

BILGEWATER

August 2024




Wellington on a good day! Airing out the sails on Acheron in Evan's Bay



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

Commodore's Comment

Thanks everyone for your support for our life members dinner held at the Hamilton Workingman's Club last month. We had a great turnout, and I know the life members, Joy Homewood, Roy Woolerton, and John Wolff, really appreciated the opportunity to mix and mingle with the members. Unfortunately, I had to put in an apology due to a funeral commitment in Taranaki, but feedback told me you all had a great occasion.

I also note the very successful compound Working Bee held in July, that saw a good turnout of members, and, more importantly, a lot of overdue maintenance work done. The main drain areas were cleared of weed and silt buildup, and the concrete base for the new shed poured. Rodger Bonnett also got our night lights working again with replacement sensors. Thank goodness for the help of George Couldrey supplying a tractor and dump truck for removing debris. I enjoyed the driving duties!!

Your committee is busy getting the new sailing programme planned out, as well as all the other responsibilities of squadron management. Chris Martin, your treasurer, has successfully implemented the new financial reporting programme with the squadron now using Xero accounting software to monitor our budget and financial transactions. Thanks to Darren Johnston for your valuable assistance in setting this all up. Andrew (AJ) Jones has got the secretarial duties well under control and you will all note the excellent job he has done on getting your membership renewal invoices out in a very timely manner.

For anyone who has not paid their invoice, please get onto it as soon as you have read this.

On the sailing programme, we have Flip, Anton, Roger and me working on the racing and cruising events for the season. You should all be pleased with what we come up with – the August Nog n Natter will include a discussion on the programme and we welcome your feedback!

One of the challenges is the potential impact of the Caulerpa weed invasion on our Great Barrier cruise. Thankfully we have today received confirmation from MPI (see page 5) that we are still able to anchor in Fitzroy harbour, and we will continue to monitor this.

My last comment is to advise that Tim Hayward, has resigned from your committee. Tim has been a great committeeman over the past years with important inputs as Bilgewater editor, handbook preparation and general documentation editing. Tim and Jo are going to concentrate on sailing their Hanse 35 *Louisa* in all our squadron events and assist with managing the keeler sailing programme as required. Thanks for your help and input Tim, and remember I still have you on speed dial!!

Finally – hasn't the Olympic sailing been great! At least great early on when there was wind! Great to see the 49er men keeping the Burling/Tuke legacy going with a great silver medal sail. A pity that there was not more wind at Marseille for the later part of the kite dinghy and Nacra events.

(Commodore) Murray

Upcoming Events

➤ August Nog 'n Natter

- Yachting NZ **Safety Talk** and Update from Kelly Mulcahy
- Presentation on **Sailing Programme** from Flip Rayner
 - o Opportunity to tweak this season's programme based on your feedback

Tuesday 27th August – 7.30pm

Hamilton Yacht Club

Early Notification

➤ Compound Mast-Raising and BBQ Lunch

Assistance with mast-raising, rig tension, boat safety equipment checks, sausage sizzle, launching

Open to all, whether or not your boat is in the compound, or whether or not you have a trailer yacht!



Saturday 5th October – 10am-2pm in Kawakawa Bay

➤ Inner Hauraki Shakedown Cruise

Following on from mast-raising and launch

Informal cruise in the Waiheke area

Saturday 5th October – Tuesday 8th October departing Kawakawa Bay

Positions Vacant – Gulf Classic Committee

We are looking for assistance with organising the Gulf Classic Endurance Regatta, to be held on the weekend of 15th March 2025.

At present, Chris Martin and Murray Pearce are the committee tasked with organising the Gulf Classic. They would like a further 2 or 3 people involved, and preferably outside of existing committee, so as to spread the load and get more members experienced in organising a big open regatta like this.

If anyone would like to volunteer then please call Murray on 0274 951 223.

Save the Date – Gulf Classic 2025

Gulf Classic 2025 will be held on the weekend of 15-16th March 2025



Endurance and Suzie rounding Rakino Island, as captured from the foredeck of Escargot in the Gulf Classic 2024

