

# BILGEWATER

June 2024




*Aperitif, Suzie, INXS, Sugarshack and Escargot on King's Birthday morning on Lake Tarawera*



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

## Commodore's Comment

A very enjoyable prize giving evening was held at the Boundary Restaurant at Tamahere, as the final event for our squadron season. Congratulations to all race and Championship winners and the recipients of our "special" awards. We know it's not hard to win the "Rockhopper" award and I was not surprised at all to hear the long list of nominees read out by Flip, before the announcement of Sven on *Clearwater* taking out the title. Unsurprisingly, dropping one's boat off the trailer following failure to install the brake pads, earned Andrew and Anne on *Portfolio* the dubious honour of the Wooden Spoon award.

Special mention must be made of the John and Lynne Pollard award for the most helpful squadron member of the season, and this very deservedly went to Anton and his family on *Perpetual Motion* for their "mother goosing" the trailer fleet on both race and cruise events, and of course being a brilliant and supportive committee man.

The AGM to be held on Tuesday 25th June will be our last event for this season. We need a strong turnout of members to form a good quorum for this important meeting. AGMs are a great venue to discuss anything the members would like to see the committee review for the new season. If anyone has issues, we encourage you to inform the secretary of any items you want included on the agenda.

A big item to be reviewed at this AGM will be the changes we have been required to make to the squadron Constitution, to comply with new rules set by the recently passed Incorporated Societies Act. A subcommittee of Nigel McCarter (chair), Tim Hayward, and Jim Pasco were tasked with reviewing our existing constitution, and making recommendations on changes, to comply with the new law. Included in this Bilgewater is a document prepared by Nigel McCarter on the changes made, and this should give you background information needed to vote on these changes.

We will be bringing the new constitution to a vote of acceptance at the AGM so we can file with the Companies Office, and to get this administrative task completed and clear so the new committee can concentrate on squadron management.

Finally, I thank you all for making this season probably one of the most attended and fun seasons I have seen in my time with the squadron. We have had over 28 TY boats competing in the Passage series, and a small, but growing number of keelers sailing out of Pine Harbour, Half Moon Bay, and Westhaven. Well done everyone and we look forward to an even stronger season turnout in 2025.

(Commodore) Murray

## Upcoming Events

- 25<sup>th</sup> June – AGM – 7:30pm at Hamilton Yacht Club
  - Commodore report on squadron activity and Treasurer report on Squadron financial position
  - Election of officers for the new season
  - Ratification of a new Squadron constitution. Note: we have had to review and make minor changes to our existing constitution to comply with the Incorporated Society Act 2022.

## Save the Date – Gulf Classic 2025

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



# Revised Constitution Notes for AGM, June 2024

## Resolution 1

This AGM approve the revised Constitution of the Waikato Yacht Squadron Incorporated circulated to all members by email on 22 May 2024.

## Resolution 2

The Waikato Yacht Squadron register as an incorporated society as required by Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

## Background

The original constitution of the squadron was written in 1967. By 2000 the rules were not fit for purpose; for example, the constitution required the squadron to place money with a non-existent bank. So at the AGM of 2021, we replaced the original document with a constitution based on the proposed requirements of an Incorporated Societies Bill then under consideration by parliament.

Between 2021 and 2022 Parliament refined certain sections of the Bill which was passed into law in 2022. The Act came into force in October 2023. To become an Incorporated Society, the squadron must approve a new constitution and register with the Companies Office.

For small societies, the advantages of incorporation are the protection of officers and members from certain legal hazards, and the provision of formal processes and rules for operation.

The Companies Office produced a tool to help societies build their constitutions, which distinguishes three types of rules:

- **Mandatory rules** or sections are required by the legislation.
- **Recommended rules** are more comprehensive and may reflect best practices.
- **Optional rules** only suit some societies;

If we were to include all the rules, the resulting constitution would be 23 pages long and some sections (for example referring to a paid general manager) would be inapplicable.

Therefore the committee has revised the 2021 constitution to comply with the revisions of the Act but has omitted sections that the committee deem inapplicable to the squadron operations.

