

The Cutlass



November 2018

From the Commodore



The last month presented some opportunities for me to connect with other yacht clubs and organisations that contribute to the recreation and safety of boaties in Wellington.

In many cases the challenges that these organisations face are similar to our own, the prominent one being a lack of young people.

I encourage skippers to step up and show leadership and support for our club youth race coming up in November. Giving young people the opportunity will open their eyes to the great sport that we enjoy. These moments may never be forgotten!

The programme for November is full of exciting competition on the water and lots of activity off the water.

Have fun everyone
Max Meyers

Special general meeting

This is to be held at the clubhouse at 7.00 pm on Thursday 8 November.

A notice of special general meeting has been sent to members.

The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2018.

Following the meeting members are invited to join the executive committee in a forum on the proposed rule changes. Feedback from members has been circulated.

This is a good opportunity to have your say.

The bar will open following the SGM.

What's Coming Up?

Sunday 4, 11 & 18 November
Two handed series 10.00 am
Spring series 1.00 pm

Thursday 8 November
Special General Meeting at
7.00 pm at the club.

Friday 9, 16, 23 & 30
November
Pursuit races 6.15 pm

Sunday 18 November
LBYC Flea Market and
Auction. An all-weather
event. \$10 per table or car
boot from 2.00 pm.

Sunday 18 November
America's Cup is coming to
LBYC via Sailability, watch
for details.

Tuesday 20 November
Technical evening 7.00 pm,
Cruising to the Sounds and
what to see and do while
you're there.

Sunday 25 November
Youth race 1.00 pm

Saturday 1 December
Night race 8.30 pm

Sunday 2 December
Spring Series Race 6 1.00pm

Friday 7 & 14 December
Pursuit races 6.15 pm

Saturday 8 December
Book this date! LBYC Irish
Christmas Party featuring
the Shenanigans. Tickets
\$20 p.p. on sale soon, be in
quick as tickets are limited.

Sunday 9 December
Rum Regatta combining
Interclub series 10.30 am

Celebrating success

Recent racing results

Friday night pursuit races

Race 1:

Celebrity first
Chickadee second
White Heat third

Race 2:

Celebrity first
Quetzalli second
Masterpiece third

Race 3:

Celebrity first
Madness second
True Blue third

Spring series

Race 1:

Combined division
Kama II first on handicap
Celebrity first on line

Cruising division

Chickadee first on line and handicap

Race 2:

Combined division
AmMeer first on handicap
Celebrity first on line

Cruising division

Chickadee first on line and handicap

Full results are on the website lbyc.org.nz/copy-of-results-2018



Interclub racing

7/10 LBYC, 13/10 PNYC & 22/10 EBYMBC
Full results published on PNYC website

Fantastic turnout on Labour Day by Lowry Bay boats, not only racing but also supporters. Congratulations to LBYC boats.

Spinnaker division

1st Am Meer
2nd Minika
3rd White Heat
out of 27 boats

Non-Spinnaker division

1st Quetzalli
2nd Impulsive
out of 6 boats

2 Handed Series

Race 1

Mint Condition first on handicap
Kaimai Flyer first on line

From the executive committee

Decisions from meeting on 18 October 2018:

- Approval was given for expenditure of \$6,118.04 from club funds to supplement the Pub Charity donation (\$5,000.00) to replace and install the stove and hot water system as quoted.
- Approval was given to pay GST liability of \$961.32 to IRD relating to catering meals.
- Approval was given to increase Friday night meal prices to \$12 and \$20 to cover GST effective from 26 October 2018.
- SGM date to approve the annual accounts is confirmed for Thursday 8 November.
- It was agreed to make clubrooms available to Spring Chickens for their Thursday meetings.
- The house committee were given a budget of \$400 a month for entertainment on Friday nights to be reviewed at the end of the year.
- Membership applications were approved for Martin Payne and Martyn Simpson

New members

A very warm welcome to:

Martin Payne
Martyn Simpson

Issues and work being undertaken:

- General Rules update
- Affiliate and Life Membership
- Clubhouse improvements
- Club management and processes
- Club start box relocation
- Membership and boat register
- New Cruising Captain

Almanac - An apology

The executive committee apologise for several errors in this year's Almanac, particularly in respect of membership, boat register and LBYC courses.

We are currently undergoing an audit of the membership list and boat register to ensure this does not happen again.

Your patience is appreciated.

Rear Commodore Cruising

The club are seeking a new Rear Commodore Cruising.

Full support will be given if you are keen to get involved.

