November: this will be easily do-able for any standard of sailor, so please come and join us and bring the kids for some fun and games now that the weather has decided to be positively fantastic! Unfortunately, last month the Port Underwood cruise turned into the Not-the-Port-Underwood cruise because of dodgy weather, but fun was had by all.

Put the Lowry Bay Christmas party in your diaries now: it's on Saturday 15 December, and there will be one for children in the morning, and one for adults in the evening.

And if you have young kids in your family who want to get into sailing, Brent Porter has resumed Sunday 9.30 am supervised sailing sessions on the duckpond (East of the marina office), now that the weather is kinder.

We have made a submission to Maritime New Zealand in response to a draft rule change which could make it impossible for the club to continue its free programme of sailing experiences for young locals. The draft rule required yachts providing sailing training to be up to Category 3, have an annual survey, have qualified instructors, and probably have professional insurance, as there could be a \$5,000 fine on individuals, and a \$30,000 fine for clubs. We have submitted that an alternative would be to devise a workable scheme for volunteers, which would not be so onerous.

We've had largely positive responses to the new format for *The Cutlass*. If you still want to receive it by snail mail, please tell Anne Callaghan, our club manager. You can pick up a copy from the foyer of the club, too.

Bob Rowell, Commodore

Visit the bar!

Most of our events are accompanied by a drink and good company at our lovely club house bar.

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

You can now get Julicher wines at the bar.

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

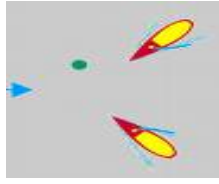
The bar is open these hours:

- 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 our social and cruising events. Do let us know if you're not getting them: contact club manager Anne Callaghan on the contact details on the first page of this newsletter.

Upcoming events



Racing rules evening – 13 November

On Tuesday 13 November at 7.30 pm, come to the Racing Rules evening at LBYC presented by Steve Macris. A must for skippers and crew. Open to all sailors and clubs (non-members \$5). Bar opens 6.30 pm. Be early - seating is limited.



Burnsco special opening – 29 November

Burnsco has a special opening on Thursday 29 November 6pm-8.30pm for LBYC members, with a bbq, special offers and a chance to get kitted out for the hols. Come to 14 Te Puni St, Petone, next to The Warehouse.



Harbour Cruise to Karaka Bay – 1 December

On Saturday 1 December, Lowry Bay Yacht Club is holding a social cruise across to Karaka Bay. Yachts and motor boats welcome. Come and raft up, do some fishing, have a barbie, and play some games. Fingers crossed for good weather!



Pete Lamb on fishing – 4 December

On Tuesday 4 December at 7.30 pm, Pete Lamb will talk on fishing. He's always full of info on where the best fish are, and tips on bait and fishing techniques. The bar will be open from 6.30 pm. Pete runs his own fishing charter business and shop: www.petelambfishing.co.nz.



Car boot sale – 9 December

Bring your unwanted boat junk to the LBYC Boat Boot sale at 10am. Sell what you don't want, and buy boat bits that other people don't want! There will be a sausage sizzle, and free lifejacket testing – bring any type along and we'll tell you whether it will do the job if you crash and splash.



Kids' Christmas Party – 15 December

A brilliant event for your kids or grandkids: the Lowry Bay Yacht Club Christmas party. There will be lots of fun and games and other kids there to play with. Starts at 11 am. Entry is free. Bring a wrapped \$5 present for Father Christmas to give to your child – please don't forget!



Grown-ups Christmas Party – 15 December

With the clubhouse spruced up with lights and sparkly decorations, and everyone in the mood to enjoy a summer evening on the deck, the Christmas Party is not to be missed. Live music from Don Wilson, great food, and the bar, of course, will be open until late. Tickets \$30 (\$40 for non-members) from Anne, club manager.

Your sailing committee:

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

Sailing captain: Tom Trapp (*Piaf*)

Sailing secretary: Brent Porter (*Piaf* crew)

John Hermans (*Mint Condition*)

Geoff Thorn (*Am Meer*)

Manfred Wolff (*Easy Spirit II*)

Graeme McMillan (*Blue Water*)

Bob Rowell (*Impulsive*)

Just cruisin'

Our cruising captain Grant McNamara organises lots of great events for the club: 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.

November diary

Friday 2 November 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series B – Race 4 (Mark Foy)

2,3,4 November all day

Yachting New Zealand Seamanship Instructors' course at LBYC

Sunday 4 November 1300hrs

Spring Series – Race 2

Monday 5 November 2100-2115hrs

Take your boat over to the city for the massive fireworks display.