**The principal changes to the 2021 constitution are:**

1. Addition of a section of definitions and Interpretation, and clarification of terms throughout the document.
2. Expansion of a section on Membership, including:
  - a. Requirement for all new members to give consent (online or in writing) to becoming a member
  - b. Maintenance of a members' register
  - c. Clarification of membership rights and obligations
3. Expansion of the section on the Committee:
  - a. Requirement for committee members to consent to be a Committee Member, and to certify that they are not disqualified under section 47 of the Act
  - b. Specification of Roles of Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer
  - c. Specification on qualification and disqualification of committee members
  - d. Specification of quorum and meeting procedure
4. Specification of the ability to make and amend by-laws, e.g. for compound management.

**Other changes include:**

1. Removal of specifications for portfolio managers like race, publications officer, cruising co-ordinator; these portfolios can be allocated and when needed.
2. Removal of requirement for a common seal
3. Clarification of liquidation and surplus assets disposal
4. Clarification of disputes resolution

**Further actions that will be required following approval of the constitution**

1. Registration of the constitution with the Societies Registrar
2. Nomination of a contact person with Societies Registrar
3. Committee members to complete formal declarations
4. Revise membership form to specify consent to be a member
5. Completion of members register
6. Change of Compound rules to Compound By-laws

## Squadron Prizegiving

Prizegiving was a wonderful and well attended night at “The Boundary” in Tamahere, with quick service due to the prizegiving we were into the prizes in no time. The various race winners emerged during the season’s races and were recognised with trophies and plaques at the prizegiving.

<b>RACE AWARDS</b>	<b>TY Handicap Division</b>	<b>TY Open Division</b>	<b>Keeler Division</b>
	<u><i>Skipper name</i></u> <u><i>“Boat name”</i></u>	<u><i>Skipper name</i></u> <u><i>“Boat name”</i></u>	<u><i>Skipper name</i></u> <u><i>“Boat name”</i></u>
<b>Kawau Island Race</b>			J Pasco “Acushla”
<b>Rocky Bay Race</b>	C Martin “Suzie”	G Morgan “Young Gem”	
<b>Ponui Race</b>	L & P Feldman “Hue & Cry”	P Rayner “Escargot”	T & J Hayward “Louisa”
<b>Hooks Bay Race</b>	A King “Portfolio”	P Rayner “Escargot”	J Pasco “Acushla”
<b>Motuihe Race</b>	M Bang P Edwards “Hold on II”	G Morgan “Young Gem”	J Pasco “Acushla”
<b>Tarahiki Race</b>	J Hepburn “Waiula”	P Rayner “Escargot”	J Pasco “Acushla”
<b>Coromandel Race</b>	R Osborne “Swashbuckler”	P Rayner “Escargot”	T & J Hayward “Louisa”
<b>Night Race</b>	A Post “Perpetual Motion”	P Rayner “Escargot”	
<b>RTB Saltwater Series</b>		P Rayner “Escargot”	

## Championship Season Awards

<b>Passage Series - TY Handicap</b>	L & P Feldman “Hue & Cry”
<b>Passage Series - TY Open</b>	P Rayner “Escargot”
<b>Passage Series -Keeler Open</b>	J Pasco “Acushla”
<b>Passage Series -Keeler Handicap</b>	J Pasco “Acushla”



*Jim needs a bigger box!*

The story behind the special trophies and awards are many and varied.

### **Rock Hopper**

Never have there been so many nominations for the Rock hopper in one season that I can recall. They include a number of boats that hit rocks or sand during a race too (*Suzie & Perpetual Motion* in Tarahiki race, *Escargot* in the night race, *Aperitif* in the Gulf classic). *Roger That* was spotted rocking on the rocks just off the public ramp while the owner had shot up the road, *Dream On* managed to snap their keel pin and then deposit it in the shallows of Karamuramu Island.

However the “winner” of the award had to go to **Sven on *Clearwater*** after a heartbreaking tale of launching at the public ramp in 25-35knots, quickly heading to park the trailer as unfortunately a quick squall came through. Alas the boat was propelled onto the rocks on the eastern side of the ramp, and alas punched a 50c piece sized hole in the boat, thus prematurely ending the Kawau Island Cruise for Sven and Henning. It’s never fun to win these awards (just look for *Escargot* in 2020) but we do have to brush it off with a grin and laugh at the end of the day. No one was hurt and the boat will be glassed back stronger than ever.

