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Commodore's comment

I was privileged to attend the Yachting New Zealand Commodores' Conference earlier this month. I really did not know what I was going to – and was pleasantly surprised. A gathering of well over 100 commodores from all over the country, together with a number of yacht club managers and other club officials, really opened up the conversation and made for a very interesting day. The morning was largely taken up with presentations on sport funding and the sort of criteria to be met in order to be eligible for it, as well as some thoughts on obtaining sponsorship and how to maximise your chances of getting some. In essence, I felt that we were doing most of that in our pursuit of sponsors, although on a small scale!

The second part of the day involved discussions around one of the things that YNZ offers and that is the Regional Support Officers (RSO). It was really interesting hearing from some attendees of the experiences (ranging from outstanding to not so good) that they have had. The same story came up over and over again – it is vital to keep an open line of communication between the clubs and the RSO's if we the clubs are to get the benefit. Our new RSO, Raynor Haagh has been in the job just a few months but has been in regular touch with me and I hope that this line of communication will continue with our committee for the times ahead.

Of particular interest was a discussion on the funding of YNZ and it was made clear that club member funding (our YNZ fees) does not contribute at all to the high performance wing of YNZ. If I have my facts right, our member funding is just a fraction of the money that YNZ uses in its work supporting clubs and protecting our access to water, with the balance coming from grants, trust funding and the like. It was certainly a worthwhile day.

Well, it is June and that brings us to the end of our activity year. This is a particularly special year for the squadron, with our 50th anniversary reunion to be held on Saturday 30 June. Let's face it, 50 years is something worth celebrating! I must say a very big thank you to Alan Ward and his sub-committee of Jean, Fran, Roy, Keith, Tania, Nigel and Nola who have worked very hard to arrange what promises to be a memorable occasion. I look forward to it.

Also at the end of our year is the AGM, which will be on Tuesday 26 June in place of the Nog 'n Natter. I hope to see you there.

Take care

Dean



50th Anniversary Reunion



Saturday 30th June 2018

From 2-7pm

Hamilton Yacht Club, Innes Common, Lake Crescent

Annual Prize-giving from 3-4pm followed by

'Yarns from the past'

(don't let the truth get in the way of a good story)

Cost: \$30 per person

Entry covers food, tea & coffee.

Cash Bar from 2pm until Late.

Register by sending payment to

WYS Bank Account: 12 3171 0044255 00

Reference: Your name

Code: 50th

Be sure to include both reference and code

Payment must be received by noon on **Mon 18th June**

Don't miss out – spaces are limited!

(Due to Catering)

Any queries to wys50reg@gmail.com

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**Sneak peek at some photos to be
on display during the 50th**



Sailing the internet

Forget surfing the net, Sail it!

I'll share some websites to help you get your sailing fix. If you have a good one let me know and I'll share it here...

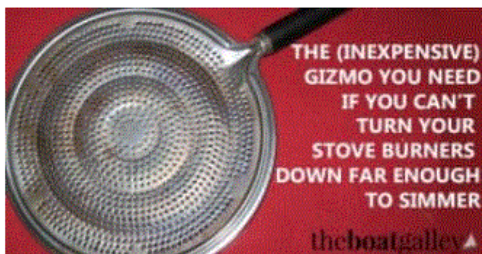
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Dreaming of cruising, making plans or already on water? The Boat Galley can help you along your way, with tips, reviews and how-to's for every step from deciding if cruising's for you to chartering, buying a boat, outfitting it, moving and living aboard, cooking, getting underway and even maintaining and repairing your boat.