Friday 9 November 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series B – Race 5 (Mark Foy)

Sunday 11 November 1300hrs

Spring Series – Races 2 & 3 to be sailed back to back

Tuesday 13 November 1930hrs

Racing Rules evening: open to all sailors and clubs

Friday 16 November 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series C – Race 1 (Mark Foy)

Sunday 18 November 1300hrs

Spring Series – Race 4

Friday 23 November 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series C – Race 2 (Mark Foy)

Sunday 25 November 1300hrs

Spring Series – Race 5

Thursday 29 November 1800hrs-2030hrs

Burnsco special opening & BBQ

Friday 30 November 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series C – Race 3 (Mark Foy)

December diary

Saturday 1 December 1100hrs

Harbour Cruise to Karaka Bay

Sunday 2 December 1300hrs

Spring Series – Reserve Day

Tuesday 4 December 1900hrs

Pete Lamb fishing talk at clubrooms: bar open 6.30pm

Friday 7 December 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series C – Race 4 (Mark Foy)

Sunday 9 December 1000hrs

LBYC Boat Boot Sale

Friday 14 December 1815hrs

No Spinnaker Series C – Race 5 (Mark Foy)

Saturday 15 December

Christmas parties for kids (morning) and grown-ups (evening)

Got any good scuttlebutt?

We're short of goss this month! Tell us the gossip for the Scuttlebutt section of *The Cutlass*. Email info@lbyc.org.nz, or ring Katie on 04 479 4913.

Scuttlebutt

When trying to justify the purchase of a drogue of a special design with vents in it, the guilty skipper said to his wife: "It's so useful: you can use it to slow down in storms, reduce movement at anchor, and you can use it for fishing." Looking at the drogue, the wife said: "It's not much good for fishing though – the fish will escape through those big slits."

The LBYC motorcycling adjunct did some military-style - but in the end futile - planning, as their Labour weekend cruise put them in Haast for the Rugby World Cup final. The bikers arranged for a late start, and the local pub was checked out to see if it was big-screening the match. All for nothing, dammit.

Our Commodore made a couple of Freudian slips in his submission to Maritime New Zealand on a draft rule change: a slip of the nicotine-starved fingers on the keyboard resulted in a submission on the "daft rule change".

Fergus Schultz



Fergus, nine year old son of Stefan Schultz (*Gypsy Girl*) sadly passed away while on holiday in the UK, after suffering an epileptic fit. Lowry Bay's adults and children will miss him sorely. Our heartfelt condolences and best wishes go to Sue and Stefan and their children. We know there's nothing we can

do to lessen your pain, but we can share it. The funeral was held on 6 October in Masterton, and was attended by several LBYC members.

Testarossa scoops nine prizes



At the LBYC annual prize giving in September, we celebrated the winners of our races throughout the year.

Testarossa had an incredible showing, taking the most prizes of all the yachts. Everyone knew *Testarossa* had done well during the year, but her tally of nine prizes really brought home how consistently Grant and his crew had sailed in the full range of conditions

There isn't room to reproduce all results here, only highlights. Click [here](#) and go to 'racing' for the full results on [the LBYC website](#).

Impulsive took the Summer Series Mobil Cup Div 1 on handicap, and *Smile* took the Commodore's division on handicap. The Twilight Series went to *Footprints* (fully crewed) and *Portafortuna* (two-handed) on handicap. The two-handed series was won by *Sika II* and the single-handed series went to *Flashwave*, which also received the Most Improved Performance 2007 award: the Commodore's Tankard.

The winter series Div 1 Winter Cup was won on handicap by *Fine Entry*, and the Commodore's Division was jointly won on handicap by *Fellow Sea* and *2 Low 4 Zero* who share the Wellington Boatbuilder's Cup.

The Season Championship Altex Devoe Cup and International Cup went to *Testarossa* (Div 1) and 2 Low 4 Zero received the Elaine's Solitaire Trophy for Commodore's Division, both boats getting both handicap and on line first places.

Brent Porter was awarded Crewperson of the Season, receiving the Coopers & Lybrand Cup, and John Hermans got the Sportsmanship Mug.

Non-racing awards were also part of prize-giving. The Hands Up Trophy went to Ian Craig (*Young & the Restless*) because he and wife Enid are always giving generously of their time and resources to help the club look spick and span. Ray Manning was awarded the Bruce Unsworth Memorial Tankard for special service to the club.

It's not over till the race officer sings



The Vice Commodore, Tom Trapp (*Piaf*) has notified a change to the policy about when a race series ends. When the club announced that the winter series was at an end, the minimum number of races had been sailed. However, after discussion with a number of members, it was decided that if there were reserve days still available, then they would

be used to re-sail postponed races. So races 6 and 7 for yellow division, and race 5 for Commodore's division were re-sailed. This seemed fair as it gave competitors a chance to improve their positions in the series. The policy from now on will be to aim to sail the *scheduled* number of races, and we will not stop racing when we reach the minimum number, if we still have reserve days in hand.