Please contact Max on lbyccommodore@gmail.com for more information

Reminders:

Membership fees

For those members who have not paid their membership fees, can you please do this as soon as possible.

Boat register

Members are also reminded that the boat register can be updated on the LBYC website.

From the Vice

The [Interclub series](#) has gotten our season underway with some fantastic big fleet sailing (see Bob's photos and commentary on Facebook) and a special day was had on Labour Monday with Evans Bay yacht and motor boat club celebrating their 100 years with a fleet of 84 boats, including keelers, trailer yachts and dinghies. It was great to see so many our boats competing in the bay.

With the season underway, [Friday nights](#) have shown just how much our sport relies on the fickle winds of Mother Nature. Light winds one week, blown out the next and a strong gusty race thrown in just to test our skills. Even this last weekend we had not much wind on Friday, 10kts for 2 Handed Sunday morning and 20kts + for the spring series in the afternoon. Spring weather, eh.

I was recently asked "[What are our upper wind limits for racing?](#)" Fair question I said.

We will not start a race if the wind is 25kts consistently for 5 minutes.

A race will be abandoned if started and the wind increases to 30kts consistently for 5 minutes. Wind gusts maybe over these levels but don't usually last too long. This means we would be racing if the wind was 20kts + with gusts over 30kts. We look to abandon early in the day if the wind looks likely to be over the limits set but if they are close we will sometimes make this decision at the club. These limits maybe lower in a Southerly.

Our lower wind limit at the start is, enough wind to power boats through the water and have steerage (usually 4-5kts). We have the ability to shorten a race to finish within a time limit and if this is not possible through lack of wind a race will be abandoned.

On Opening Day we had another [Man Overboard](#), which we had a discussion about at our latest sailing committee meeting. It was disappointing to be told that the man overboard came from a crew holding the boom out downwind on the cabin top (human boom preventer) during an accidental gybe. This is the 3rd time this has happen in 2 years in strong breezes of 20+kts. I strongly recommend that this practice stops in strong winds as it is an accident waiting to happen. When a boat gybes in that amount of wind the crew member is never going to stop the boom from coming over. On the plus side it was good to see the crewperson wearing a life jacket, it inflated and he was picked up quickly.

Our [race management team](#) is after some help. Lynn does a sterling job managing our racing but sometimes Lynn and others are left to start/finish races on their own and this is not very satisfactory. It may seem as though everything is under control but it is quite stressful and a much better job could be done with a little help. No experience is required and it is a great way of being involved in the club or putting back into the sport. If you could help please talk to Lynn or myself.

Brent Porter
Vice Commodore

How can you help the club?

Full training will be given to members who are keen to help in the following areas.

Start box – assisting race management
Contact Brent on vicecomm@lbyc.org.nz

Bar service
Contact Matthew on info@lbyc.org.nz for more information

Get ready for the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race 2019

By Theo Muller

Race Director 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race.

I was invited to the October LBYC executive meeting to provide an overview of 'where we are at' with the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race. Back in April of this year, the exec unanimously supported the plans for the 2019 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race in its current format and that's what VC Brent and I have been working on. The new executive, led by Commodore Max, confirmed that earlier decision, but not without a robust debate about safety.

Safety on the water has always been of paramount importance to us, as we are well aware that the weather conditions we have enjoyed in the first two races won't be a permanent feature – it will get rough. Hopefully, not so rough that the Race Officer has to abandon the race, but Wellington being what it is, sailing in 20 knots can be, will be a challenge. We are planning for that and you as the skipper intent on entering the race should do so as well.

As mentioned above, the format of the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race will be the same as the previous two years:

- A 24-hour race on the weekend of 16 and 17 March 2019.
- Open to keel boats and trailer yachts 20ft+. Trailer yachts must have complying life lines.
- Keel boats to comply with Cat 5 and trailer yachts Cat B (modified by LBYC as the organising authority)
- Minimum of four crew (including the skipper) on every boat
- Entry fee \$125

The Notice of Race will be published before Christmas. In the meantime, I suggest that you have a good look at the relevant safety regulations published by Yachting New Zealand.

Click here <https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/racing/safety-regulations>

You can also purchase a hard copy through YNZ website for \$25.00.

Click here to order your copy. <https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/shop/ynz-racing-rules-sailing-2017-2020>

All participating yachts will be inspected prior to the race to ensure that they comply with the relevant safety regulations. We have been a bit slack with this in the past, but you, your crew and your yacht's safety are of paramount importance to us. The rules that govern the racing are not there for show; we will implement them. Our advice; don't leave till the last moment, plan ahead.

