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# Commodore's comment

It sounds like the club fishing trip was a great success. A bit of sailing, some anchoring perhaps, the excitement of preparing the rods, tying those little loops that Dustin so carefully showed us, getting the bait over the side and then the thrill of that tug on the line and the rod bending to show what a whopper it is (or maybe not!). Top it off with a beach gathering, some fish on the barbie, tales and laughter. Seems like a fitting end to a great sailing season.

Now that our sailing season is over many of you will be thinking more along the lines of boat maintenance and probably some other winter activities. For the committee it is a busy time with arrangements for the prizegiving, preparing annual accounts and wrapping up the year. In parallel the committee organising the 50th Anniversary Reunion is also busy – part of which is tracking down many past members who are now spread far and wide. While not involved in the 50th preparations, I have overheard some conversations and it really is touching to hear these past members sound so enthusiastic when they hear of the event and with good memories coming back, the reminiscing seems to start immediately. Keep Saturday 30 June free, it promises to be a great event.

That is really what this club means to me – great people, good friendships, all with a common purpose – to get out there, enjoy the sailing, and make memories. These are some of mine ...

Take care

Dean



Another sort of fishing ...



A familiar sight ...



At anchor, Double Island



# 50<sup>th</sup> 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: 50<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to include both reference and code

Payment must be received by noon on **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Don't miss out – spaces are limited!

(Due to Catering)

Any queries to [wys50reg@gmail.com](mailto:wys50reg@gmail.com)

022 175 9612 Alan Ward

022 045 2459 Jean Ward



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018



We will be looking for some helpers on the day to decorate and set up the venue. Please let Alan or Jean know if you are able to help out.

An early indication of attendance would be helpful for catering etc.



This year's prize giving will be held in conjunction with the Waikato Yacht squadron 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Can all current trophy holders please return them to the next Nog 'N' Natter for engraving.



## Sailing the internet

Forget surfing the net, Sail it!

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



## The \$tingy Sailor

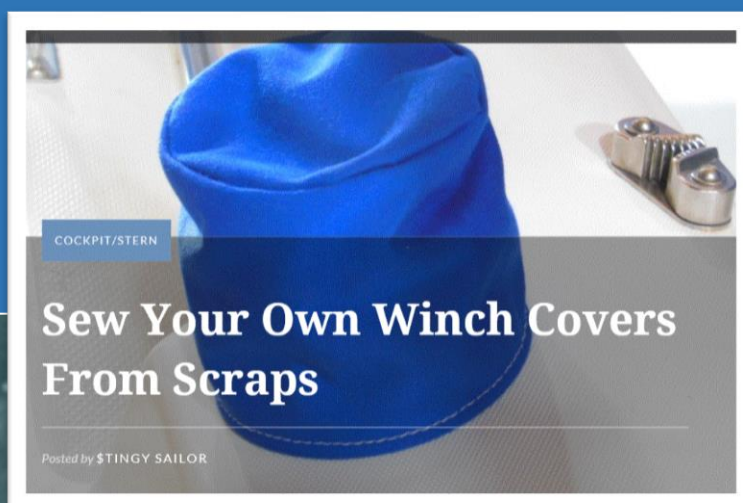
[The Stingy Sailor.com](http://TheStingySailor.com)

Tons of practical tips, solutions and how to's for your yacht. Always with an aim to save money on all projects, Its not called Stingy for nothing...

Although the site is made for the American Catalina 22 trailer yacht, most of it applies equally to all yachts.

I will be following a few of the maintenance tips this winter, I may even attempt the cushion recover project.

Dustin.



## Fishing Extravaganza 2018

I got up to the compound the night before and loaded the boat full of fishing gear, bait and berley. It was getting late but the tide was perfect for launching so I decided to head out and anchor somewhere, plus it's better to be out there instead of sleeping in the compound.