### **Most Improved Skipper**

Luke and Phoebe Feldman were one of the top nominations for this, however we couldn’t actually work out a time when they needed to improve as sailors! Sven on



*Clearwater* had gained considerable mastery of his boat and had got better and better on each outing.

The winner of this award had to go to **Russell Osborne on *Swashbuckler*** for not only getting his own boat on the water but rapidly improving in just a few races. We think *Swashbuckler* will be one to watch for more Handicap and Open wins next season.

### **Participation TY division**

There were a number of nominations for this:

- Anton in *Perpetual Motion* for not only attending every race and cruise but often leading the cruise or next day exploratory sails.
- *Hue and Cry* were another boat to attend nearly every race and all the cruises.

It was a neck and neck decision but in the end for participation on the water, in the compound, mentoring new members, leading (with Vanessa and Tracey-Lee) the Pirate cruise and finishing at the front or very near in every race, as well as representing WYS at the Noelex 25 Nationals with *Suzie* –this year’s TY Participation award winner was **Chris Martin**.

### **Participation Keeler Division**

There was really only one boat in the running for this, it was **Jim Pasco**, not only turning up to every Keeler race, but for leading the Coromandel cruise, and often playing host boat for after race drinks and prizes. Jim’s work behind the books as Treasurer is also keenly appreciated.

### **Crewing Award**

An award that celebrates members who help out other members by crewing on their boat, providing help, tactics, trimming, helm and more, building relationships and fostering great club spirit through crewing. Alan MacDonald crewed on both *Escargot* and *Acushla* this year, so received a nomination.

It was however **Andrew Jones (AJ)** who racked up the most hulls, not just crewing but braving 50 knots on *Perpetual Motion*, winning line honours on *Suzie*, diving overboard fully dressed to rescue a spinnaker pole while *Escargot* was 5knots underway and getting back onboard (via the dinghy) without us having to turn back, winning handicap honours on *Swashbuckler* after fixing Russell’s turnbuckles and making sure they would withstand the 36knots of wind that would later hit us. AJ also is the king of cooking, not just great meals but his ability to improvise with seemingly random ingredients that we happen to have onboard. AJ is great company, a very good sailor and always happy to help out with a smile.

### Club supporter

Vanessa Martin was nominated for club supporter with her stellar efforts and organisation for the Pirate cruise.

However this year's club supporter was **Tracey-Lee**, for her enthusiasm in every social event we run, be it Prizegiving, the Pirate Cruise or the Christmas party. Tracey-Lee's energy and organisation is amazing and is very, very valued by all of us.

### Ladies' Sailing award

Julie Reeve was nominated for her key role on *Aperitif*, at nearly every event, and even helping get an all-ladies crew together for *Pangur Bán*.

This year's winner was **Phoebe Feldman** for her enthusiasm, very active participation at every event, coping with both breaking a main halyard (barrier) and breaking a rudder mid race (Gulf Classic), as well as her relentless competitiveness, her great team and club spirit, and her new solo skippering efforts on *Hue and Cry* at Kawau.



### Wooden spoon

Although not quite as hotly contested as the Rock hopper, both these nominations hopped on Rocks of the asphalt kind.

James Hepburn (owner of many boats, former Commodore and well experienced sailor and boat launcher) decided that he could take the winch rope and safety chain off his newly purchased Noalex 22, BEFORE he backed down the ramp. Turns out the previous owner (Greg) does a very good job of trailer maintenance, including ensuring that all his rollers roll freely. James, not used to such slick rollers, was most surprised when *Pangur Bán* came off the trailer and onto the ramp – well before the water.

However the recipient of the Wooden spoon was **Andrew King**. After he had courted and lined up a crack crew for the NZTYA nationals, he had to get *Portfolio* home from the compound as step 1 of the journey down. Deciding to take the winding East Coast Road home, and perhaps with a touch too much speed for one particular corner, he grazed the bank and nudged *Portfolio* off the trailer. I believe it was 1am before a tow truck and hiab were able to rescue the situation where the boat was completely blocking the road. Alas with the repairs required, *Portfolio* wasn't available for the NZTYA nationals, so Andrew had to take up another sailing adventure (boat relocation in Australia) instead.