Marina fees go high at Evans Bay



The DomPost reports that Evans Bay yachties and boaties have seen marina fees shoot up nearly 17%, and fear there will be similar rises in coming years. It now costs \$2,382 for a berth. Evans Bay boaties say the increase would be acceptable if it mirrored the rate of inflation, but say that 17% is "greedy", and that the council has not maximised income from the marina to

offset the rent. Some old-time boaties fear that they will have to sell their boats, being unable to afford the increases.

Sailing blind



Did you know that blind sailors can race competitively, with beeping buoys, and yachts that emit sound signals from their bows. A New Zealand sailor, Paulien Eitjes, from Tauranga, has just won the Homerus Blind Match Racing Championships held in Mondello, Italy.

Got any bright ideas?

We're always on the lookout for new products like this, 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.

New rules for transiting Tory



If you're going in or out of Tory Channel at less than 15 knots, there are new rules for what you must broadcast, when.

Inbound, when you're 3 nautical miles from East Head Light, broadcast on **Ch 19 VHF** your intention to transit, and your ETAs at both the controlled nav zone boundary and East Head. When outbound, broadcast the same when you're abeam of Clay Point East Light. This is just our shorthand version of the notice, so to make sure you've got the details absolutely right, read the actual notice [here](#).

Race from Wellington to Akaroa



If you fancy a bit of tough action between Christmas and New Year, consider joining the biannual race from Wellington to Akaroa. Akaroa Cruising Club runs the event in conjunction with Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club. Race sponsor is Dickson Marine of Nelson.

Starting in Wellington between Christmas and New Year the race is about 190 nautical miles from start to finish. Wellington boat *Andiamo*, skippered by Andrew Taylor, took line honours in 2005 after 31 hours and 23 minutes of racing. Pretty Boy Floyd, also from Wellington, was just ten minutes behind.

The Notice of Race is available on the Akaroa Cruising Club's website [here](#) or contact race convenor, Paul de Latour on (03) 304 8518.

Welcome to new members

A warm welcome to all of our new Lowry Bay Yacht Club members. Hope to see you all around the club house, and out racing and fishing!

Kevin Thomson (*Petite Cheri*), Sea Ray
 Werner Strauss (*Popeye*), Noalex 22
 Ian Smith, launch
 Andrew Russell, (*Jeanne*), launch
 Bert Pepping
 Boydie Robinson (*Capacious*), power cat
 Terry McAlister (*San Laurent*), Hartley
 Brian Perreau (*Jacob's Creek*), Lotus 10.6
 Gregory Clout (*Found Money*), launch
 Peter Chappell (*Point of Sail*), Etchell
 Lyall Morton



Send us your recipes

Got a bright idea for how to cook things with limited facilities on board? Share it with us.

We hope you like the new format

Doing *The Cutlass* by email saves us \$300 in printing costs each month.

Earn money sailing to Aus!



A rowing challenge expedition is looking for yachts or power boats that are willing to shadow its 4-man rowing boat part or all of the way from New Zealand to Sydney, from 25 November (hmm, nothing like a bit of notice) and lasting up to 30 days. They don't need assistance except in an emergency, as the boat has everything it needs on board. It's also self-righting. Up to \$10,000 is available to help cover your costs and time.

The expedition can organise crew for you, sat phones, and EPIRBs. Contact Steven Gates on +61 2 9879 4551 or +61 407 432 852, or email sgates@basefx.com.au.

Smooth Sailing cocktail



A perfect Christmas cruising tippie!

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ oz vodka
- 1 ½ oz cointreau or Grand Marnier
- 2 oz orange juice
- 2 oz cranberry juice
- ½ oz cherry brandy

Shake ice with vodka, cointreau, orange and cranberry juices, and pour into a Collins glass. Drizzle the cherry brandy over the contents, and garnish with cherries and a lime slice. Oh happy days.

Christmas camembert



And here's something delicious to have with the cocktail: a schmelzy Christmas camembert that's easy to do on board:

Ingredients:

- 1 camembert or brie cheese
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp sliced almonds
- 1 tbsp dried cranberries (or jam)
- crackers

Fry garlic and almonds in butter. Add the whole cheese and heat gently for 5-6 mins, turning once or twice. Watch you don't burn the garlic and almonds. The cheese should be soft but not runny. Tip out, dollop on the cranberries or jam, and dig in with the crackers. You can buy canned camembert or brie, and it lasts for months on board.

