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24 HOUR ENDURANCE YACHT RACE

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There are less than 100 days ...

When you are reading this article, it'll be less than 100 days till the start of the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race on the 3rd of March 2018. Oh, that's still ages away, I hear you say. Well, it is and it isn't. If your boat is ready to sail and your crew have committed to be on board, time is on your side. However, if there is still work to do on your boat and you haven't organised your crew yet, get busy, get sorted. Earlier this year, some skippers were still scrambling for crew on the day of the race. Don't let that happen to you. Key to a successful race and a great experience for all aboard is totally dependent on how well you are prepared. Make a list of the things that need attention to get your boat ready. Check your navigation lights, VHF radios, cordage, sails, motor. If your windows are leaking, get them fixed. There is nothing more demoralising than a constant drip on your sleeping bag. Is your safety gear up to scratch, life jackets, flotation devices, working torches, first aid kit?

From an organisational perspective, we are well underway with the planning. We have 17 sponsors signed up for next year's race. Except for one, all of this year's sponsors are on board again, plus three new ones. Posters and brochures have been printed and presentations planned at Royal Port Nicholson and Evans Bay YMBC. A workshop was held at LBYC earlier this month.

And ... the Navy is coming.

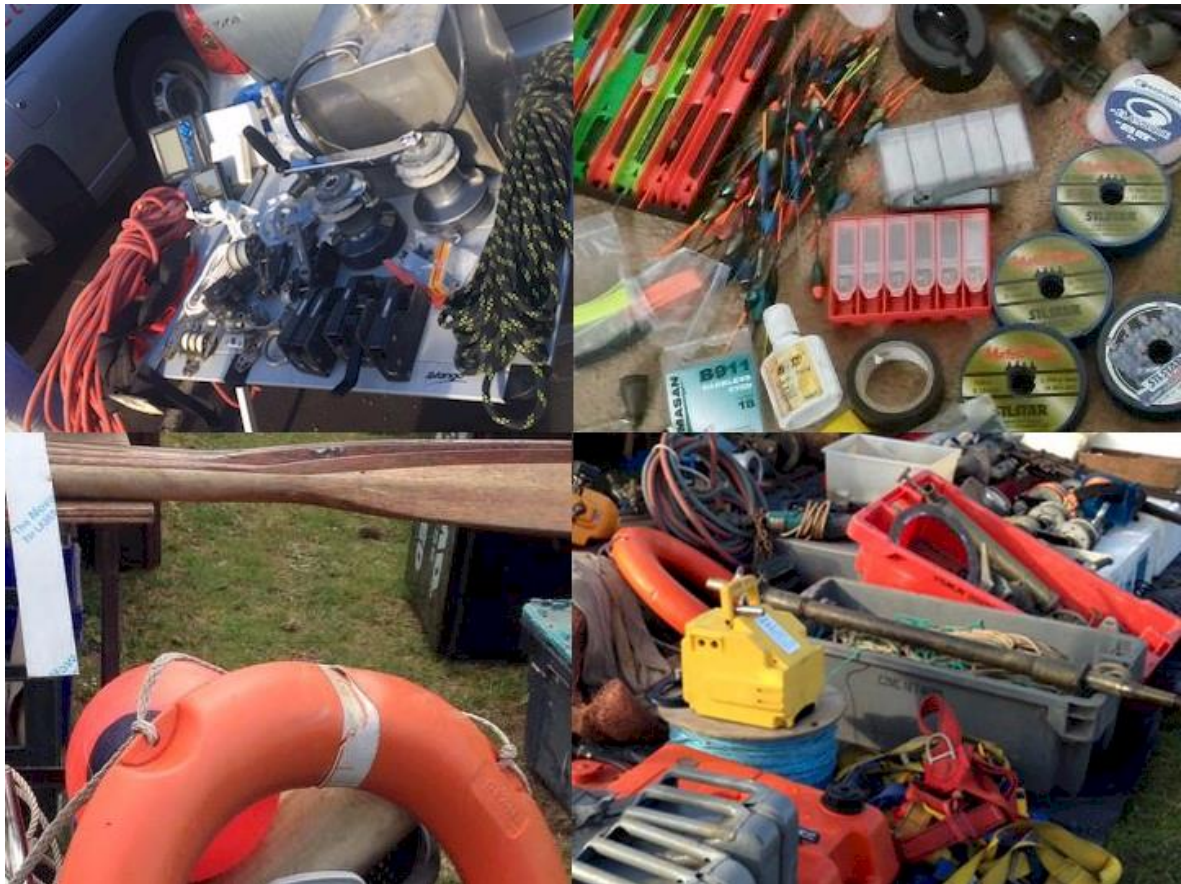


The Royal New Zealand Navy have committed to enter one of their training yachts, a Chico 40, in the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race 2018. They are sailing the yacht down the west coast from their Devonport base in Auckland, using traditional navigation techniques, i.e. sextant, bearing compass, dead reckoning etc to arrive here in Wellington late February 2018. They will be in Wellington for about two weeks, then cross Cook Strait for a promotional tour of the Sounds, before heading north again via the east coast. It will be fantastic to see their huge spinnaker traversing Wellington Harbour.

Please keep an eye on the LBYC website. We are updating the website as new information comes to hand. Entry forms will be available from the 15th of January. We will also put order forms for a branded polo shirt on the website, so that you can all look the part on race day. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dig out your old gear & get ready for summer boating!

Boat Jumble Sale, Seaview Marina Sat. 25th Nov. 2-4 pm



Clear out the back of the garage and bring your unwanted boating/sailing/fishing treasures to the Boat Jumble car boot sale at Seaview Marina.

Sell, swap or donate the gear you never used, find a rare part or pick up a bargain! Anything boating related - gear, fishing-tackle, safety, charts, books...