### Pollard Award

A very special award commemorating two of our club's treasured members, John and Lynne Pollard. John and Lynne were well known in the club as people who were willing to help club members. This award is for the person who is always willing to help others with their boats or anything that needs doing.

The nominations were many:

- Dave and Ruth Reffin for helping a number of boats out at the public ramp, and being part of first response team when Nigel broke his arm.
- Greg and Julie Reeve for both helping out at Ramp, and providing encouragement to new sailors.
- Chris Martin for lending his spare spinnaker to a close rival in round the buoys, towing a grounded boat off (during a race), helping new members launch and get comfortable with their boat.
- Nigel McCarter helping retrieve *Escargot* from Hamilton Lake (amid a media frenzy), and for epoxying my rudder.
- Alex Ross for helping with *Louisa* relocation and always helping where he can.
- Flip Rayner for helping with rigging, diving hulls to clean them, lifting inboard engines in and out of boats.

However the recipient of this years Pollard award has a long list; fixing corroded electrics on multiple boats, single handedly (with no motor) recovering Dream On's keel from McCullum bay in a 7 hour marathon, relocating *Aurora Lights*, including fixing the in-mast main sail furler while very sea sick, relocating *Louisa*, *Cortez*, re-rigging Main Halyard (Hue and Cry), helping people launch, making cleats for the Public jetty, and providing valuable aid when *Escargot's* spinnaker was wrapped in a bubble at the top of its mast. This year's winner of the Pollard award is **Anton Post**.



### Junior Sailor of the Year

Briella Post was nominated for her keen sailing on *Perpetual Motion* and her help crewing on *Escargot* in round the buoys. Sylvie Reeve was nominated for her comprehensive effort crewing aboard *Aperitif* in every race.

The winner of this year's Junior Sailor of the year award was **Allysa Reeve**, for both her sustained role on *Aperitif*, assisting a new crew on *Pangur Bán*, and her critical role in taking line honours on *Escargot*, helming over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the race and doing better than the boat's usual helmsperson!



### Reserve petrol tank in 30 seconds

Quick tip By Flip

I haven't run out of fuel yet, but it's not something that would be welcomed (when I need my engine I really need it!). I have found that by putting a simple block of timber under the pick-up end of the fuel tank, I have a reserve tank. When the fuel runs out, simply remove the block of timber, the tank now sits flat, and you may have 1-2 litres left. Easily enough to get you in the breakwater, and probably enough to get you a few nautical miles.



## Tarawera Cruise (31<sup>st</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June)

By Anton Post

King's Birthday Weekend brought an (as-yet) unofficial Squadron event, with some of us launching on Lake Tarawera. As *Perpetual Motion* is not ideally suited for this trip, Flip kindly offered to host our family on *Escargot*.

As Flip was already on the water, and Friday was a "teachers-only" day for our kids, we made a head start on the rest of the fleet, anchoring down the Wairua Arm at Champagne Pool on Friday afternoon. There we met up with Jason on his 32ft Pelin Snowbird catamaran *Ngatahi*.

Jason is not yet a Squadron member, but is known to Flip, Greg and a few other members. He has lived aboard *Ngatahi* on Tarawera for the past 9.5 years, just clocking up 21,665nm on the lake this past weekend (the circumference of the earth). Over the years he has been manager of the Hot Water Beach campsite, the Outlet campsite, and general unofficial custodian of the lake – building and repairing the hotpools, trapping rats and possums, etc. However it seems likely that he may move back to the ocean soon, and is definitely looking at being involved in one or two of our Squadron events.



*Suzie, Aperitif, Ngatahi and Escargot at Champagne Pool. Where else in the world can you park your boat in warm water, within metres of a scalding hot free spa pool?*



Overnight we were joined by *Sugarshack*, and by Angus and friends on *INXS* (their first outing with the Squadron). On Saturday *Suzie* and *Aperitif* arrived too, but sadly both appeared to have misplaced their rigging.

With a day trip from Nick and family on *Windrush (II)*\*, and Flip's brother Mike on his launch *In Excess*\*\* , our company was complete.

\* *Windrush II* is a Farr 6000 who has recently joined our club, not to be confused with the *Noeleda Windrush* which has previously been in our compound

\*\* Not to be confused with our Zenith XS8 yacht named *INXS*.

