

# The Cutlass



September 2019

## From the Commodore

Max Meyers



Thank you for electing me to be Commodore for another year. It is a privilege and a pleasure to be associated with LBYC.

This year we have a largely unchanged committee except for Lynn Porter who has filled the role of Rear Commodore House and is a very welcome addition. With few changes, I am pleased that this will provide continuity and enable the executive to work on some of the initiatives we started last year.

Jamie Reid, our new Vice-Commodore, is one of the first of the new generation of sailors that has stepped up to take on this key role. I hope that the more experienced and senior members among you will provide positive support and encouragement to Jamie where necessary to make his transition as smooth as possible.

The recent prize-giving was well attended, and I extend my congratulations to all prize winners and, of course, to the volunteers that make racing and club events possible.

Following the voting for Sailability Wellington Trust to become an affiliated member of LBYC, the executive committee will be preparing an agreement for sign-off and I look forward to welcoming Trust members to our club once the formalities are complete.

September is packed full of events including social, cruising and racing. Something for everyone! I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for the executive committee by emailing at [commodore@lbyc.org.nz](mailto:commodore@lbyc.org.nz)

Happy September!

Max Meyers

## What's Coming Up?

Club nights are every Friday  
All welcome  
Bar opens at 5pm and meals are available at 5.30pm

**Saturday 14 September**  
**Commodore's dinner**  
**\$35 per person to pay at the bar or via internet banking**  
**7pm**

**Wednesday 18 September**  
**Skippers' pre-season briefing at the clubrooms**  
**7pm**

**Friday 20 September**  
**Pirates' Night at the club**  
**Dress up and come along for a fun night.**  
**Bar opens at 5pm and meals available from 5.30pm.**

**Saturday 21 September**  
**RPNYC Opening Day**  
**Interclub Race 1**  
**Start time 1pm**

**Saturday 21 September**  
**First-time Cook Strait crossing planning session**  
**4.30pm**

**Saturday 28 September**  
**Pre-opening day working bee at the club**  
**Starts at 10am**

**Sunday 29 September**  
**Opening Day Ceremony**  
**10am following by a light lunch.**  
**Race starts at 1pm (Interclub Race 2)**

## Celebrating success

### Season Champion Combined division

#### *Am Meer*

Congratulations to Katie and Geoff and the crew of Am Meer for taking out the season championship for both line and handicap.

A great example of a team and a credit to all involved.

Well done!



### Cruising division Champion

#### *Chickadee*

Congratulations to Molly and the crew of Chickadee for winning the Cruising division.

Well sailed!

All prize winners are published in the LBYC Almanac which will be available to members at the beginning of the season.

## From the executive committee

### Decision from meeting on 7 August 2019:

- Four membership applications were approved.

Members are reminded that membership cards can be collected from the club bar following receipt of subscriptions

### New members

A very warm welcome to:  
Phil Dashfield  
Gary Rousell  
Sam Shackleton  
Ian Harris

## From the house committee



Commodore's dinner –Saturday 14/9/19 @ 6.30pm for 7pm

Theme is Blue. Guest speaker from Life Flight Trust.

\$35.00 per person.

Pay by internet banking or at the club bar.

Pirates Night at the club – Friday 20/9/19

Dress up on club night (optional)



Pre-opening day working bee – Saturday 28/9/19 @ 10am

Time to give the club its annual spruce up!



Opening Day – Sunday 29/9/19

Opening Ceremony at 10am followed by a light lunch

Opening Day race starts at 1pm (this is also an Interclub race)

