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Commodore's Report

As promised in last month's edition, here is part two of my experience with replacing all the standing rigging on my 23 ft trailer yacht – Moana Reo.

After receiving a large box of shiny fittings and stainless rigging from Tauranga I did a quick audit to make sure everything was there and enlisted the help of Dustin once again to reverse the procedure from part one.

We arrived at Kawakawa bay in similar conditions to the previous weekend but instead of the weather gods providing a clear window of opportunity we got rain.... and wind.

It wasn't ideal conditions for the activity but we decided to press on and get the job done.



Step One: Put on every layer of clothing we had and briefly complain about the weather. We also had a VERY brief conversation on whether or not this would be a great opportunity to take the boat out for some heavy weather testing once the rigging was up... No Dustin, No.

Step Two: With the mast still down we began connecting each stay from the mast to the yacht paying attention to not get caught up in lifelines or other hardware. Each stay was held fast to the yacht using a clevis pin and split pin to hold it in place. This was a significant improvement over my previous D shackles.

Step Three: With all the new rigging in place, lift the mast slowly taking care again with lines being caught on hardware. Ideally a third person or a mast raising system would have made this part easier as we got hung up a few times. With the mast fully raised we attempted to secure the forestay but found the supplied clevis pin wasn't long enough. A stainless steel



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bolt was used as a suitable temporary solution. (Burnsco has every size you could ever wish for)

Step Four: Tuning.... This was something neither of us had much (any) experience with so I will probably need to revisit this after a test sail. After tightening the forestay to the end of its adjustment it was still loose and I thought for a moment the rigger had made a mistake. We backed off the adjustment on the forestay and began to add tension to the inner and outer side stays. This made all the difference and soon enough the forestay was a similar tension to before. A final light tweak of the back stay and everything appears correct.

Now obviously, this is just my experience and not an instructional procedure. I feel a lot happier about the condition of my rigging and have learnt a lot from the process.

Regards,

Paul Weaver

Commodore





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Upcoming Events

9th Nov - Seamanship on the water day - Dean Hermann will be providing on the water lessons off the Kawakawa breakwater.

9th Nov - Boptys Rotorua - Allan Civil Memorial Rotoiti Classic

16th Nov - Great Barrier Cruise - thanks to Jim Pasco



NOG n NATTER

Tuesday September 24th

From 1930 Hrs at the Hamilton Yacht Clubrooms

This Nog N Natter is the compound key exchange event where you need to bring your existing compound key and exchange for the next season key. You will also get your new handbook showing the member listing, the sailing programme, and essential information on the squadron.

We will also have a guest speaker for you.

Matt Stevens from North Sails will give us a talk on his 18 ft Skiff sailing skills leading to their world No 1 ranking at the recent world series.

In addition, Matt is negotiating to bring his Emirates TNZ flatmate down to give us some insight into the Americas Cup campaign - maybe the present one if you all sign the secrecy clauses in the contract - but some good stuff on the Bermuda win anyway!!! Watch this space for an emailed update.

See you all there.

Rob Connor



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Sailing Programme 2019-2020

The new sailing programme is published in the handbook that you will receive at the September Nog N Natter. We have added an extra regatta for the Trailer yachts with a “Rocky Bay” season opening event scheduled for Labour weekend, whilst the keeler division race to Kawau for their season opener. The rest of the events ensure we have a full season of competitive sailing, as well as cruising events. Note the dates for the Great Barrier and Great Mercury Island cruise events.

The coordinating Race officer roles for the fleets are James Hepburn for the TY fleet and Murray Pearce the keeler division. We are again nominating different skippers to act as Race Officer of the Day (ROD), as in previous seasons. If you see your name in the programme, and that weekend does not suit, then call James or Murray and we can make changes. Spreading the race start responsibility around lets people get some experience at this task and builds experience across the squadron.

For those nominated as ROD, there are clear instructions in the handbook on starting procedure. For the TY fleet, James has also prepared a handout to use giving more in-depth advice on taking entries, conducting the briefing, and managing the start sequence.

We will also be running an on the beach gathering after each event, with a lucky draw prize up for grabs at each gathering. BURNSCO are on board as our beach bop sponsor, so there will be some excellent prizes to be had.