We quickly settled into an easy routine, with long hot soaks before late breakfast, walks and fishing during the day, followed by long hot soaks before bed. The days seemed to roll by so quickly!

While we had a couple of strikes, only one trout was landed by Flip while we were on board, but after some skillful smoking, all agreed that he should definitely catch some more!



*Caught by the only licensed fisherman (Flip), but enjoyed by all*

Walks included short strolls across from Humphries Bay to Lake Okataina (45min return), another short stroll to Lake Rotomahana (40 min return), and the highlight, a slightly more adventurous walk to the spectacular Tarawera Falls (2.5hrs return). In my opinion there are not many falls in NZ to rival this one, and it is well worth the journey down from the Outlet campsite.

If you are not familiar with this walk, don't be fooled when you come to the first, or even the second scenic waterfall. Even though they are beautiful in their own right, they are a shadow of the main falls.



All in our family really enjoyed the weekend in a beautiful and special part of New Zealand. One of the few downsides of keeler ownership\* is that we don't get to explore some of these lake areas as often as we should, so we were very grateful to Flip for the opportunity.

*\*we choose to ignore the excessive costs and incessant maintenance!!!*



## An insight to the Waters & Anchorages South of Cape Brett

By Nigel Lancaster

Please refer Charts:

- NZ521 Cape Brett to Bream Tail
- NZ5212 Tutukaka Harbour
- NZ5111 Whangaruru Hbr & Plan of Whangamumu Harbour
- Plus Google maps in Satellite View

The anchorages from Bream Head to Cape Brett are attractive, diverse and in the main safe other than in a full-on easterly blow. One must always be mindful of the fact that this is a coastline exposed to the easterly ocean swell, however there are good, sheltered anchorages too. So cruising the coast and spending a week getting to Cape Brett is a good option, as there is much to see and enjoy.

On our first trip north in *Hydrous* in 2009, we anchored off Mimiwhangata Beach in the SE extremity of Whangaruru Harbour and we were in awe of the scene before us from the anchorage. We went for a long (1.5 kms) walk along the beach. A wide, extensive gently sloping, white sandy beach with numerous wading birds with offspring feeding and DoC farmland inland. It's a good anchorage, a safe beach to land on, plenty of walking and hardly any people. Now we will always visit Mimiwhangata on our way north or south.



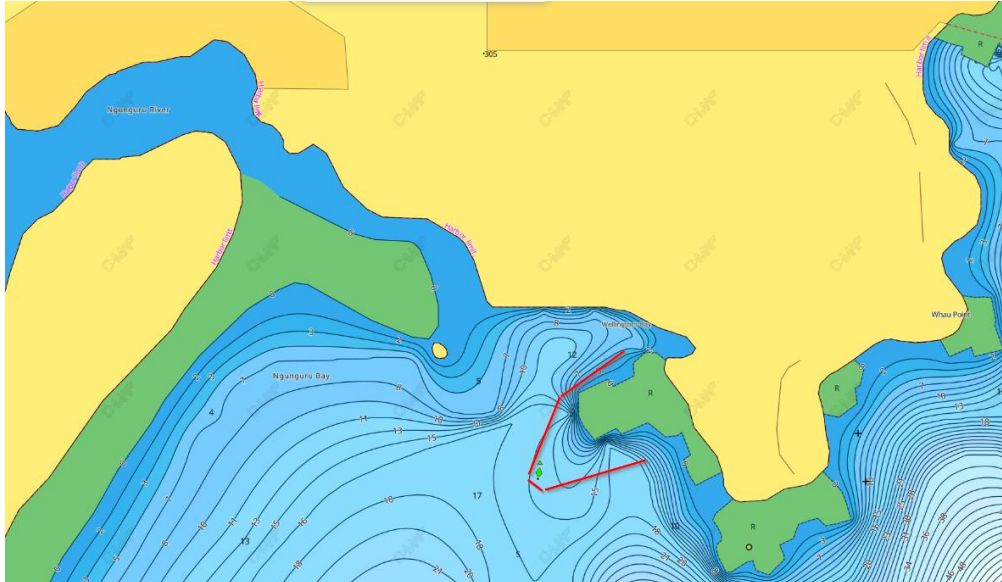
*Mimiwhangata*

First stop:

1. Ngunguru Estuary, just south of Tutukaka. We've not visited but my observation is that it would be an easy river to access in a Trailer Yacht but anchoring in the river current could be a problem. Sheltered in SW thru to Nth, but the SW would blow down the valley. Not a lot to do there but a "putter" up the river in one's dinghy is always an option.