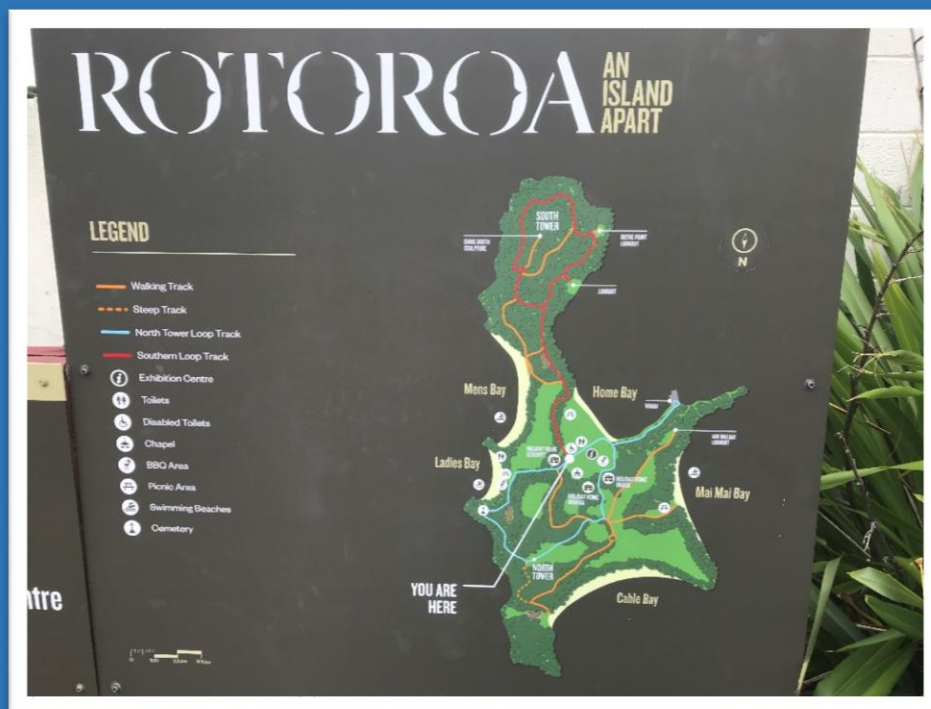
Can't Simmer on Your Stove?

February 27, 2017 by Carolyn Shearlock



There's a very simple solution if you can't turn your stove burners down far enough to simmer. Inexpensive, too! [\[More\]](#)

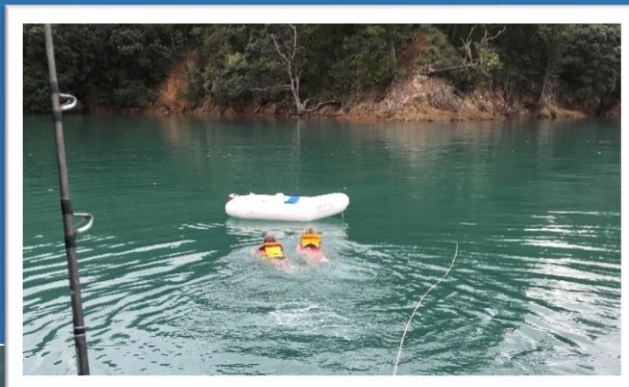
Destination Rotoroa



The family wanted to go for an overnighter which is a rare thing so I promptly said sure thing where to? They chose the Waiheke channel. This was the weekend of the Easter Regatta but they wouldn't be convinced to sail to Coro so Waiheke it was. Another condition was no actual sailing just motoring, OK done, whatever it takes to get them out I guess.

The weather was good as we motored across (with Paul's new motor-thanks Paul) and up towards the channel in a small chop, round the corner and into the Waiheke channel the sea was flat and the wind almost non-existent. We went in and out of bays as we searched for a suitable anchorage, How about this bay it looks good? No next bay please.... Eventually we dropped anchor into a nice bay with only a couple of other boats.

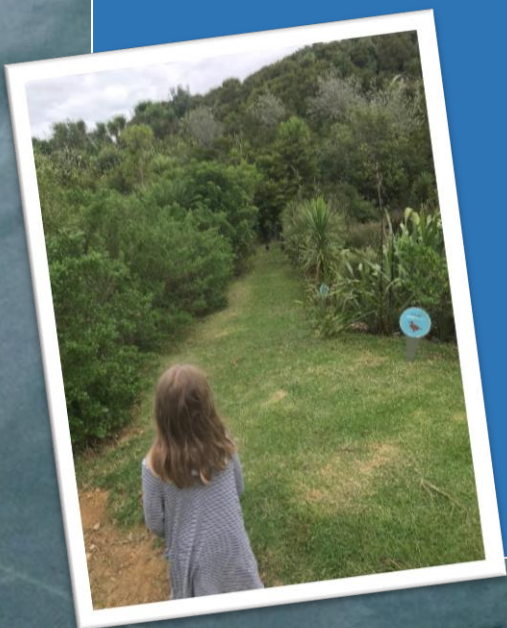
We pumped up Marshmellow and left Kylie to set up for the night as me and the kids paddled into the beach for a look around. Turned out to be an excellent anchorage with a great nights sleep. First thing in the morning the kids wake up, put on their togs and jump in! The suns barely up, but that doesn't stop them.



