

The Cutlass



January 2019

From the Commodore

Happy New Year

I hope you have had a good break and have managed to recharge for a busy and successful New Year. Certainly, LBYC's presence has been felt throughout the country with our intrepid members sailing in Fiordland, Abel Tasman, Hauraki Gulf, Pelorous and Queen Charlotte Sounds. These are only the places I know about and it reflects the adventuring spirit in the club, and the knowledge and experience that has a home at LBYC.

So far, we have had a very active season with a full racing programme largely unaffected by the weather. There were great turnouts for the Opening Day and Rum Regattas and it was terrific to see the fleet boosted by the interclub events. Our race management is consistently providing well run events and this is being noticed by the other clubs.

Organisation for the 24-Hour race is well underway and I encourage members to participate as owners or crew and decisions on this need to be made soon. There appears to be good interest in the event and the director is hoping to have more entrants than in the previous events. The enjoyment of all participants in previous events has been impressive. It is an endurance event and the sense of accomplishment is worth striving for. There are now less than 60 days till the start and it's time to step up and get involved. Those that do, will build their sailing skills and its excellent preparation for offshore and longer distance cruises. This year's event will have more emphasis on safety with practical ways that help with longer events, offshore sailing and cruising. If you have an interest and need crew or are wanting to get on a boat, register your interest on our website under the 24-Hour heading under racing. <https://www.lbyc.org.nz/24-hour-endurance-race>

As well as a full racing programme, Martin Payne our new Rear Commodore Cruising has started a new cruising programme that includes a movie night, and Thursday technical evenings. Later in the year he is working on a major fun event like the great escape.

The club thrives on the contributions from its members. Sally Betts has been one of these and made a terrific contribution in publishing 'What's On' and maintaining the website. After many years contributing to the club, Sally needs to move on, so we are looking for a club member to step up to take over.

We are now entering the busiest part of our season and I look forward to catching up with you in the club and on the water.

What's Coming Up?

Friday 18 & 25 January

Pursuit races 6.15pm

Monday 21 January

(Wellington Anniversary Day)

Sail Wellington Regatta

(3 races) 10.30am

Saturday 26 January

Movie night and BBQ at the club 5.30pm

Sunday 27 January

Single-handed Series Race 1

10.00am

Summer Series Race 1

1.00pm

Friday 1, 8 & 15 February

Pursuit races 6.15pm

Saturday 2 February

Night Race Series Race 2

8.30pm

Sunday 3 February

Single-handed Series Race 2

10.00am

Summer Series Race 2

1.00pm

Sunday 10 February

Single-handed Series Race 2

10.00am

Summer Series Race 3

1.00pm

Saturday 23 February

(Please note date change)

On the Deck Concert and

BBQ, 5.00pm – more details

to follow.

Check the website for a

complete list of racing

events.

Celebrating success

Recent racing results

Friday night pursuit races

Series B:

Race 3:

Masterpiece first

Vortex second

Race 4:

Masterpiece first

Sika II second

Spring series

Combined Division

Minika first

Am Meer second

Shardik third

Cruising Division

Chickadee first

Quetzalli second

Out to Lunch third

Night Race Series

Race 1

White Heat first

Freedom second

Madness third

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



Rum Regatta

Division 1

Am Meer first

88% Proof second

St Laurence third

Division 2

Freedom first

White Cavalier second

Minika third

Cruising Division

Quetzalli first

Impulsive second

Out to Lunch third

From the executive committee

Decisions from meeting on 20 December 2018:

- Membership applications were approved and resignations accepted.
- It was agreed that 'Kiore' be sold.

Work being undertaken by your executive committee:

- Business as usual
- General Rules update
- Affiliate Membership
- Policy for Life Membership
- Refurbishment and purchase of additional chairs (to be externally funded)
- Club start box relocation
- Membership updates (debtors)
- Boat register
- Internet fibre connection at clubrooms
- Friday night catering options
- HCC/MPI Foodplan
- Review of pricing and conditions for hire of clubrooms
- Review of bar pricing and stock levels
- Staff recruitment and training
- Planning session to assist committee in shaping the direction of management of the club
- Health and Safety Policy (land and water-based)
- Management of club documentation
- New website manager for LBYC
- New person to do weekly 'What's On'

Volunteers needed!!

The club is looking for a website manager for the LBYC website in addition to someone to send out 'What's On' each week.

If you are interested in either, or both, of these roles please contact Max Meyers on lbyccommodore@gmail.com

Full training and support will be given.

New members

A very warm welcome to:

Oliver Ekreusberger
Jean and John Mills
Cole Peddie
Steve Barnsley
Liza Patel
Daniel Head
Cathy O'Grady

Resignations:

Jan Charman
John Conly

We hope you enjoyed your time with the club and wish you well.

Membership cards

Members who have paid their subscriptions may collect their membership cards from the club bar.

If you wish to have your card mailed to you please email the club manager info@lbyc.org.nz

Unpaid membership fees

For those who have not yet paid their membership fees please ensure these are paid by the end of January to avoid being struck off the membership register.

Boat register

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

Get ready for the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race 2019 – Part Three

By Theo Muller

Race Director 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race.

Sponsors of the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race in 2019



Lowry Bay Yacht Club is fortunate to have this wonderful group of sponsors on board with us for the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race 2019. Gibson Sheat Lawyers have agreed to 'sign up' as Gold Sponsor for at least the next three years and the winner's trophy will be named the Gibson Sheat Cup for the duration of their Gold Sponsor status. It is wonderful to have their and other sponsors' confidence in the future of this great event.