I got Corvina in the water and motored out towards Sandspit point, I saw some lights in wreck bay but the light wind was blowing in there so I went around the sandspit marker and tucked behind the island. It was flat calm like a mill pond and about midnight.

The alarm on my phone chirped away at 530, dam that came around quick. When I finally crawled out of bed I put the jug on and checked on the weather forecast. Still no wind so I motored out towards Coromandel, using Castle rock as a heading. I found a spot as good as any in about 26m of water and lowered the anchor with a big berley bomb attached.



Almost instantly a snapper hooks up, undersized but a good start I thought. The fishing continues like this a few more fish some under some keepers hooking up regularly. I'm feeling hungry but purposely didn't bring any food. The draw is full of random food products that don't seem to get any smaller. So this trip I decided to live on what's on the boat and fish.

Spaghetti and coffee it is for breakfast. More snapper are coming up, I put away one rod because the fish are biting so fast I can't keep up on two rods. More snapper, some Kahawai, but also the odd Gurnard which are very welcome as they are one of my favourite eating fish and the family always order Gurnard when I head off fishing.

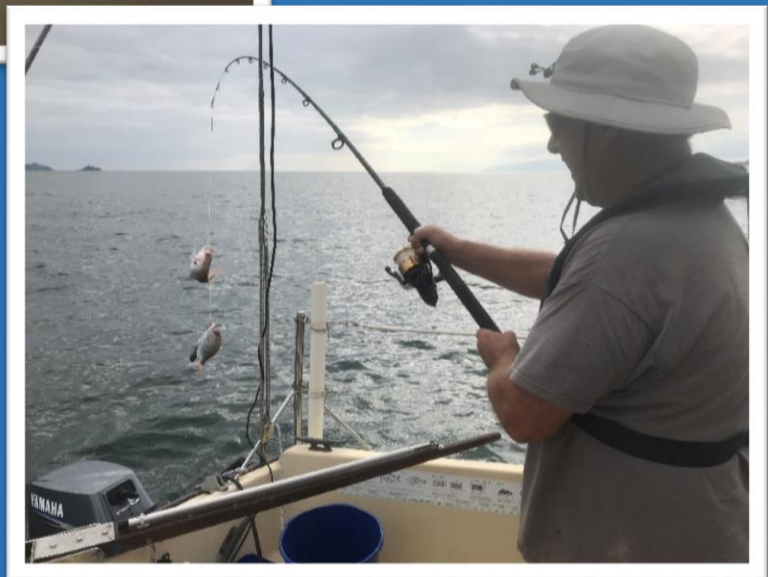
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In the distance I see some sails heading out towards me. First Fantasia sails past and heads out even deeper, as fate would have it on the way to catching the winning snapper.

Getting hungry again, rummage through the draw looking for food, A tin of sardines and two minutes noodles for lunch.

Then Falkor turns up and I suggest to Wayne he anchors down current to get the benefit of the berley. I invite Wayne over and he soon rows over and comes aboard for a beer and a chat, He drops a spare line down and almost instantly pulls up a double of snapper, unfortunately too small but a pretty good start.



Itching to try his brand new rod, Wayne rows back to Falkor as Etype2 comes by trying out the drift fishing method which can produce good results at times, Hugh eventually drifts off in the current trying his luck.

Falkor and Corvina continue fishing at anchor catching more little ones with the odd keeper coming in. We are soon joined by Mystery Achievement who anchors down current of Falkor.

I get a message from Bruce on Mystery achievement asking to i.d a fish, Green blue wings? Yum I reply it's a Gurnard. Unfortunately it had already been returned to the sea due to not knowing wat it was, better safe than sorry and at least it swam away for another day. But I guarantee the next one aboard Mystery Achievement won't be so lucky...



Paul is reporting good fishing in Ruthes passage and reminds me what time we are meeting at the beach. I'm not ready to go yet because I haven't caught any monsters, but I force myself to put away the rod and pull the anchor. I motored around to Chamberlains bay and see lots of club boats already at anchor, oh bugger I'm late Paul is going to be grumpy, I worried.