After breakfast we head over towards Rotoroa Island for a look around. We have never been, but have been told it's worth a visit. Half way across the kids decide to catch a ride in marshmellow.



I dropped Kylie my lovely wife and the kids onto the wharf and anchored in the bay before rowing into the beach in front of the main building. We were surprised by the amount of tracks available to walk and the number of staff working on the island. We wandered the tracks, spotted Weka and even Takahe.



Eventually we ended up over at Mans bay. We could see yachts sailing over to Coromandel, some may have been the club racing. I also took note of the huge patch of boats at anchor fishing south east of Tarahiki Island. They were in a tight bunch all gathered over one area. I wonder if it's a good spot or if the old trick of people anchoring near other boats because it "must be a good spot" had snow balled into over 30 boats.....



The kids demanded more swimming but hadn't bought their togs. So we headed back to Corvina and cruised around to that bay east of the one nick named bbq bay. I anchored in between the reef structure. Me and the kids jumped overboard and swam the 50 odd meters into the beach.



On the beach we mucked around in the sun warming up, the kids collected shells and rocks and anything interesting looking. When it was time to swim back they wanted me to carry all this treasure. Good luck with that I don't have a bag. But they just hunted about some more and found an old plastic bait bag, filled it up with their heavy collection and said carry it dad! You carry it if you want it.

And so they accepted the challenge and off we went swimming back to the Corvina. Luckily they had lifejackets on because I'm sure they would have walked across the bottom back to the boat carrying those rocks and shells.

After a few bombs off the bow we rinsed off under the warm solar shower and slowly made our way out to a spot of fishing.



On the way fishing we came by Hallelujah pacing back towards the ramp after doing the Coro race. The fishing wasn't hot and the chop was a bit lousy so we eventually pulled anchor and headed for the ramp aswell.

No sails were raised the entire trip as agreed but I got a short fishing session in as a compromise. The family were happy and want more so I call it a successful trip.

Dustin Wilson

Corvina



Commodore's Report

Prepared for the Annual General Meeting of the Waikato Yacht Squadron

To be held at the Hamilton Yacht Club on 26 June 2018

The Commodore's Report for 2017/8 will be presented in two parts. The first part is provided below to allow members to read this at leisure. It will not be repeated at the AGM. The second part will be presented at the AGM.

PART A

Introduction

Looking back at 2017 makes me realise just how much has happened. Being Commodore of this club is an amazing learning experience and the interesting thing is that it wasn't hard!

Events

This year we again ran a successful set of well-attended club events – we achieved a good balance between racing and cruising, with a number of fun events thrown in. I would like to say that apart from a fun sail, the beach gatherings remain, for me, a primary reason to keep coming back.

Communications and Social Matters

This year we have continued to use our social media to promote the club, to facilitate communication between members and to share photos and memories of our events. Just seeing the increase in the use of our Facebook page is pleasing as I am convinced that this sort of electronic communication is the way ahead.

Last year Dustin took on the role as editor of our monthly magazine the Bilgewater and has given it a new life. I think you will all agree that he has done a superb job – thank you Dustin. However the newsletter is the club newsletter, it's our newsletter and it relies on each of us to provide content to keep it interesting. I have had so many positive comments about the Bilgewater from all sorts of people and when something is flying as high as it is, we must not let it fall. Some years back the committee agonised over changing the Bilgewater from a paper version to an electronic one, but we went ahead and this has been successful. In whatever form we communicate in future, the Bilgewater needs each of you to contribute to keep it alive. Please do.