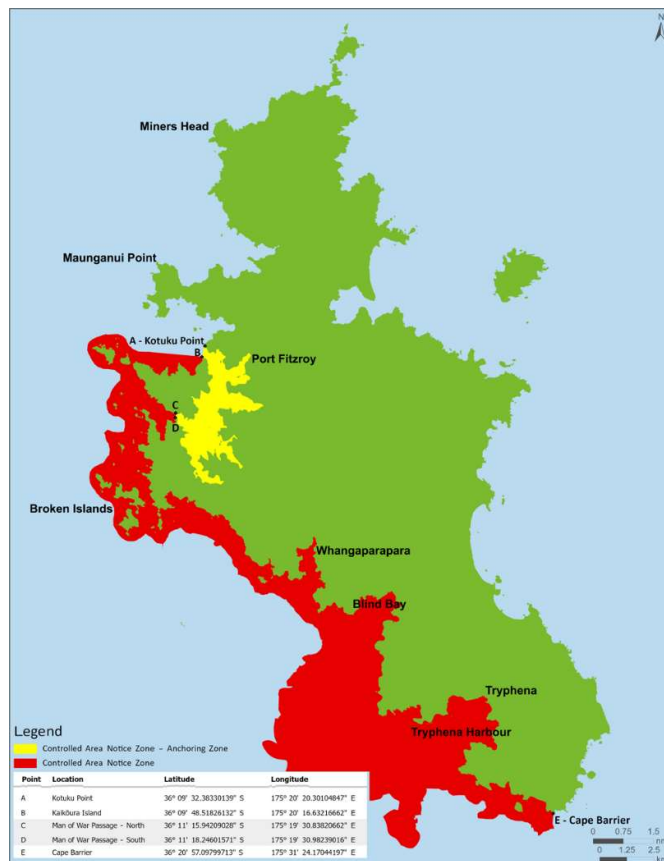
Anchoring at Great Barrier Island – Exotic Caulerpa

Within the whole controlled area (including Port Fitzroy), you can:

- line fish using a rod and line and handline from the shore or a wharf/jetty
- drift fish from a vessel – for example, kayak, boat
- spear fish and hand gather
- do shore-based longlining – for example with a kontiki or drone
- dive.

Within this area, you cannot:

- fish for any seafood (fish, crayfish, shellfish) using any method that comes into contact with the seabed – for example, you must not use flounder nets, dredging or bottom trawling
- anchor a vessel except in an emergency (for example to seek shelter in a storm) or with a permit from Biosecurity New Zealand. (Port Fitzroy is an exception. In Port Fitzroy, anchoring is allowed without a permit).



Map of the controlled area (coloured red) at Aotea Great Barrier Island. The permit-exempt anchoring zone at Port Fitzroy is in yellow.

[Ed - Not on the MPI website, but last year some of our boats still went to Tryphena Harbour and were easily able to receive permission to grab some mooring balls, so that is definitely also an option for smaller groups.]

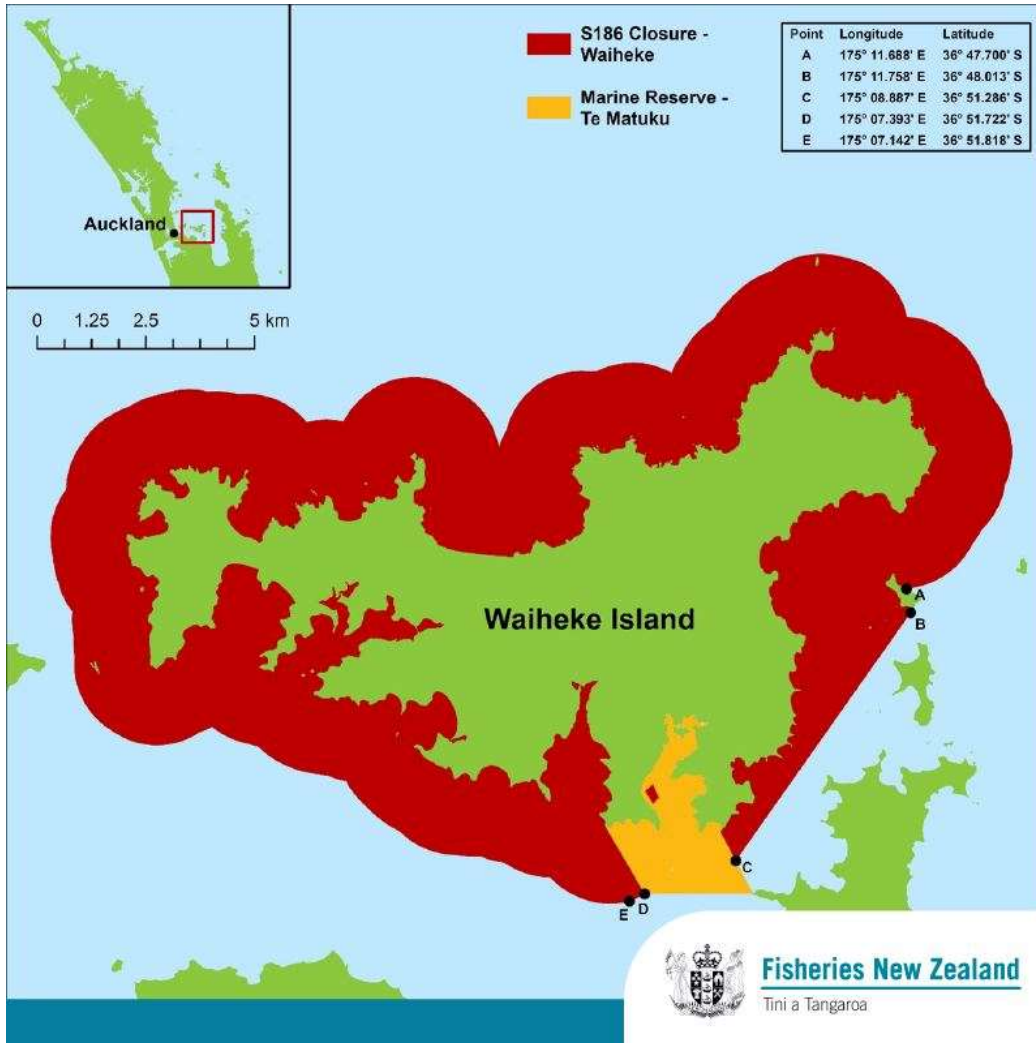
For more information:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/exotic-pests-and-diseases-in-new-zealand/pests-and-diseases-under-response/exotic-caulerpa-seaweeds-caulerpa-brachypus-and-caulerpa-parvifolia-in-new-zealand/the-legal-rules-for-boating-and-fishing-to-stop-the-spread-of-exotic-caulerpa/>

