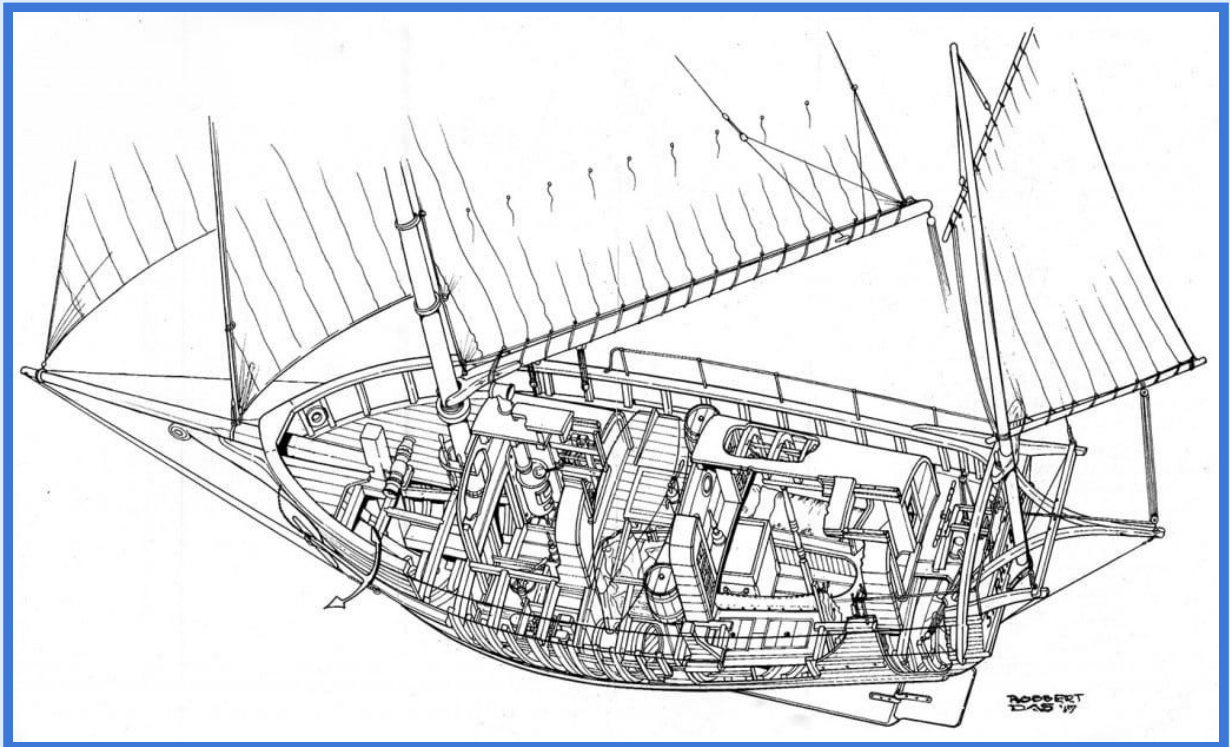


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Spray (37 foot)

Joshua Slocum solo sailed the Spray around the world in 1895



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Commodore's Report

At long last our sailing season has officially opened with the running of the Labour Day weekend events.

For the keelers there was the Kawau Island Race and for the trailer yachts the Rocky Bay Regatta.

The common element for both events was the wind. I've heard reports from the keelers that some of the best times to Kawau were achieved and I can certainly vouch for the winds appearance gusting around 20kt's for most of our sail under Waiheke Island.

Unfortunately, we were a little late to the start line and spent the day chasing the pack. I was very impressed with my son Luke, who took the tiller for the entire race and handled the choppy conditions like a seasoned sailor.

Once everyone had anchored in North Harbour the kids (young and old) made their way onto shore for an afternoon of Rugby, Beach cricket and exploring. It's great to see the young family's getting the children involved in this sport. Even though a couple of kids went a little 'green' during the race they soon perked up when they saw the beach.

The afternoon gathering with drinks and nibbles really made the day and of course the prize giving was the icing on the cake.