Our monthly Nog 'n Natters have also been well attended. These get-togethers have covered a wide variety of topics, from solo sailors to high tech sails and how to catch fish. But more than that these meetings remain an essential part of the club, a time to socialise with other members and keep our club alive.

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Health and Safety

In today's society health and safety becomes the responsibility of each of us and it is important that we as a club not only are aware of the health and safety obligations that apply to our activities but make every effort to reduce the risk of something happening. John Klinkhamer has again run a series of classroom safety and tuition evenings followed by an on-the-water practical event. The scope of these seems to increase each year and are an opportunity for us all to learn. We have looked into our operational health and safety requirements and found out just how hard it can be to get a clear picture. With ongoing changes to legislation, I consider that this aspect needs to be re-investigated to ensure that the responsibilities of our club and its members are fully understood.

Yachting New Zealand

Our national body Yachting New Zealand is changing its focus and is keen to engage more closely with the clubs that it represents. This is very encouraging and I look forward to the development of this relationship, which may provide opportunities for us as individual sailors and as a club, as long as we take the opportunities when they arise.

Summary

It has been a busy but successful year for the Squadron. With the positive attitude and the skills and commitment that is shown by our members, I believe that our future is bright.

Dean Herrmann

Commodore

Reflections

This month we look back at 50 years of sailing as members of the Waikato Yacht Squadron (and previous titles) and we think back to our early days especially with two young girls growing up as crew. Life as sailors began for them on a Coronet 20, and soon we moved on to a roomier Joker 820 on which we enjoyed many summers seasons of sailing.

Although we did tend to do our own thing over our summer extended cruise, meeting up with members as we moved about, we do recall the many bbq's on local beaches after a day's racing around the islands; beaches such as Shark Bay with 30 odd yachts at anchor, and that beach east of North Harbour we called BBQ beach. What was notable in hindsight was the number of young club children on the beach enjoying the comradery of such a crowd. Especially so the Christmas cruise and bbq including a visit from Santa to the beach loaded with balloons & children's goodies.

I also remember the time spent gathering up the drift wood for the fire and let it burn for an hour or so with some concerned banter from some about their inability to cook on such a blaze but all too soon when the sun had dipped down and the flames diminished we are left with such a wonderful bed of embers ready for our potatoes wrapped in foil and other gastronomical delights to be perched on nearby rocks for slow cooking and the cooking plate balanced over the hot embers.

The 100 miler race staged from a massive marque at Kawakawa Bay emphasised the clubs ability to stage such an event including Friday nights meal for in excess of 300 people....the best entry list was over 90 trailer yachts in 3 divisions.

Sarah, now a mature young 30 year old, with a BA in English and Drama would often spend her hours whilst we sailed writing about our adventures, this was usually a live account as it were, in her usual phonetic English which only adds to the flavour of the story. One such account is follows.....

Nigel Lancaster

Sailing to Awaawaroa By Sarah Lancaster....7 years

We are sailing to Awaawaroa, swish, swish goes the boat as it sails along in the wavy water. We have just caught the wind. We are going fast. Dad has started the motor, we're going real fast now. I like watching the bubbles as they come out from under the boat. They splash me. The motor is loud. Eleanor is inside, I'm not, I'm outside in the cool, I like it. The water has got shapes on it. We are going to have a ladies race, it's going to be fun. We are making a trail. Dad has just pulled the jib in.

Mr Inbetween passed, before that was when dad had the sails up, but then Dad started the motor. We are nearly there. It's fun on our boat. Do you know why?, well because we are on the water all the time and we have lots of swimming. We have still got the main up waves are coming out from under the boat. The sun has just gone behind a cloud, but it has just come out again. There is a boat behind us real far away it has got red sails, it looks funny like that. We might have a swim when we get there; I'm just in the middle of eating my sandwich.

Ladies race

We are starting the race, it's cool outside. Dad is thinking about putting the jib up we'll go faster with that up. Dad's decided not now. We are real held over it's fun; we always have to have our radios on. We are in the lead we have past the first marker. We have just been round the second buoy, we need to go in a triangle for the race. There is too many boats around the marker that is Cantiler and us. Now all the boats are going round the mark at the same time. We have all ready past the third marker, all the other boats are doing well to. We are all doing well I think, yes I think so they are all. Eleanor is not sailing I'm not to, Mum and Dad are. Eleanor is up the front, wind, wind as the keel squashes through the channel in the boat. Dad has just cald up Acushla, hoot goes the hooter as we pass the finish line. We came first on the water I don't know what we get for a prize.

