

Squadron Newsletter

July 2023




Did Someone Say Winter! Melody, Blood Shot, Escargot and Perpetual Motion in Garden Cove (north side of Waiheke) 15 July 2023

A small bay – just make sure you dodge the big rock at the narrow entrance



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

Commodore's Comment

As your new Commodore, I am writing this newsletter to get the new season underway and update you all on how we are setting up our committee roles for this season.

First though, you will see this document is titled "Squadron Newsletter". This is because I have been unable to identify a suitable person to take on the role of "Bilgewater editor" following Tim's retirement from that role. Until we find a member willing to take on the editor role, we have put the Bilgewater on hold, and will just publish this shortened newsletter version monthly. Note my advert for the BW editor at the end of this newsletter.

And now to your new committee. We are fortunate to see Jim and Greg continue in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. These men have given great service to the squadron over the past number of year's, and we are fortunate to have their experience again this season. We have two new committee men in Chris Martin and Anton Post and they bring renewed enthusiasm to the group. Chris is going to be closely involved with Gulf Classic, KKBC liaison and 2ic to Jim in the Treasurers role. Anton will be assisting with the sailing programme and communication roles with Flip.

Vice Commodore Flip is being his brilliant best again, and I am fortunate to have him assisting me in the Commodore's role. Flip will again be our main comms manager, looking after the website and Facebook; new member liaison, and will also take the important role of Squadron race officer for the TY sailing programme.

Your committee is rounded out with Andrew (AJ) continuing as the squadron handicap manager running the Halsail handicapping software, as well as assisting Greg in the secretary role. Although Tim has relinquished the Bilgewater editor role, he will continue to publish the handbook and assist me with editing squadron documentation. Roger again is the go-to man to backup any jobs required. He will be our liaison to Hugh, who continues as the compound manager.

Non committee roles include Hugh in the compound role, ably assisted by the ever reliable Dave Whitburn, as our compound custodian.

Upcoming Events

Winter is always a quiet time on the sailing front, and we usually use this month to have a social gathering somewhere other than the normal Hamilton Yacht Club venue. This year we have decided to return to the Hamilton RSA for a dinner and social gathering. I know we have been there before, but I am a great believer in supporting our military service club.

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Date: Tuesday 25th July 2023, drinks from 6pm

Venue: The RSA Club Rostrevor St Hamilton

Vacancy Bilgewater Editor

With the retirement of Tim Hayward our very excellent Bilgewater Editor from the past few seasons, we now require a volunteer to take on this role. We need someone who is a good wordsmith, knows how to operate word document software, and has a keen ear for what goes around the traps at squadron events.

You will not be alone in the task! The committee will assist you where we can, by providing print copy of all squadron events, and of course the members, also supplying stories of their sailing adventures for the editor to publish.

In the short term we would expect to start with a shortened newsletter style publication, until you get more confident to publish a full Bilgewater version.

Please feel free to contact any committee member if you are interested in taking this role.

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