Another reminder that it was a long weekend greeted us at the ramp. As we got close to the Kawakawa Bay boat club there were over a dozen power boats and jet skis all milling around waiting to go in.

With the tide on its way in and plenty of daylight I opted to drop anchor and relax for an hour rather than deal with the throng of people of boats. This turned out to be a great option as we coasted into a much quieter ramp at 4:00pm.

The next event on the Calendar is the trailer yacht seamanship training day. Dean has sent out an email already highlighting what will happen on the day and asked for people to let him know if they intend to participate.

This is a fantastic day for our novice members to learn some critical aspects of safe family sailing.

When you're next up at the compound you'll notice we have a new alarm keypad. All the old codes are still the same but you'll see the lights are located below the keypad. The unit is housed in a weatherproof unit that only works if you close it – So PLEASE ensure you close it every time.

See you on the water

Kind regards,

Paul.



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Compound Reminders

Great news, a new keypad & box has been fitted. Please see the photo below for the new layout. The alarm status lights are now at the top left hand side, they will be on when armed and off when disarmed. The new box has a latch on the right hand side & the small night light has been discarded, members arriving in the dark should have a torch.

Unfortunately the door of the new keypad has already been left open on occasions. It is imperative that this is kept closed in order to prevent moisture getting into the keyboard causing faults. Can all compound members members please be mindful that reason we had to replace the keyboard was because of moisture causing it to become faulty.



Wayne Johnstone
Compound Convenor



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Upcoming Events

- 9th Nov** Seamanship on the water day - Dean Hermann will be providing on the water lessons off the Kawakawa breakwater.
- 9th Nov** Boptys Rotorua - Allan Civil Memorial Rotoiti Classic
- 16-24th Nov** Great Barrier Cruise - thanks to Jim Pasco
- 7-8th Dec** Ponui Regatta
- 10th Dec** Club Christmas Party
- 31st Dec** New Years Eve on the water

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NOTICE OF RACE

PONUUI ISLAND REGATTA

DATE: Saturday 7th December 2019

START TIME: 1000 hours.

RACING INSTRUCTIONS: Shall be in accordance to the "Standard Instructions For Non Regatta Races" except as those that are altered by these sailing instructions.

ENTRIES: To the Race Coordinator by VHF Channel 77 by 0900 hrs advising the name of yacht and number of crew

DIVISIONS: The race will consist of two trailer yacht divisions and one keeler division.

COURSE:

- Trailer Yachts – From the start line at Sandspit Beacon to Ruthe passage keeping Ponui to PORT – to Passage Rock passing to PORT - to the finish line at Sandspit Beacon. (Port Course).
- Keelers – From the start line at Pine Harbour to the Waiheke channel passing Passage Rock to PORT - keeping Ponui to STB – through the Ruthe passage to the finish line off Kauri Point Marine Reserve marker (PORT course)
- The course may be sailed as a Port course (Ponui Island to Port) or starboard course (Ponui Island to STB) depending on wind direction. Race officer will advise at briefing.

RACE BRIEFING: Will be held at 0930 hours by VHF ch 77 where the respective race officer will advise of any changes to the course or racing instructions

START LINES:

TRAILER YACHTS: Between the start boat and the Sandspit Beacon located off the south end of Ponui Island.

KEELERS: Will be between the nominated start boat and the first starboard channel marker if you were entering the Pine Harbour marina entrance channel





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FINISH LINE:

Trailer Yachts: the finish will be a line between the Sandspit Beacon and the centre of Motunau Bay at GPS position 36° 53.716' S – 175° 11.25' E. Please record your own finish times in GPS time hrs/min/sec.

Keelers: Across a line between the fishing reserve marker on Kauri Point and the port side Marine marker at the entrance to Waiheke channel at GPS position 36° 51.699' S – 175° 8.28' E. Please record your own finish times in GPS time hrs/min/sec.

All skippers, to advise their respective Race Officer of finish time at the completion of the race.

DINGHIES: Allowance will be made for towing dinghies (trailer yachts only.)