We are having another race, Eleanor has gone we Colon on Swetz. On this race we are going to have a race to Kawakawa Bay. We have started the race. Dad is saying five minutes, seven minutes he is really enjoying himself, I'm interested about it, the kelpers are going right the jokers are going left, Mum said tacke now, Ok dad said, it makes a rattle noise, I hear water splashing underneath the boat, we were tipped over a bit. We had to go round Pakatowa, we had to tacke a lot round that island but on the other side it had a few gusts but not real heavy gusts. But then the boat got slower and slower, now there was no wind we were trickling along in the water. I was desperate for a swim so said mum you cannot I started to cry, I stopped crying and I was happy again so I put my clothes over my togs. Mum said we are nearly there, I was interested. Did you know that we won and we had to collect the results, they are Hydrous, Christine and Sarah first on the water. Trendsetter, Jeanette and Sandy second, Swetz, Eleanor and Colleen third. And Dad really did do what he was told all day.

Sarah Lancaster.



WINTER HOURS

During the colder month's boats disappear from the compound or have their masts dropped and are wrapped up for the winter.

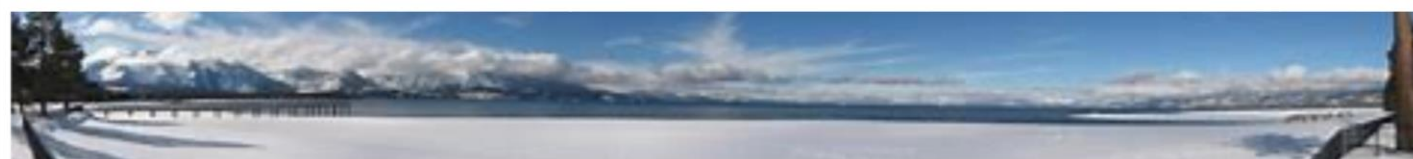
The Gulf and its many anchorages are mostly empty as the cold southerly winds blow through.

With the reduced activity over the winter period comes a reduced Bilgewater. The next few issues will be smaller than usual, this reflects the clubs programmes and events over this period.

But never fear, with the spring growth and baby lambs, the usual sized Bilgewater will emerge from the winter chill, as big and beautiful as usual.

Dustin

Bilgewater Editor



A depressed young woman was so desperate that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. When she went down to the docks, a handsome young sailor noticed her tears, took pity on her, and said, "Look, you've got a lot to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy."

The girl nodded 'yes.' After all, what did she have to lose? That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a life-boat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.

Three weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the Captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "We're going to Europe, and he's screwing me." "He sure is, lady," said the Captain. "This is the Inter Island Ferry."



Late one foggy night two boaters collide head on while trying to navigate a narrow inlet channel. Both their boats were damaged, disabled and slowly sinking.

As they each watched their boats slowly slip away beneath them, the first boater said "You know, this is a sign that we should never take life for granted and that we should live it to the fullest".

"You are right," said the other boater as he opened a cooler and pulled out a bottle of bourbon whisky. Let's drink to living well for the rest of our lives.

The first boater took the bottle and, after a big swig, handed it back to the other boater who in turn quickly threw it into the water.

More than a little surprised the first boater exclaimed "You didn't take a drink!?"

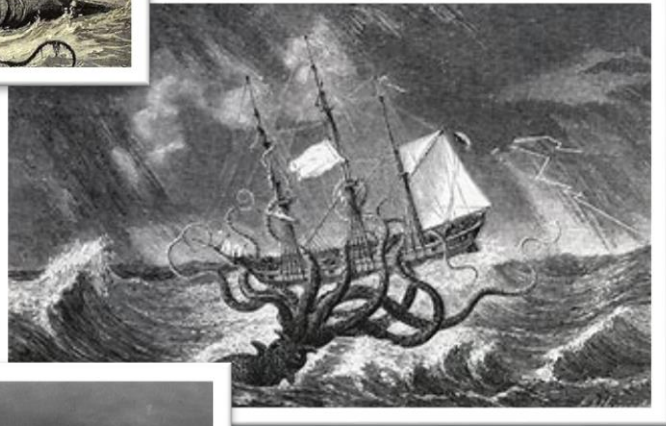
"Naw", said the other boater "I think I'll just wait for the Coast Guard to show up."