The recent Rum Regatta brought home some truths for many competitors, particularly those, including Freedom, not paying enough attention to the Sailing Instructions. It was mentioned in the SI's that competing yachts shall not traverse the start/finish line during the race (other than starting and finishing, of course. Many took no notice.

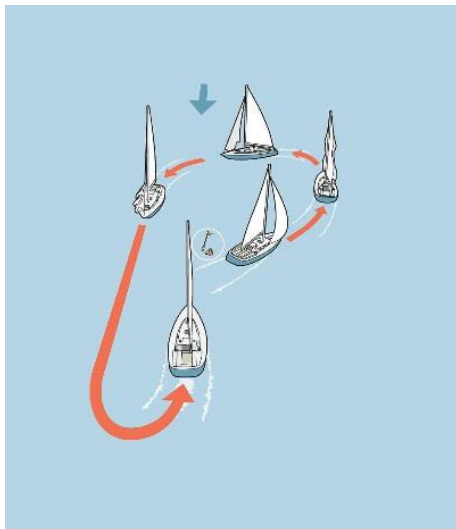
It is not my intention to argue the validity of that rule – the fact that it was in the SI's should be enough reason to take it seriously.

Sailing in darkness adds a different and challenging dimension to the 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race. While many of us are experienced night sailors, others may not be, and it could be tempting to 'load up' the sailing instructions with many different safety rules. But does that make the race any safer? I doubt it. I don't think we should try and cover any potential risk with another rule; if it doesn't kill the race, we will certainly see a whole lot more protests, potentially taking away the pleasure of yacht racing and possibly ruining some friendships along the way. Having said that, if it's in the SI's we need to abide by it. No question. I understand the RO's frustrations in this regard.

If a plethora of new and additional rules is not going to make the race any safer, what is? I believe the answer is for us to become better skippers and better crew. (With apologies to those excellent and experienced skippers among us).

A heightened awareness of potential risks and dangers in any race, not just a night race will go a long way to improve overall safety in yacht racing. It's all about seamanship. Here are a few tips:

- Pick up the Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations. Try to understand them, discuss them with your crew.
- Perhaps the Sailing Committee could devote a couple of Technical Evenings on the subject of 'safety on the water'.



- Make sure your boat is up to scratch. Is everything in working order? Is your engine operating properly? Do you have enough fuel? Do you have the necessary safety equipment on board; life jackets, inflatable harnesses, jack stays, tethers, working torches (replace the batteries), functioning navigation lights, VHF radios (hand-held for in the cockpit AND one in the cabin), flares, safety rings, dan buoy, wet weather gear.

- Do you know how to recover from a man-overboard (MOB) situation? Check out these articles:

<https://www.marineinsight.com/marine-safety/man-overboard-situation-on-ship-and-ways-to-tackle-it/> and <https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge-advice/cruising-tips/boat-handling-sail/Pages/man-overboard.aspx> better still, practice the manoeuvre with your crew. The weather and water are getting warmer, so one of your crew may volunteer as a Guinea pig. Make sure to wear a life jacket, though. If nobody is game to dive in, throw a fender overboard.

- Set up a crew briefing before every race; talk through the respective roles of crew members, DISCUSS THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, identify rules that have not been seen before in other SI's, alert crew of swinging booms in tacking and gybing manoeuvres, discuss aspects of the race in question that are different from other races and highlight potential risks.
- Participate in the upcoming trial night races on Saturday the 2nd and 23rd of February 2019. Great experience. Identify the navigation lights on the harbour. Give yourself the chance to familiarise yourself with the harbour in darkness – it's quite different from the daytime. Lights everywhere.

Sailing is serious business. It's much more than knowing how to steer a boat through the water. It's about seamanship. More rules in the Sailing Instructions is not going to make you a better yachtsman or women. Learning how to behave on the water under different circumstances, does.



Theo Muller

Race Director 24-Hour Endurance Yacht Race 2019

Saturday 16 March—Sunday 17 March 2019

Around and about

While many of us lolled about on our boats in Wellington harbour, the Sounds and Abel Tasman, Gareth and his crew (including vice- commodore Brent) on **Kama II** commenced their mission to circumnavigate the South Island accompanied by Paul Rickard and his crew (including Lynn and Natasha Porter) on **Impulse**. We are looking forward to hearing of their adventures at sea on their return.

Mint Condition (John and Anne) reported a steady flow of LBYC boats coming and going when they were moored in Tawa Bay (off Tory) for a few days.

Freedom (Theo and Ollie) took advantage of bad Cook Strait weather to stay another night in the sounds and enjoyed a shared dinner and drinks with fellow members.

Other LBYC boats spotted were **Sail La Vie**, **Celebrity**, **Gun Metal**, **Alize**, and **Code Breaker**.



Photo of **Am Meer**, **Millenium Spirit** and **Quetzalli** in Homestead Bay, Port Ligar, on New Year's Day. **2 Low 4 Zero** were on a private mooring on the other side of the bay.

Am Meer off to Nelson Race

Best of luck to Geoff and Katie and the crew of Am Meer competing in the upcoming Nelson Race.

The cut-off for the February issue of The Cutlass is Monday 28 January.
Thanks for the contributions to date.

From the editor

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