# From the Cruising Captain

Martin Payne

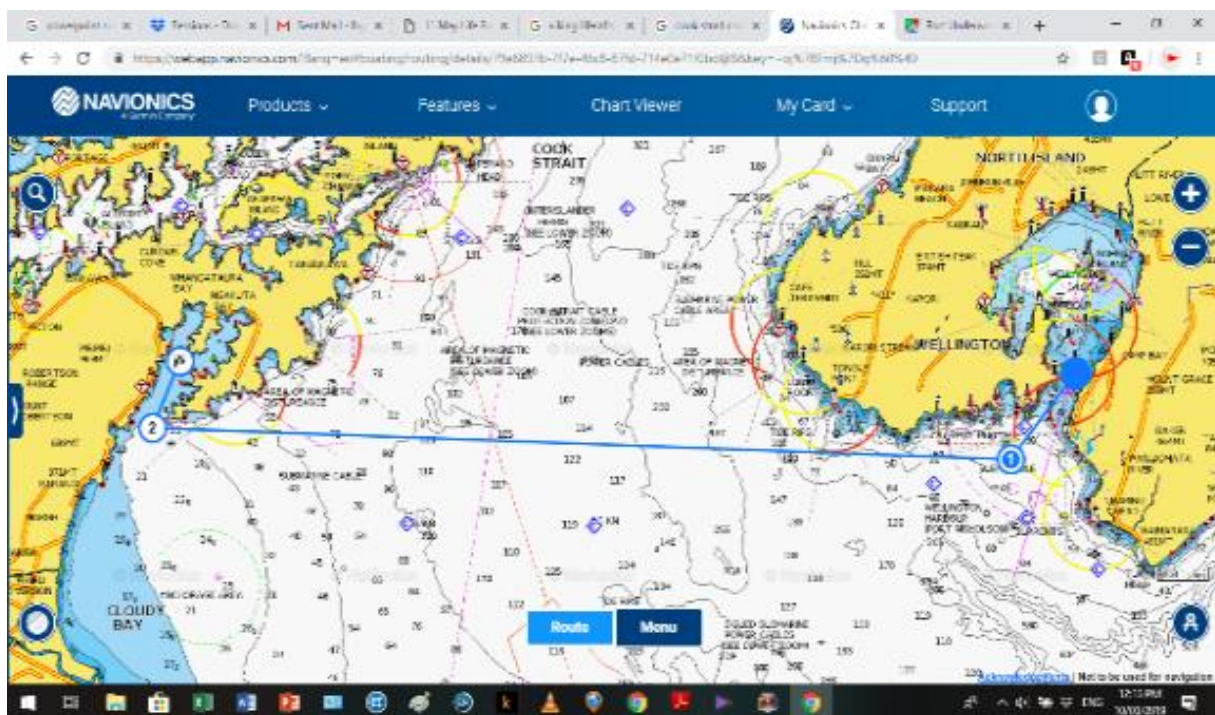
Events coming up....

**First-time crossing Cook Strait - Planning session 21 September @ 4.30pm** – another thanks to Keith Murray for agreeing to present the first part of the session – he has a huge amount of experience, with many Strait crossings.

## Planning Session

- Cook Strait – charts and information
- How to plan your crossing (presentation)
- Safety considerations and requirements
- Planning your own crossings (practical examples)
- Plan the Escorted Flotilla cruise to Port Underwood on 26/27 October

**Bring your own charts, tablets, plotters, etc.**



**Port Underwood cruise – 26/27 October (weather permitting)**



More information to come.

## Out and about

### **Affinity Cruises - presentation at LBYC 28/9/19 @ 4pm**

Affinity Cruises, Captain Brian Appleby, is going to be speaking about and presenting the wonderful experiences of cruising in New Zealand's BEST cruising locations! All members are welcome.

Marlborough Sounds – Fiordland - Stewart Island. Check out the flyer on the club noticeboard.

### **Father's Day experience – LBYC – Saturday 1 September**



Bob Rowell, our club president, tells us about an event he organised in conjunction with Lowry Bay Yacht Club, Rotary of Hutt City and Naenae Boxing Academy.

“My friends Billy and Kerri Graham of the Naenae Boxing Academy discussed with me that it would be nice to organise a Father's Day Experience for a group of their 9 to 16 year old boys and girls who do not have a father to give them something special to reflect on the next day which was Father's Day on 2 Sept.

Some these children and youth have never known a father in their family. The group of about 30 young ones teamed up with adult male mentors, brought their grandads or their mums. Our LBYC team was fantastic and dedicated the day to giving them all types of boating experience - from launches to sailing keelboats. The weather was perfect.

They tried their hand on the helm, fishing, sailing and Simon Miller, in Shardik, with his afternoon group (most of whom had never been on a boat or the harbour before) was seen coming down the harbour under spinnaker!

The day was concluded with a barbeque provided by Rotary of Hutt City at the LBYC clubrooms. The young ones (and their adult mentors) want to do more so we are giving them every opportunity to get them back out on the water.”

Bob said he is going to organise and train the young people to sail and put up some serious challenges in the LBYC Youth Race on 8 December.

Billy Graham says that he might not build champion boxers out of all these young men and women, but his major focus is to build young champions in life. We, at LBYC, can do a lot to help them on that journey.

Well done to everyone who made this happen.

## String Theory represents LBYC at SSANZ50



Congratulations Hayden and Phil

Third fastest elapsed time in the record SSANZ50 fleet of 178 boats.

## Kaimai Flyer racing in Mud House Women's Helm Regatta



Claudia and her all-female crew on Kaimai Flyer are competing in this Waikawa Boating Club event on Saturday 14 September.

Go girls!!!!

The cut-off for the October issue of  
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### From the editor

Send me your stories and photos to share with members here.

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