Turns out Paul wasn't grumpy and everything was cool. So I loaded Marshmellow up with the chilly bins, a table and the BBQ ingredients. I awkwardly rowed in to the beach with the gear and headed back to Moana Reo for more gear and a passenger.



Chamberlains looked a great site with exclusively Waikato Yacht Squadron boats spread anchored across the bay. We set up the tables and did the weigh in, I was winning the biggest Kahawai right till the end when Murray turned up with a monster. Then it was time to get stuck into cleaning the fish ready for the master chefs to turn it into something special.

I was in charge of filleting and had many people watching and asking questions on how to do it. I was more than happy to show everyone the technique I use and was very pleased with the level of interest. Hopefully everyone present will now be able to start practising on filleting fresh fish.



Paul Bonnett was kept busy doing the job of de-boning and skinning the fillets despite only having a blunt kitchen knife to work with. We also split a few Kahawai for the smokers that where kept busy by Rodger and Paul Weaver.



Raw Snapper in soy sauce with a wasabi side was whipped up and passed round by Grant. It went round the group with mixed results, I guess you either love it or you don't. But if you haven't been brave enough you must at least have a go because it's delicious!

Ingredients including fresh ginger, chilli, thyme and white wine were added to the tinfoil parcels of snapper by Steve and Liz Guest and perfectly cooked on the BBQ.



Time for prize giving, Paul Bonnett won biggest snapper and ironically got a filleting knife set. Murray took out the Kahawai section and Paul Bonnett added to his prizes with the fish quiz high score.

Many spot prizes were drawn including Rodger Bonnett adding to Fantasia's prize haul, I was worried their dinghy might sink under all the winnings.

Congratulations to everyone who caught fish and to those that won something and many thanks to everyone that came out to enjoy this year's Fishing Extravaganza. Thank you to Burnsco for supporting us once again.

