

# The Cutlass



November 2019

## From the Commodore

October kicked off with the Steinlager II charter weekend in Auckland for some members and what a privilege that was to be aboard this



iconic racing yacht sailed round the world by Peter Blake and his crew and restored by the NZ Sailing Trust primarily to encourage young sailors.

Friday night racing is back and continues to be a popular event with our sailing members. If you want to give sailing a go, this is a good time to do it. Show up at the club by 5.30pm and talk to Lynn who will find a spot on one of the many boats heading out on the water.

Not racing? Friday nights at the club are a great way for all members to unwind at the end of the week and enjoy a drink and a meal whilst watching the sun go down.

The planning sessions for first timers across Cook Strait attracted a lot of attention from various boat owners and hopefully this will see more boats heading south over the summer to enjoy cruising in the Marlborough Sounds and Abel Tasman. Despite less favourable conditions, four club yachts made it to Port Underwood for the first time in over 10 years for Labour weekend. Another cruise is being planned together with meet-up points and times in the Sounds over the Christmas holiday period.

The club hosted the crews of the Cook Strait Wine Race organised by Waikawa Boating Club that finished at Seaview on the Friday of Labour weekend. Many thanks to our club manager, Matthew Nolan, for co-ordinating this event with WBC and LBYC club members. The feedback from owners and crew members of the visiting boats made me feel proud to be a LBYC member. The executive committee will consider the possibility of hosting this event again next year.

Wishing you all fun and safe boating.

*Max Meyers*

## What's Coming Up?

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

**Friday 8 November**  
Pursuit A race  
First start at 6.15pm

**Sunday 10 November**  
Two-Handed race 10.00am  
Spring series race 1.00pm

**Friday 15 November**  
Pursuit A race  
First start at 6.15pm

**Sunday 17 November**  
Two-Handed race reserve day 10.00am  
Spring series race 1.00pm

**Friday 22 November**  
Pursuit A race  
First start at 6.15pm

**Saturday 23 November**  
The LBYC kids' pirate day  
See details below  
2.30pm to 5pm

**Sunday 24 November**  
Spring series race 1.00pm

**Friday 29 November**  
Pursuit B race  
First start at 6.15pm

**Sunday 1 December**  
Rum Regatta (including Interclub race 1 only)

# Celebrating success

## Spring Series

*(Results after 3 races, no discards)*

*Combined Division*

First – Kaimai Flyer  
Second – True Blue  
Third – Celebrity

*Cruising Division*

First – Chickadee  
Second – Crewcut

## Two-Handed Series

*(Results after 2 races)*

First- Minika  
Second- Sika II  
Third- True Blue

## Friday night pursuit series A

*(Results after 3 races, no discards)*

First – Crewcut  
Second – Minika  
Third – Code Breaker

## Interclub racing

### Spinnaker Division

#### Series results (after 3 races)

*Handicap*

First – Usurper  
Second – Am Meer (LBYC)

*PHRF*

First – Saucy Sausage  
Fifth – Kaimai Flyer (LBYC)

*Line Honours*

First – St Laurence  
Second – Kaimai Flyer (LBYC)

### Non-Spinnaker Division

#### Series results (after 3 races)

*Handicap*

First – Coriander  
Second – Quetzalli (LBYC)

*Line Honours*

First – Quetzalli (LBYC)  
Second – Coriander



## From the executive committee

### Decision from meeting on 17 October 2019:

- Two membership applications were approved.

### New members

A very warm welcome to:

Jacob Halliburton

Jane Anderson

### Work currently being undertaken by the committee:

- Upgrading heat pumps – quotes and application for funding
- Blinds in Seaview room
- Replacement of cracked window in Seaview room
- Upgrade of sound system in Seaview room
- Website upgrade
- Application for funding for club furniture

### LBYC are pleased to announce new sponsors for the Rum Regatta

Shipwreck Trading and Black Spot Rum have teamed together to sponsor this year's Rum Regatta scheduled on Sunday 1 December. This will also include an Interclub race so it is expected there could be up to 40 boats on the water.

Members are encouraged to support all our sponsors.



Looking for that special gift this Christmas for your loved one or just treat your boat or home to a little something.

Visit this fabulous store at Seaview Marina or shop online at:  
[www.shipwreck.co.nz](http://www.shipwreck.co.nz)



Try this:

*Tall Glass filled with ice*

*Wedge of lime*

*Royal Jamaican Ginger Beer up to the gunnels*

*Float a good nip of BlackSpot over top*

*Dash of angostura bitters*

*(optional based on next wind shift)*

# From the Rear Commodore

Lynn Porter

## The LBYC Kids' Pirate Day – 23 November



Due to the busy programme of events in October the kids' pirate day has moved to 23 November.

Brent and I have hosted this for some years now and the feedback we get is always positive from the kids and their parents/grandparents.

We've noticed quite a few kids around the Marina lately so we hope you will bring them along to join the fun.

Here are the details:

### THE LBYC KIDS PIRATE DAY

Ahoy me hearties a wild, swashbucklin' adventure including a treasure-hunt & goodies

Saturday 23 November 2.30pm - 5pm

Lowry Bay Yacht Club

Fish n Chips for dinner & pirates' blood to drink

\$5 for 1 fish or \$8 for 2 fish & chips

Prize for Best Dressed Pirate

## Christmas Party – 14 December



The Christmas decorations are going up in early December and the annual Christmas Party for both the kids (afternoon) and the adults (evening) will be on Saturday 14 December. Please diary this date and check upcoming notices for details.