There will be a few minor changes to the format. In all likelihood we will start the race at 11.00 hours on Saturday the 16th of March, not at 12.00 noon as in the first couple of races. This makes it possible to include two long harbour circuits (instead of one) during daylight hours, before embarking on the shorter course at the northern end of the harbour by the time dusk sets in. The Race Officer on the day may change it back to one long circuit if wind and weather conditions demand that.

The start is likely to be from Days Bay wharf, as access to Point Howard wharf may be denied due to (part) demolition work to the wharf. Logistics will still have to be discussed with the ferry operator.

Earlier this year we had three Raven 26 yachts competing. We hope they will come back and convince some other R26 owners to sign up as well. We will introduce a prize for the winner of each one-design class competing in the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race. A one-design class fleet shall consist of a minimum of three yachts entering the race. There are plenty Young 88s, Ross 930, Ross 780, Noelex 25 and Lotus 9.2 in the Wellington area.

That's it for now. Watch this space for further developments.



From the Cruising Captain

Members are invited to a presentation at the clubrooms. Details as follows:

Cruising to the Sounds / What to do and see while you're there

When: Tuesday 20 November, 7pm for 7.30 start

Where: Lowry Bay Yacht Club

Presenters: Geoff & Katie from Am Meer and Andrew Boswell from Indulgence

Have you always wanted to travel to the Sounds, and been a little wary on how to go about it?

We have decided to hold this evening to invite all boaties to come along and hear how to prepare yourselves to travel to the Sounds. What to look out for, weather windows, routes to take, stuff you should have with you, good anchorages etc.

There will also be video clips on crossing the rip and other interesting things. Geoff and Katie are seasoned crossers of the Strait, so listening to their wisdom and advice should help you to feel a bit more confident in doing this as well.

Andrew is going to talk to us about what you can do and see while you are there. He'll have you keen to get over there as soon as you possibly can.

Mark the night in your calendars now. We look forward to seeing you there.

Steinlager 2 Charter - 2019 - are you keen to come along?



The Cruising Committee are keen to run another charter on Steinlager 2 next year. Are you keen to come along and enjoy a fun filled weekend sail in the Hauraki Gulf, Auckland? This is an amazing opportunity for club members to experience the thrill and excitement of maxi yacht sailing on arguably one of the most successful offshore yachts in history, Steinlager 2.

As a crew member for the weekend you can expect to be fully involved in sailing the boat including doing your time on the grinders and taking your opportunity to helm this awesome yacht. However, you shouldn't be put off by thinking you have to get fully involved in all the physical stuff. You are equally welcome to sit back and enjoy the experience. You do not need prior sailing experience but should expect to be hands on at times and be a great team member.

Steinlager 2 is an 84-foot ketch, built by Sir Peter Blake, for the Round the World Whitbread Race in 1989/90 race, which she won all five legs of the race. Still in her original race setup and livery, she is a fun boat to sail and live on for the weekend.

We need up to 25 volunteers to make this weekend a reality. The costs to you would be your airfare or travel to and from Auckland, and around \$130/day (tbc), to cover food, drink and the full-time crew who sail with us on the boat. We will be sleeping on board the boat.

If you are keen, please let me know. Once I have an idea on numbers, we can go ahead and organise this amazing trip. You won't come home disappointed, I assure you. Mel Hines. Contact: melanie.hines@xtra.co.nz

Notices

VHF operators course

Do you use a VHF radio? Did you know you are legally required to be licensed to use one? The good news is Wellington Ocean Sports has got courses coming up in time for summer! There are two evenings scheduled 7 & 14 November at 6.00pm to 9pm to be held at Wellington Ocean Sports, 115 Oriental Parade Wellington. Tickets available at oceansports.org.nz/vhf-operator/

Fundraiser for Sustainable Coastlines NZ - Recycled Yacht Sail Aprons and Tote Bags

Anna Kivi and Duncan Forbes from Go Native were inspired to make use of sails left over from 2018 Volvo Ocean Around the World winning yacht Dongfeng, Go Native had sold its fruit bars and ready to eat meals to Dongfeng for the race.

Each tote bag and apron is unique to the recycled sail and rope and have a bold and fun pop of colour. They're perfect for a kiwi summer BBQ, a day at the beach and the bag is great for everyday use."

Get your Christmas shopping done, at the same time you're helping raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines – it's a win for you and a big win for New Zealand.

\$89.95 per apron or tote bag delivered to your door*.

To order visit: <https://gonativeworld.com/collections/recycled-sail-tote-bags-aprons>



From the editor

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