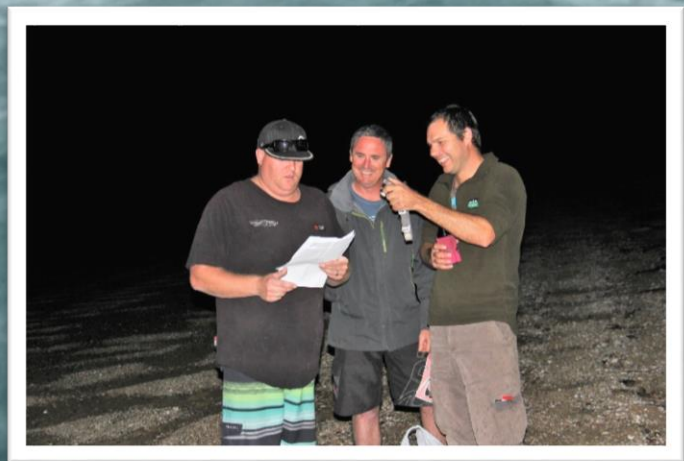
Dustin Wilson

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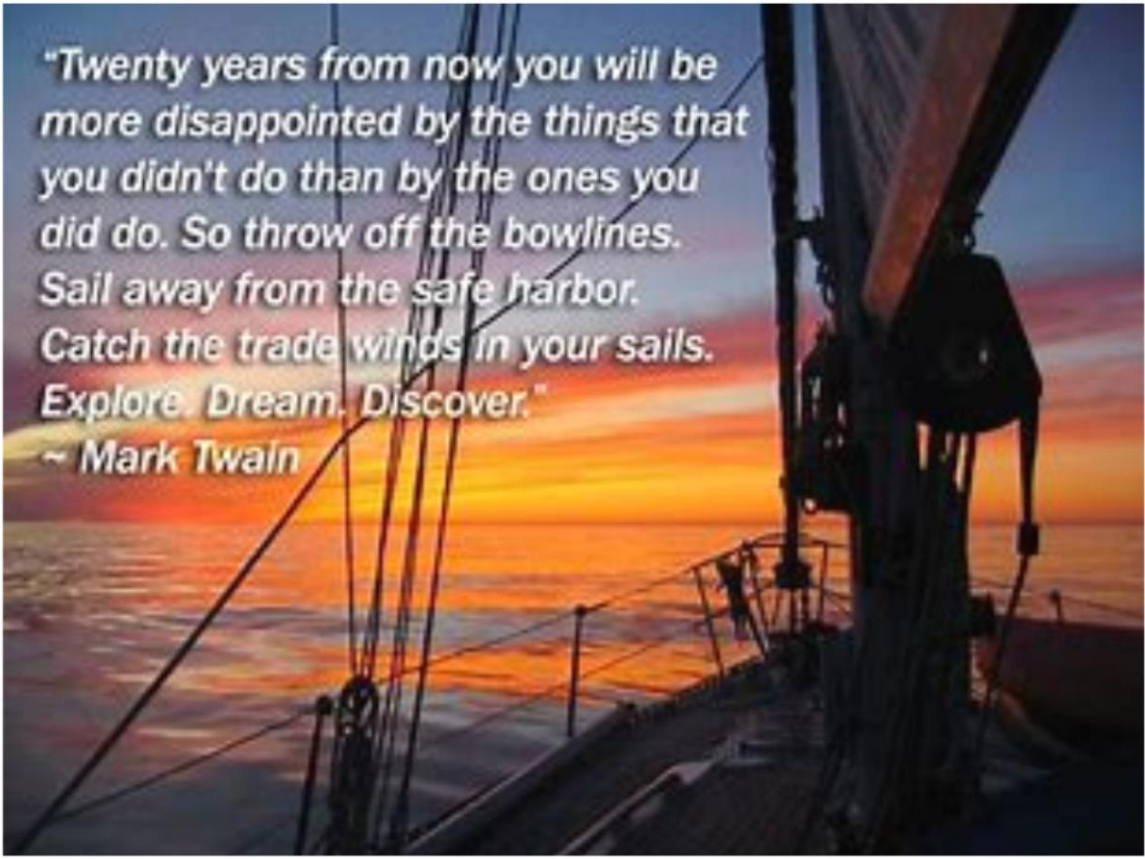




