

Squadron Newsletter

August 2023




Now doesn't this bring back a few memories – I think this was Roys maiden voyage on Royle Flush – destination Great Barrier Island via Tryphena harbour – and then this lot got on board!!!



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*Our first and foremost objective is to encourage and support
safe family sailing – both cruising and racing*

Commodore's Comment

I can report that your committee is hard at work getting the membership renewal invoice out to you all, preparing the sailing programme for 2023-24, and updating the squadron handbook to reflect the updated member listing and sailing programme.

You would all have received your renewal invoice sent out in July and August. We thank all who have paid their dues in such a timely way. However, a few members are still outstanding, and I urge you to make payment as soon as possible. Note that members who have not paid by 31st August will not be included in the handbook member listing.

We are fortunate to have two very keen committee members in Flip and Anton, who are preparing a squadron sailing programme to offer some new sailing destinations in our cruising programme, options for different finish destinations in our passage racing series, and a new communication process to remind members of upcoming event.

Of course, the key point in our sailing programme is that the keeler and TY fleets converge to a common beach for the all important social gathering, and this remains central to our planning.

You will note the notice in this newsletter, that we will present the sailing programme at the August Nog n Natter.

I can also report that an updated squadron safety policy has been adopted by the committee. Tim Hayward has spent the past 8 months putting this together, taking on board feedback from members, and advice and help from Yachting NZ. We have posted the plan to the squadron website at www.waikatoyachtsquadron.org.nz. This plan will also be included in the handbook publication.

On a recent visit to the KawaKawa Bay compound with Hugh and David, we had a good review of boat and trailer condition of yachts still on berth. A small number were identified as non-compliant with squadron rules, and their owner's contacted to remedy.

I also visited with Mary Couldrey, and can report that she is more than happy with the way we maintain our common facility, and are seen to be a good example to the community at Kawakawa Bay, and to the sport of sailing.

My last comment is to commend Flip Rayner, our NZTYA representative, for attending the annual NZTYA AGM at Evans Bay Yacht Club in Wellington. Flip had great interaction with many other club reps, and promoted our squadron well, including the Gulf Classic event.

I can also report that Flip has taken on the role of North Island vice president of the NZTYA and accepted an invitation for Waikato to host the North Island TY champs in 2025.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST NOG n NATTER

Date: Tuesday 22nd August 2023, from 7.30 pm.

Venue: The usual place – Hamilton Yacht Club

Topics:

- Presentation and discussion on the proposed sailing programme for the new season.
- Report on the Safety Plan
- Member feedback on anything that you wish your committee to consider.

Bilgewater

Over these past 2 months we have published this newsletter instead of the full blown Bilgewater format, that you have all been used to over the past season. It is our intention to return to that Bilgewater format from September on.

Therefore, for this to be successful we need input from you all, with articles of interest to publish. If anyone wants to present articles on technical aspects of sailing, then that will be welcome also. And don't forget the photo of interesting things you have seen over the years. These are usually more descriptive than a long story line!

The place to email your articles to is the squadron email address at:

waikatoyachtsquadron@gmail.com



And do we really want this sort of shenanigan going ondoesn't this bring back a few memories – Valentines day Cocktail party 2017



And a very fine commodore and commodoreess winning the cocktails contest and popping the cork on the markay vue.....

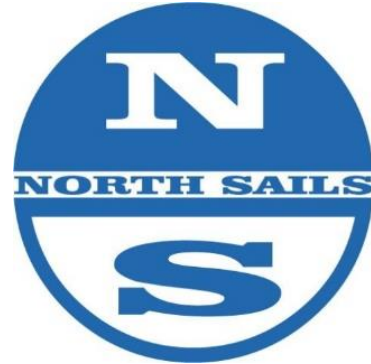
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