Plus: Sausage sizzle, advice and information, LBYC Clubrooms open; Compass Coffee, Burnsco, Seaview Marina office etc. will be open.

Free entry for buyers; sellers make gold-coin(s) donation to Coastguard.

Park outside Marina Entrance 2: **plenty of free parking** on Port Road, Seaview.

Only Marina users' and registered Car-boot sellers' vehicles inside please.

All Wellington region boaties, fishermen, sailors and boating clubs are invited.

SELLERS: Register now at www.lbyc.org.nz/updates

Hosted by Lowry Bay Yacht (& Cruising, Fishing and Motor Boat) Club

A welcoming active growing family-friendly club; *bar, food, pool-table, library*; cruising, racing, fishing, social, family & how-to events; *have a go at crewing*; boat ownership advice; ***New members welcome, free trial, no joining fee.***

www.lbyc.org.nz info@lbyc.org.nz

Bad weather postponement day: Saturday 2nd December.

SAILING

The Friday night Pursuit Series has been well supported and for the five races sailed has had reasonable weather. The first two races were in light winds from the north and the next three races were in south to southeast winds varying from 5 to 15 knots. It is hard to have better conditions.

The fleets have been as large as twenty two and as small as eleven. The corrected times have been very close and there has been a different winner on handicap for each race.

There have been a number of gear failures. White Heat retired with a broken rudder, Pulse with a broken halyard, Bojangles retired with a problem and Vanilla Ice seems to spend a lot of time trying to get sails hoisted but has completed the courses.

The three courses with southerly winds proved the most interesting and at times trying. Race three took the fleet to mark 12 by Ward Island. The wind was very fresh causing some spectacular course deviations. On Bluebell, Matt felt he was going to be welcoming aboard the bow of Fellow Sea. The finish of the race also had challenges, as there was confusion over the course to be sailed.

Race 4 was gentle sailing and the course was via 18 (Days Bay) 24 (Somes Island) and 23 (Petone foreshore). The wind was steady making for an easy comfortable progression. For the smallest boat in the fleet (Pulse) that was positive as with five crew and a dog they needed gentle conditions. Race 5 was in fresher conditions and a strong tidal current that resulted in a nasty chop at the start line that slowed the smaller light yachts. Bluebell was able to use her weight to lead the fleet and hold the wind to easily round mark 18. Impulse and Minika in hot pursuit of Bluebell were not so lucky. Just as they approached 18 the wind vanished, circled gracefully and paused. That enabled Bluebell to pull away and it was not until two thirds of the distance to 24 that the much large Impulse overtook Bluebell.

After five races 2 Low 4 Zero is leading in the series.