RACE OFFICERS:

Trailer Yachts: Keith Paine – Estillo

Keelers: Jim Pasco - Acushla

A BEACH GET TOGETHER LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT BRIEFING

THE CLUB BBQ WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

Any yacht wanting to participate in the gathering but not the race is always welcome.

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Historical Ponui

Dave Whitburn found a recent newspaper clipping detailing the end of the Ponui Lighthouse. Built in 1871 no less!



Ponui Passage lighthouse in its heyday.

End for Lighthouse

Ponui lighthouse, in the Hauraki Gulf, has been removed and replaced by a solar-powered light.

The lighthouse, built along the lines of the Bean Rock lighthouse in the Waitemata Harbour, has been a welcome guide to sailors since 1871.

Its removal has upset some yachtsmen and South Auckland residents who have long regarded it as a landmark, even though the

keeper's cottage was removed in the late 1930s.

The lighthouse was established when maritime traffic between Thames and Auckland was in its heyday, but in later years has remained mostly a service to yachtsmen.

A farmer on Ponui Island, Mr Peter Chamberlain, whose father and grandfather both tended the lighthouse, said he hoped the old light could be erected on the island.

The marine division lighthouse engineer, Mr Roy Miller, said the old light might be put up for tender.



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Keelers to Kawau – 2019

Conditions were fresh. Shall we race or not? Silly question – of course we will Sheryl!

On this note Afterguard, the race start boat, cruised out to the start area and got everyone registered to race and the briefing underway. We have 6 starters being Acushla, Audrey, Ocean Lure, Sorrento, Royle Flush and Afterguard.

Briefing advised that the fleet will rolling start at Denis Rock, and for everyone to line up adjacent to Afterguard for the gun. Well that mostly went well except for Acushla being the odd man out, and hanging back too far for his run at the line.

At the gun we headed up to Sergeants channel on an easy reach in about 18 knots – a great sailing angle for all. Audrey and Ocean Lure were in their happy place. We flew up to Rakino before angling to the Tiri passage on a beam reach, with Audrey and Ocean Lure leading the charge, Sorrento in close touch and the smaller boats Afterguard and Acushla in hot pursuit. Winds were steady, on the beam, averaging 16-18 knots, with boat speed up around 8 to 9 knots – perfect sailing conditions.

In no time we were through the Tiri channel and on to Kawau and the finish line at Mansion House Bay. Times were excellent with everyone completed in elapsed time of around 3.75 hours.

The gathering was on Royle Flush (of course) with hosts Roy and John having the cheese and crackers at the ready. Line honours went to Royle Flush in elapsed of 3hr:16m:25s, with corrected and handicap being taken out by Audrey in 2hr:38m:52s. Overall, on corrected time, under 12 minutes separated the fleet.

After a bit of anchor dragging, we all ended up in the Kawau Boat Club bar for dinner, drinks, and All Black rugby semi final (along with about 300 other boaters). Well I can report that the drinks were great, the food almost great, and the rugby not great!!

We all departed back to our water cabins and thought of what might have been.....

Murray and Sheryl

Afterguard

Race Result

Boat Name	Owner		Start	Finish	Elaps'd	Rate	Correct time	Place	H'cap	As sailed	H'cap Time	Place
Audrey	O'Brien	Hanse 38	10:05:00	13:28:41	3:23:41	0.780	2:38:52	1	1.00	1.03	2:38:52	1
Ocean Lure	Woolerton	Hanse 415	10:05:00	13:26:45	3:21:45	0.798	2:41:00	2	1.00	1.01	2:41:00	2
Sorrento	Lundy	Dufour 40	10:05:00	13:29:55	3:24:55	0.794	2:42:42	3	1.00	1.00	2:42:42	3
Afterguard	Pearce	Davidson 35	10:05:00	13:46:17	3:41:17	0.736	2:42:52	4	1.00	1.00	2:42:52	4
Acushla	Pasco	Farr 1020	10:05:00	13:55:17	3:50:17	0.742	2:50:52	5	1.02	0.96	2:54:17	5
Royale Flush	Woolerton	Ron Given Cat	10:05:00	13:21:25	3:16:25			6				6