## Club opening hours

Fridays 5pm, with meals being served from 5.30pm

Saturdays 4pm to 6pm unless booked for a private function (snacks available)

Sundays from 3.30pm following the racing (snacks available)



# From the Cruising Captain

*Martin Payne*

The Port Underwood cruise saw the last of the cruising programmed winter events. We have had some exceptional presentations on a range of topics – many of which we will try to repeat in next year's winter programme.

The summer cruising programme will be based on the 3 R's - Raft-Up, Rendezvous, and Restaurants.

The Wellington harbour raft-ups will be on an ad-hoc basis, dependent mostly on weather conditions. These will be announced in the weekly 'What's On'.

A list of rendezvous points and dates is being developed in the Marlborough Sounds. So, for those lucky enough to be down there in late December through to late January, they can see the rendezvous point, on a given date, and meet up with others from LBYC for a noggin'n'natter or a BBQ.

Several Sunday lunch events are planned in Wellington. A wharf-side restaurant will be nominated and there will be provision made for the yachts to raft-up, whilst the crew imbibe in food, fun and friends.

The Port Underwood cruise on the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October was marred by unfavourable weather conditions, particularly for first timers and several people were very disappointed. We are looking at holding a four-day event over the Waitangi Day weekend and heading for the sounds, possibly to Punga Cove, with a number of events planned, such as a race to Furneaux Lodge, biggest fish competition, knobbly knees contest (just joking with the last one).

The summer cruising programme will be out soon.

Be safe out there.....

## Port Underwood cruise – Labour weekend

by *Keith Murray*



*Port Underwood cruise (four boats) Freedom, Muffin, Summer Lightning and Quetzalli*

The club's cruise to Port Underwood was held over Labour Weekend. Sixteen boats were registered for the cruise and two planning meetings held to explain the route, probable tide and weather effects.

As Labour weekend drew near the weather forecasts were not promising. At the 0900 briefing on Saturday morning the crew of only six boats appeared. At that time there was a moderate northerly wind, clear sky and slack water at Sinclair Head predicted for 1444.

[Read more ....](#)

The second in a series of articles from competitors of the 24-hour endurance yacht race....

## Round and round and round

### Some thoughts on the 2019 24-hour endurance yacht race

*Jennie Darby, Skipper of Out to Lunch*

I had taken part in the first 24-hour race, on *Pulse* as a crew member, missed the second one (I was lying on a beach in Rarotonga!) but 2019 seemed to be the year for *Out to Lunch* to have a go.

I prevaricated, delayed and deferred doing anything until Theo, who can be very insistent, was on my case. Three weeks before the race I had a crew, had paid my fee, had moved extra stuff from the boat to the store and found the spinnaker in the garage.

One week before countdown the crew (Daniel Benton, Daniel Millar, Lars Vandrey, Steffen Mertens and I) met for the first time to plan the race. We spent some time on the important things – who would provide what food, and any dietary restrictions there were. We agreed that we would fly the spinnaker during the day but not at night, lack of practice and a baby stay made that decision seem appropriate. We decided not to have a shift system, but that people would sleep when tired and that there would always be two people on deck.

[Read more...](#)



*Raising the spinnaker through the hatch*

Note your diary now for the next 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race  
Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March 2020

## Out and about

### Steinlager II - Charter Fri 3 Oct - Sun 5 Oct 2019

by Wendy Rozenberg



This is the third time LBYC has planned a charter - so to fill the spaces we had people from the RPYNC, EBYMBC, Christchurch, Levin and even two guys from Timaru.

We met aboard Steinlager II on Friday morning for a briefing by the Skipper Andre. He was supported by three crew from the Trust, Tony, Bridget and Alex. Thank you to the crew who made the weekend so enjoyable. We got meals cooked, snacks and cups of tea on deck at regular intervals. There were about 31 of us aboard so it was quite a task to keep us all fed - on one stove in a small kitchen. [Read more.....](#)

### Cook Strait Wine race boats on H Pier



The 2019 Cook Strait Wine Race ended at LBYC on Friday afternoon prior to Labour weekend. 22 boats arrived from Waikawa. Each boat was personally greeted by the Commodore or an LBYC club member. Sue and Grahame Eathorne, Keith Murray and the Commodore had their work cut out retrieving the lines from boats to tie up on H Pier in a brisk southerly breeze.

Later at the prizegiving, the clubhouse was a bit crowded..... A very enjoyable evening for all who attended and great work from all volunteers.

Waikawa Boating Club pics of the wine race [HERE](#)

## General Notices

### Cruising without your boat



Are you wanting to experience Fiordland, Stewart Island or the Marlborough Sounds but don't want to take your own vessel there? There's another way to experience these unique locations.

Cruising around the Marlborough Sounds, Stewart Island and Fiordland is how the master of the vessel, Brian Appleby, dreamed of spending his days. The purpose-built cruising vessel was originally used for fishing charters but when the Appleby family bought the vessel in 1996, they decided to move away from fishing charters to focus on cruising, kiwi style!

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