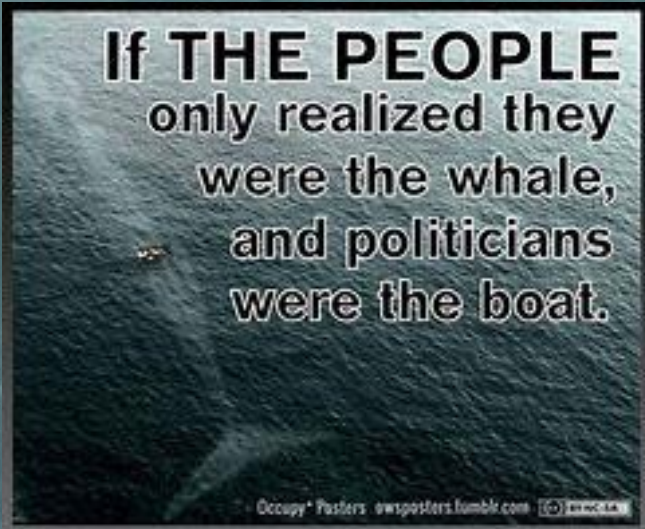








"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."  
~ Mark Twain



**If THE PEOPLE**  
only realized they  
were the whale,  
and politicians  
were the boat.

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## Tech. corner

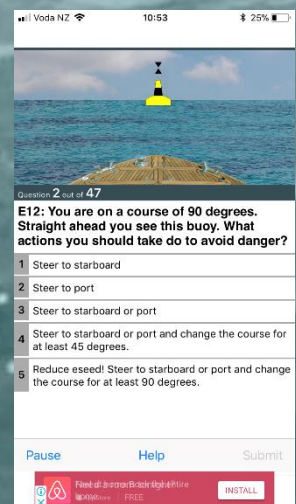
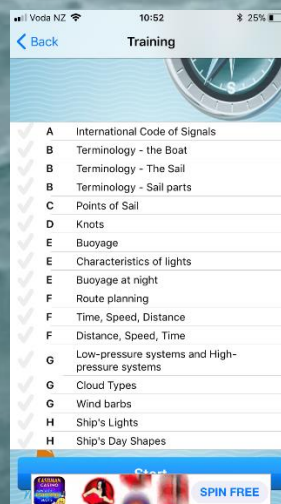
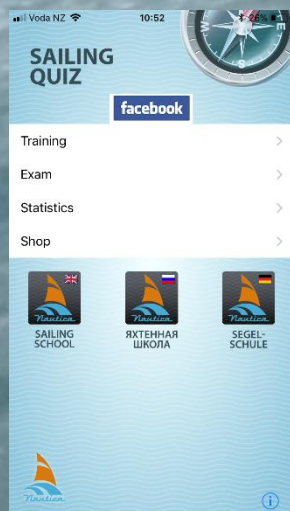
How to get more sailing from your smart phone or device

This month we look at: Sailing Quiz

Interactive learning tool. You can do mini quiz on each subject or do a full on “exam” on all subjects. The test has questions, pictures, animation learning and a help section.

Try out the question below.....

As usual this app is free.



Have you got an app for getting more sailing from your smart device that you want to share?

Email me: [dustin@y7mail.com](mailto:dustin@y7mail.com)

Answer to the above question: 4



A pirate walks into a bar and the bartender says, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened, you look terrible!"

"What do you mean?" the pirate replies, "I'm fine."

The bartender says, "But what about that wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in a battle at sea and a cannon ball hit my leg but the surgeon fixed me up, and I'm fine, really."

"Yeah," says the bartender, "But what about that hook? Last time I saw you, you had both hands."

"Well," says the pirate, "We were in another battle and we boarded the enemy ship. I was in a sword fight and my hand was cut off but the surgeon fixed me up with this hook, and I feel great, really."

"Oh," says the bartender, "What about that eye patch? Last time you were in here you had both eyes."

"Well," says the pirate, "One day when we were at sea, some birds were flying over the ship. I looked up, and one of them shat in my eye."

"So?" replied the bartender, "what happened? You couldn't have lost an eye just from some bird shit!"

"Well," says the pirate, "I really wasn't used to the hook yet."



# Top 3 : Music systems aboard

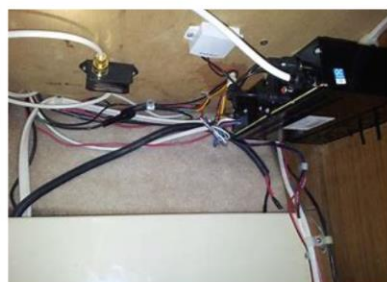
## Number 3: Singing

- Requires no power
- Always in tune when solo sailing
- Not always welcome when not...



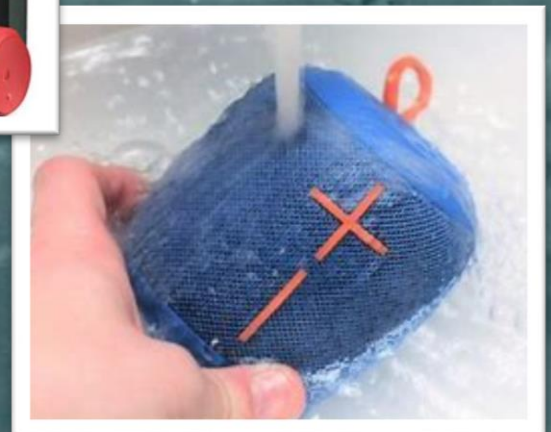
## Number 2: Fixed stereo system

- Surround sound
- Can be inside and out with enough speakers
- Automotive versions suffer from corrosion
- Lots of install work to fit it all
- Uses power while running



## Number 1: Waterproof Portable speaker

- Mount it on deck when sailing
- Move it inside anytime
- Amazing sound from the good ones
- Battery lasts ages
- Use phone as a "remote"
- Charge when suns shining





This month's where is this?