Top 3 : Water monsters

Number 3: Giant squid

- Seems to really hate yachts
- Squid rings anyone?
- Thankfully not very common in our waters



Number 2: Creature from the black lagoon

- Possibly the ugliest
- Tears men apart, but treats the ladies right
- Probably the best scallop diver ever

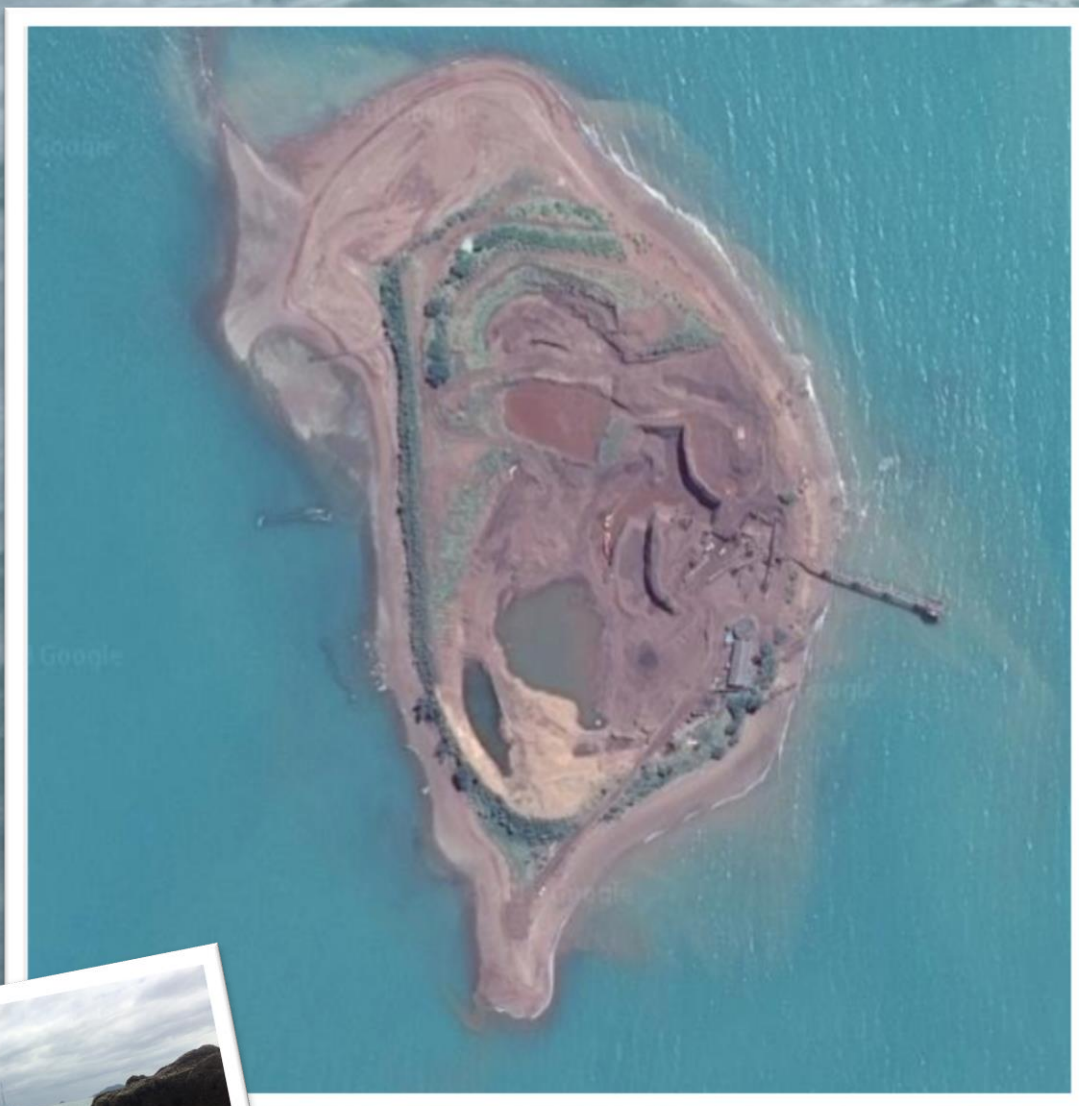


Number 1: Loch Ness monster

- Least scary monster
- Hard to get a good photo
- Most popular, attracts the tourist dollars



This month's where is this?



Last month's answer: Te kouma,
facing north

Events – June

Tuesday June 26th

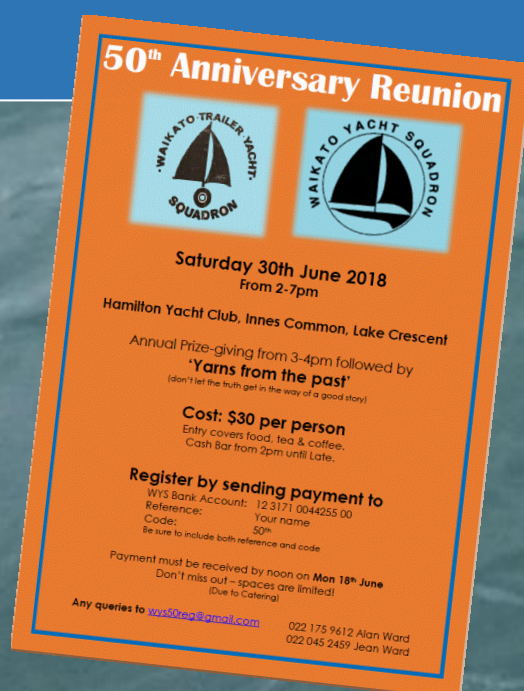
Nog 'N' Natter & AGM

50th Anniversary Reunion

Saturday 30th June

2PM Hamilton Yacht club

Includes prize giving





Date Bars

1 packet of biscuits – digestive, tennis, malt, vanilla wine or gingernuts, crushed

250g dates, chopped (or include other fruit e.g. dried apricots, peaches, figs, prunes, crystallised ginger)

125g butter (or coconut oil plus a pinch of salt)

½ cup raw or soft brown sugar

1 tsp vanilla (or coconut essence or a few drops of almond essence)

50 -100g chopped walnuts - optional

(Ground almonds, cocoa powder or desiccated coconut for coating)

Boil together butter, fruit, and sugar for a few minutes

Cool slightly and add essence of your choice

Add crushed biscuits (and walnuts if using) to your date mixture and stir

The mixture should be sticky but not oily - if it is, add in some coconut, ground nuts or more crushed biscuits

Press firmly into a greased tin or pyrex dish (about 25 x16cm) with a fork and leave to cool

Score into bars (or squares) before completely cold

Stand the dish on some frozen slicker pads or pop into the fridge for a bit

Break into bars

(If bars are too sticky or a bit greasy, roll in ground almonds, cocoa powder or fine coconut)

For a Christmassy version add whole glace cherries (red and green), crystallised ginger, some ground cinnamon, a tiny pinch of ground cloves and a drop or two of almond essence