(most recent update 7 August 2024)

Temporary Ban on taking Mussels, Rock Lobster and Pāua

From 7 August 2024 until 6 August 2026



There are also bans on:

- Umupuia Beach: Tuangi (cockles)
- Te Mātā and Waipatukahu: Tio (oysters), kūtai (mussels), pipi and tuangi (cockles)

For more information:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/consultations/proposed-temporary-fishery-closures-in-the-hauraki-gulf/>

Coastguard Courses

Now is a great time of year to consider upskilling your boating qualifications.

Coastguard run a number of courses relevant to our members.

Marine VHF Operator's Certificate can be completed online (\$135) or as a one-day Saturday classroom course (\$185). All VHF users are legally required to hold a certificate, unless it is an emergency.

Dayskipper can also be completed online (\$220) or as a two-day all-weekend classroom course (\$320). No courses are currently scheduled for Hamilton.

Boatmaster can be completed at home (\$470) or as a 4-day 2-weekend classroom course (\$720). There is a course available in Hamilton for the weekends of 19-20th October and 2-3rd November. At time of writing there are 7 places left.



Another course they are looking at starting is an evening course called **Suddenly In Charge**. This is marketed as “a fun, interactive evening covering fundamental topics to help boost confidence and make your time afloat more enjoyable and a little safer.” This could be perfect for the non-sailor crew on your boat. Your committee are investigating getting the Coastguard to run one of these courses for us once it becomes available.