Last month's answer: Rabbit Island

# Events – May/June

Tuesday 22nd May

Nog 'N' Natter

730pm

Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>

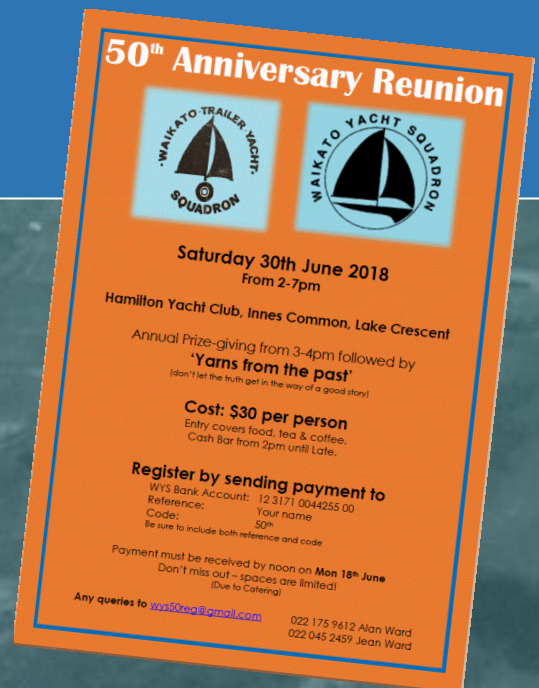
Nog 'N' Natter & AGM

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

2PM Hamilton Yacht club

Includes prize giving







## Cooking rice the easy way

Use a thermos to cook your rice while you are sailing around.

Boil some extra water when you have your morning coffee.

When the water boils, pour in about half a cup, close lid and swirl around to pre heat the thermos. Tip out then add one cup of rice and one cup of boiling water — rice expands as it cooks and if you fill it all the way full, it will end up being a solid glob of rice.

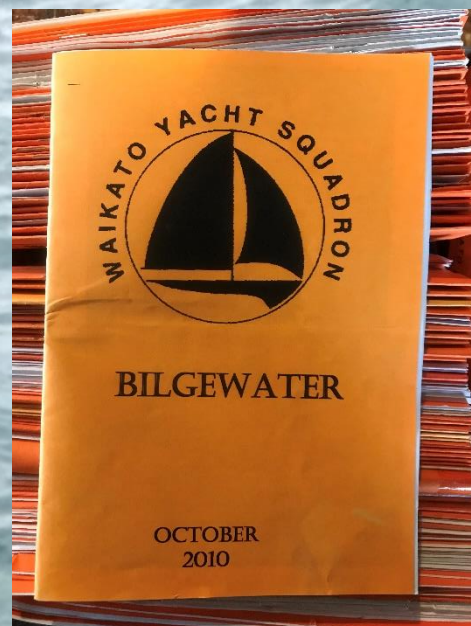
Put the cover on the Thermos and let sit. Now here's the beauty of this — you can let it sit 8 hours or more and the rice doesn't overcook! So you can start it in the morning, do whatever you want all day, and it's ready for dinner.

Great in a cold rice salad or to add pre-cooked rice to dishes or for anything you want to serve over rice!





# Blast from the past



## JOKER NEWS

Never in the history of Joker 6.7 racing has the final result not been-known until the prizegiving. It was so close. After drizzle in the first two races the weather cleared with the wind fluctuating from 1 knot to 15 making the racing very tricky but also enthralling. In one of the stronger gusts Barry Kemp got "boomed" , went over the side but landed in the mainsheets - how he did exactly that is a mystery but apart from that he was relatively unhurt. Aperitif got a new crew next day. The original Joker 6.7 built 1979 was sailed by Don & Roy Woolerton & Jim Pascoe but their all up weight was not compensated by knowledge & their ages were not taken into consideration - pity!