Dean Herrmann

Blast from the past

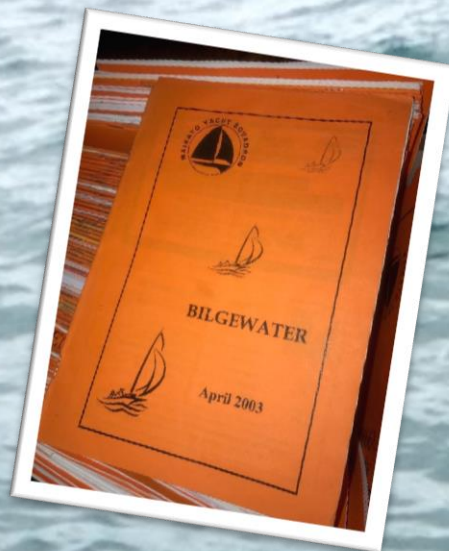
SAILING THE GULF IN A SABRE

As the trailer yacht members who have their yachts at Kawakawa Bay will have noticed, there are a couple of new yachts in the compound, both Sabres. One is a Sabre 20 owned by Johnie Atkinson and the other a Sabre 22 called Sabre Dancer. It is that yacht that I would like to tell you about. Terry and Jo have owned it for the last 7 years and have thoroughly enjoyed sailing the lakes and the gulf during this time.

The Sabre 22 is a medium sized trailer yacht with an overall length of 6.63 metres, an LWL of 5.8 metres, a maximum beam of 2.45 metres and a displacement of 952kg with 341kg of lead moulded into the leading edge of the swing keel. (Ask Jo what it's like to wind up around 100 turns), the Sabre 22 has a 36 per cent ballast ratio. Designed with a three-quarter sloop rig sail plan, it has a 13.8 sq m mainsail and a 7.9 sq m jib. The draft with the keel up is .36 of a metre and with the keel down 1.37 metres. The Sabre 22 has passed the Boating Industry Association Certification Programme self-righting tests. The Sabre when built 23 years ago tested their boat from a capsized position with the sails full of water and keel completely retracted, it righted itself with no problems. Alan Scott the designer, claimed there was no need for positive buoyancy elsewhere in the hull. I do not intend to prove or disprove his theory.

Jo and I have had heaps of interesting sailing experiences. We have had a few bad times with the weather and lack of wind, but these are far outweighed by the good times. We have always found the club members to be very helpful in improving our sailing and knowledge of the gulf. Even so we still get passed by other yachts, but that's OK—the NZTYA have an excellent handicap system that is kind to us.

Tongue in cheek and not wanting to blow our own trumpet, but a Sabre 22 has won the Islington Bay race for the last two years. I suppose we could put that down this time to Terry and Rosemary (Y Knot) wanting to go fishing on the way, or Doug (Dubs) having to control his brother, or could it have been David and Susan (Falkor) being worried about the tractor going on their return or even Nigel



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and Christine (Hydrous) spending too much time looking over their stern to see if they were going to be passed by John and Lynne (Skywalker), who by the way were stopped or even going sideways due to lack of wind. But the results are the ones that count, even so the excuses are fun listening to. Yes, I know what will happen in the Te Kouma race thanks to the handicapper. But that's fine. We are out to have safe sailing with club members, to enjoy each other's company and everything else is a bonus. That does not mean that we will not do our very best if there is a yacht trying to overtake us.

Thank you to all the crews who made the Islington Bay race such fun. Let's do it all again next year and watch out for that white Sabre!

Terry and Jo
Sabre Dancer

TE KOUMA FISHING COMPETITION

SATURDAY, 19TH APRIL

You've got to be in to win!

CATCH

The Biggest Fish
The Smallest Legal Fish
The Ugliest Fish



Kids' Prizes

Listen to VHF Ch 88, then to Ch 77 at 9am for details
Carole and Doug, Remittance

Blast from the past

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Commodore's Comments

Well it is going to happen. After all the drama over stability index etc we have had all the tests done and are all clear to race.

As far as I can tell Hot Shot will be the first yacht to race as a Waikato Yacht Squadron entry in any offshore race. We leave the Viaduct Basin on 4th June with a race fleet of 39 yachts and as one of the smaller yachts we will really be competing with 3 or 4 other yachts with similar ratings.

As I will still be out of the country at the time of the AGM I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have made the years I have spent as Commodore so enjoyable. I would especially like thank my wife Jackie who has had to put up with my one-track mind over the last few years. Thanks Chook.

As per usual the Squadron will need a few new faces to fill positions on the committee so please don't be shy put your name forward, it really can be a lot of fun.

Good Sailing

Paddy

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Anchor as though
you plan to stay
for months. Even
if you plan to
leave in an hour.

Capt. John

ALWAYS BE YOURSELF!
— UNLESS —
YOU CAN BE A
SAILOR
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