RaceQs fleet tracking

RaceQs is an app you can load onto your smartphone enabling the race fleet to be monitored over the course of the event. It will allow anyone in the club to see “live” the event in action.

Now this may sound a bit too techno for some of our squadron, but I can assure you it’s a very handy tool to have especially from safety and any need for the ROD to shorten race, if weather dictates. It is now standard practice in many regattas to have this app tracking the fleet, so that results and times can be backed up if necessary. We can also “replay” the race at the beach gathering from the club laptop.

To give everyone a heads up on how to install on your phone and set the app up, we will give a short presentation at the September Nog n Natter. So, bring along your smartphone and let’s see if we can make this work for our sailing programme.

Murray Pearce

James Hepburn



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Gt Barrier Cruise - November 2019

The annual cruise to Gt Barrier Island will shortly be on us for which you will need the following information.

The cruise period will be from 16th November to 24th November 2019 although some will look to travel before and return later dependant on the weather .

For those wishing to travel as a group the plan is to launch and assemble at North Harbour on Saturday in readiness to set sail to Gt Barrier at 0900 hrs on Sunday morning 17th Nov. There is no formal activity scheduled for Saturday night although a beer on the beach or any boat to boat socialising is always welcome.

Channel 77 VHF will be in use prior to boats getting underway on Sunday morning and for any messages to the fleet prior to departure. Thereafter, channels 60 and 64 will be used for the day to day traffic. Any fleet messages during the week away will be made on VHF 77 at 0900 hrs and 1500 hrs daily as required.

Our destination for Sunday 17th will be to Tryphena Harbour - Mulberry Grove weather permitting. As this Bay faces SW it is susceptible to the prevailing SW wind and chop and is not always a comfortable anchorage. However, this is the initial plan for the night with breakfast in the morning at the local Mulberry Grove Hotel complex. Failing Tryphena then we would sail to Whangaparapara for the night.

Our eventual destination on Barrier is Smokehouse Bay and this will normally be accessed via the Broken Islands route though Man-O- War Passage. A lot of work has been done to the Smokehouse Bay facility over the year so many changes will be evident including the addition of a Pizza Oven. Perhaps one or two pizza bases will be needed this time.

Port Fitzroy Boat Club is open and operating so we will try to have a collective meal there prior to our return back home, I will advise later on this. The store will be open as usual at Fitzroy for anything you run out of while on Barrier

Don't forget to take your fishing gear and bait as there are plenty of fish to be had here before the Christmas rush starts.

You can contact me on ACUSHLA on VHF or mobile phone 0211431199 if any assistance is required.

Jim Pasco



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Winter Racing with Pine Harbour Cruising Club

Winter racing with PHCC is now coming to an end with the final race on 15th Sept. The WYS contingent is still in there trying hard for a podium finish to the series. The series has not been without its issues this year with abandoned races due to winds over 30 knots, abandoned due to running out of time and abandoned due to no wind and retirement due to launching one of the crew over the side during a gybe.

Going through all of the above Acushla is managing to stay in the running as we go into the last race with only one and a half points between the first and second positions.



This is a great series for those who wish to get out in the winter months to have a blast around the Gulf in good company. You do not need to have a keel boat for this as there are always crew positions to be had for those keen enough to weather the winter conditions and continue to hone their own sailing skills to put into practice on their own boats.

Jim - Acushla



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For Sale

SOLACE



Our Catalina 7 is finally for sale after a quiet retirement in the shed this past 4 years, whilst the owners got into keeler ownership.

The Catalina is an Alan Wright design 7 metre (23 feet) yacht with a stub keel enclosing a fold down fin for upwind tracking. As there is no keel box through the cabin, taking out space, there is a lot of room inside. She is the pop top model with full head room while at anchor.

Bunk space accommodates 5 people, being 1 double and 3 singles. She is equipped with electric toilet, 2 burner gas hobs with grill, fusion stereo, VHF radio, and depth sounder/fish finder.

Sail wardrobe is adequate, with a good main and a No 1 furling genoa, an MPS and spinnaker. All standing rigging is new.

The trailer has been completely upgraded with new galvanising, new duro-torque suspension, galvanised wheel rims and new tyres. She is warranted and registered through to mid-2020.

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