Sugar Shack won the 6.7 trophy by an extremely slender margin from-Columbine & ResiVor while in the 820s, Dilution improved in the last few races( 8 in all) with Keith Snell as crew to win from Aperitif.

The Ngaroto club did a great job both in hospitality & organising - it was a weekend to remember. C

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## Nog 'n Natter

Tuesday 26th October

7:30pm

Our guest speaker this month is Earle Bond from Electronic Navigation with the latest and greatest in GPS, Chartplotters (! have it on good authority that they have coloured ones!!) and all other electronic gismos that we all need.

So bring along your credit cards and shopping lists.

Regards Terry



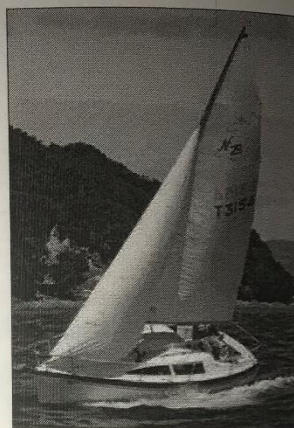


# Blast from the past



## I learnt about sailing from this

Being a new member to the yacht squadron I have been enjoying a fabulous summer of cruising the Hauraki Gulf on my Noelex 25 Bellbird. The highlight for me being the club trip to Coromandal where a fine time was spent discovering new anchorages and getting to know other members of the club. Many thanks to all the committee members and others that contribute to the great facility we have in the compound.



My most recent sail however contained a few moments that I felt were worthy of mention as I now feel a wiser sailor because of them. The adventure began with a sail to Islington Bay with my wife Glenda where we tacked our way up the Gulf into a steady 15 knot breeze. Conditions were quite choppy and we steadily thumped our way towards the shelter of Rangitoto Island. On our arrival there I was shocked to find that my ever faithful Honda outboard would not idle and kept cutting out. As a result, when we reached our anchorage in Islington Bay the motor simply died and we threw the anchor over the side accepting that this would be our resting place for the night.

After draining fuel and tinkering with mixture settings on the engine I was able to restore some sign of life back to the motor and we settled into a relaxing afternoon lounging around in the sheltered bay. Sitting in the calm water with hardly a breath of wind the thought never occurred to me that I had not set the anchor properly. We slept through the night in calm conditions with just a gentle roll entering the bay. The next morning it was up early and Glenda and I embarked on a quick walk to the top of Rangitoto.

It took about an hour to reach the summit. A sickening feeling overcame me as a sharp gust of about 20 knots greeted us at the top. It was another hour back down to the bottom. As we rounded the final bends on the track home I was horrified to see Bellbird no longer sitting where I had left her but instead she had dragged her anchor about 150 meters. She had luckily taken hold in the mud on the other side of the bay. Had the wind come from 30 degrees further to port my precious Bellbird would have washed up on the rocks.

As I look back on this incident in retrospect, I think of the important lessons it taught me. Firstly leaving a boat unattended for such a length of time no matter how calm the conditions are has its risks. Thankfully it was a quiet day in the bay and Bellbird didn't damage any other boats on her solo voyage. Secondly - getting distracted. By failing to set the anchor properly I set myself up for disaster. The fact that we spent the whole night in calm conditions only emphasized the problem and lured us into a false sense of security.

Hopefully others may learn from this experience. I know I certainly did and consider I got off lightly.

John Martin



### *Fun Fact*

*Here is the  
background picture I  
use in this  
newsletter. I took it  
between Coromandel  
and Kawakawa Bay.*

*This is a Dolphin,  
it's been in every  
issue...*

*Ever spotted it?*

*Dustin*



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