AROUND the BOATYARD

Those who carry out their own maintenance do not usually enjoy the underwater painting time. They should admire the efforts of Clare Robinson as her vessel is far from small.



Not quite so large but equally tiring is the underwater area of Freedom. Of course this size is necessary to enable the crew to enjoy haute cuisine and hot showers during the 24 hour race.



On a more delicate scale is Roxana IV returning to the water after her extensive above and below the water paint job.



SOME BOATS NEVER VANISH

Two issues back it was reported that Ian Craig's yacht *The Young and the Restless* had been sold and taken away from Wellington Harbour. The photo below shows that there has been a ghostly return.



The boat is a one tenth replica and the keel full size. The work has been completed by Metal Art at Seaview



MARINE PEST SURVEYS COMING TO YOUR HARBOUR SOON

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) conducts regular checks for marine pests in a number of high-risk marine areas around the country and has been doing so since 2002. The focus of this surveillance is the early detection of a number of pests that are not known to be in New Zealand, and we are actively trying to keep out.

WHAT DO WE LOOK FOR?

We target five species that have considerable harmful impacts overseas:

- » Northern Pacific seastar, *Asterias amurensis*
- » Asian clam, *Potamocorbula amurensis*
- » European shore crab, *Carcinus maenas*
- » Chinese mitten crab, *Eriocheir sinensis*
- » Aquarium weed, *Caulerpa taxifolia*

We also look for any and all new species in these locations, and established pests with limited distribution, like the Mediterranean fanworm, *Sabella spallanzanii*. For more information about what species we specifically target, go to www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/salt-freshwater/saltwater.

WHY?

If these pests were to arrive in New Zealand, they could threaten our environment, the economy, our fisheries, native species or our enjoyment of our unique coastal and marine areas.

We undertake the surveys twice a year, so that we maximise the chance of detecting one of these pests early. The faster we find a pest the more chance we have to eradicate it before it becomes established.

HOW?

The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA) designed the surveys for MPI. A number of different methods are used to sample a wide range of marine plants and animals, including dive surveys, crab traps, benthic sleds (similar to a to a small scallop dredge),

The details of the next survey are:

Location	Dates	Contact
Wellington Harbour	4-15 December 2017	surveillance@mpi.govt.nz or call 0800 00 83 33

shoreline searches and crab condos (juvenile fish and invertebrate settlement devices). Both the crab condos and the crab traps are deployed underneath surface buoys; these buoys will be marked **NIWA Research** with a contact phone number.

WHERE?

The program surveys a number of ports, harbours and marinas around the country twice a year, including this one. These locations were chosen because vessels arrive there from overseas, and marine pests are known to hitch a ride to new locations attached to vessels hulls or in ballast water. Within each harbour, potential habitats for the target species are surveyed in pre-selected locations, including wharfs and floating marinas, breakwalls, rocky reefs, aquaculture structures, beaches, sand flats and deeper soft sediment areas.

WHO?

NIWA is contracted to undertake the field work for MPI. A team of 5 – 8 NIWA scientists, divers and boat operators undertake the work at each port, and usually operate out of several small research boats. Key NIWA survey staff are Authorised Persons under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and may physically inspect the hulls of vessels and take samples of organic material or organisms for further inspection and testing, under sections 109 and 121 of the Act. If the person appearing to be in charge of the vessel is present the NIWA staff will identify themselves as authorised persons prior to carrying out these inspections or, if there is no person appearing to be in charge at the time, written notice will be provided following the inspection that an inspection has occurred.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT THE RESULTS?

Email surveillance@mpi.govt.nz stating your port(s) of interest, and you will be added to an email distribution list, and sent results as they become available. The full results for all ports and marinas around the country are available annually, via our website:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/publications>.

Questions or concerns Contact MPI: surveillance@mpi.govt.nz or call 0800 00 83 33

ADDITIONAL INFO AND LINKS

To see more about MPI, go to www.mpi.govt.nz.

To see more about NIWA, go to www.niwa.co.nz.

To learn more about the distribution of marine pests in NZ, go to www.marinebiosecurity.org.nz

To learn more about regional biosecurity measures, go to Northland biosecurity information www.nrc.govt.nz/Environment/Weed-and-pest-control/Marine-pests/

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