More information and sign-ups at boatingeducation.org.nz

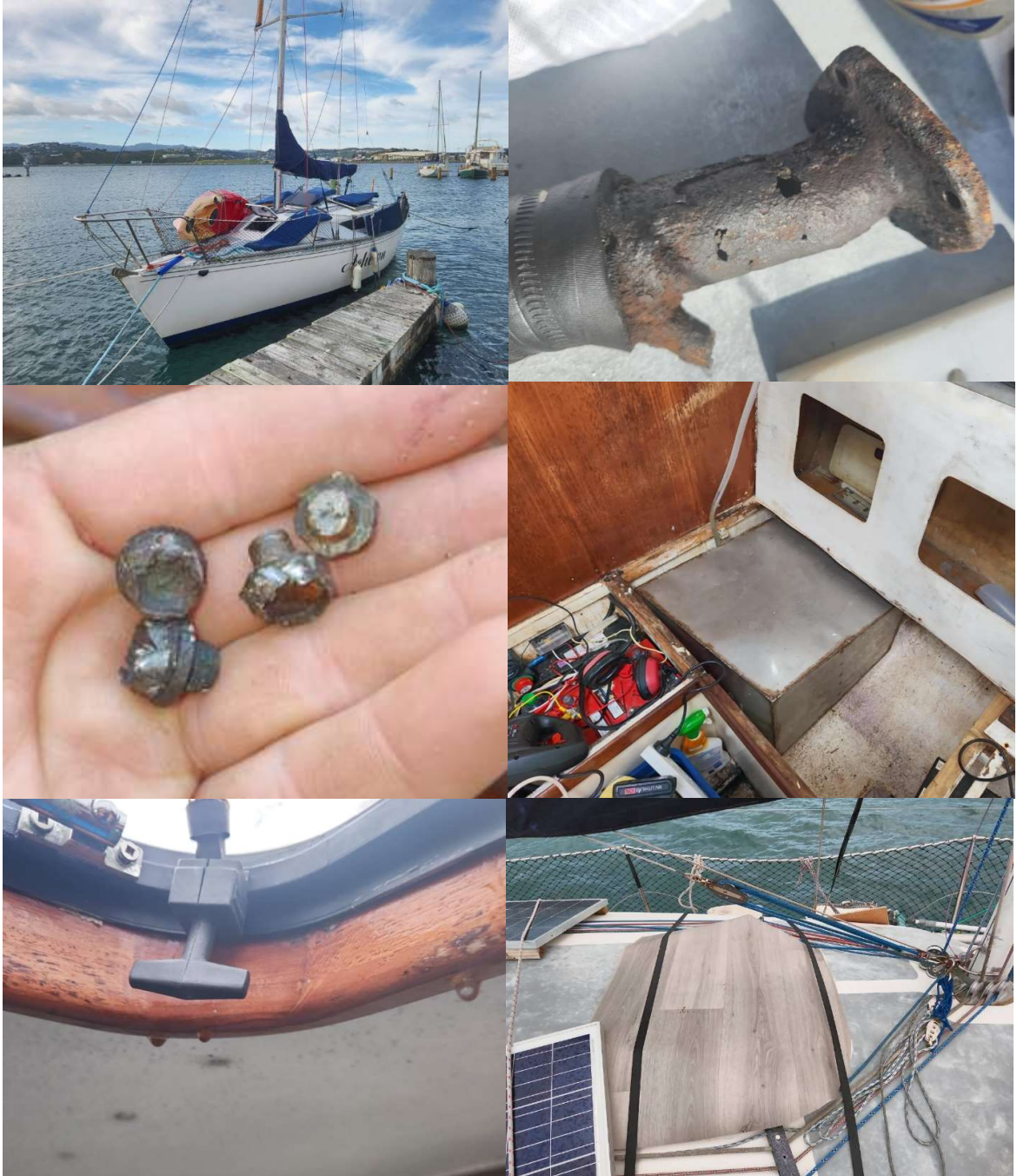
Around the Squadron - Maintenance time!

Please send us your photos and stories about what you have been up to...

Angus Jones has been getting his XS8, *INXS*, ready for the summer by experimenting with a new boom tent. This required an aluminium boom extension, which looks like it supports the boom by the topping lift.



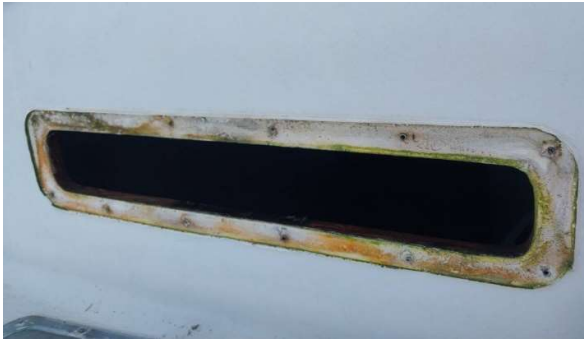
Flip Rayner has been down in Wellington, giving some much-needed love to *Acheron*, his Carpenter 29, moored in Evan's Bay. His top focus has been leaky windows and hatches, as well as removal of the starter and exhaust elbow for rebuild and replacement respectively. He has also made progress reinstalling a fresh water tank, which has turned out a pretty good fit!



Robert Paine is looking at mounting his new keel onto his Noelex 22, *Dream On*. This has been a work-in-progress with many contributors, particularly Troy at BOPTYS.



Anton Post has replaced *Perpetual Motion's* windows, with the goal of keeping more of the water on the outside.



For Sale – Joker 820 - Falkor



From Wayne Johnstone:

“Falkor is for sale. She is a Joker 820. She well known within the Waikato Yacht Squadron to be a great boat in excellent condition.

Please pass the word around, and if anyone is interested, please ask them to contact Wayne Johnstone (027 623 6366) for further information.”

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