There is a shop but access to supplies might be easier in the next harbour.

*[Ed – Perpetual Motion attempted to enter the Ngunguru estuary over the summer, and there appears to be no reliable access for a keeler drawing 1.7m+. Also be aware your chartplotter may not show all rocks in nearby Wellington’s Bay – go round the green marker!]*



2. Tutukaka, NZ 5212...An interesting entrance, rocks/reefs awash with swell breaking even in mild conditions, so go in under power and it’s a pleasant calm anchorage? But not to be attempted in an easterly!! Anchorage on port hand (south) side near Phillip Island. There is a small bay to starboard in settled NW conditions. Good facilities: grocery shop, cafes, hotel, marina facilities, good ramp& limited parking. Fuel/water at marina. (Check)
3. Matapouri Bay, 4nm further north. Pleasant sandy beach facing east, estuary on south end of bay, but persistent easterly swell restricts anchoring. When we visited, there was a swell breaking on the beach – we did get some shelter on the north side and went for a beach walk but stayed around the corner in Whale Bay, (part of Woolleys Bay). Light SW but a very calm spot and a table for our BBQ. Away from the road too.
4. Motutohe Island, Just north of Whananaki estuary. A sheltered anchorage, but only overnight in very settled conditions. The point to note is the Elizabeth Reef heading north of Matapouri, an extensive area of rocky outcrops just off the Whananaki headland. From here northward there are many small island groups, lovely long sandy beaches, and then Rimariki Island with a narrow channel on the western end. We’ve stopped in the small cove on the north side of Rimariki but the area is littered with rocky outcrops. To the NW is the expansive area of Whangaruru harbour. Someone once said to me, “one could have a holiday in this harbour alone”

5. Whangaruru Harbour. In the South Eastern corner lies Mimiwhangata Beach. I call it the gem of Northland. A great anchorage in Easterly-to SW conditions and a large farm area to hike over (with usual limitations) a small scramble over a track to the next bay to the west where there is a camp site, no vehicle access, so tents only.

The entire area of Whangaruru Harbour is quite extensive. Numerous sheltered bays, along the western coastline. In the SW Helena Bay has numerous smaller bays for anchoring, then a few islands to navigate round and on to Oakura Bay and a well-developed camping area. Supplies from a local garage. From here northward is the true inner area of Whangaruru Harbour. The Whangaruru road end is 7nm from Mimiwhangata Beach.

Along the eastern coast is Whangaruru North and a short walk over the narrow isthmus to Bland Bay. In the SE corner is Puriri Bay another camp and tracks on the local hills. The entire harbour is relatively shallow and always a bay somewhere for shelter. On a recent visit we anchored off the Whangaruru road end and took to the dinghy for a motoring trip up the harbour, into the mangrove forest and they were big trees. An extensive wide channel and probably more suited to cruising along in one's Trailer Yacht than our 2.4m inflatable although do watch overhanging trees and your masthead.

6. Bland Bay, east of Whangaruru North, a large bay facing east, some islands off the southern coast providing some shelter. Numerous houses along the narrow isthmus with Whangaruru Harbour and a long sheltered beach, generally good landing. Not visited by boat but a pleasant walk along the beach. Watch out for Danger Rock just outside the entrance.



*Bland Bay*

7. Whangamumu harbour. Although facing east this wonderful sheltered anchorage is well worth the visit with plenty of space to anchor. Maybe pick up some fresh water from the river behind the whaling station remains, (less than 5 min's walk from the beach) or a longer walk from here over the hills to Te Toroa Bay with some great views as one climbs up over the ridge.

It's a good track all the way. There is also a good track from the main beach up through the Kikuyu grass and higher in to the bush and after a good 45mins from the top down to the Rawhiti road. (Nothing doing there so turnaround and walk back)

In the main Whangamumu is a reasonable depth other than near the main beach. Te Toroa Bay and Outu Bay to the North are both worth a visit and again in NW winds would be worth staying overnight. Then it's on round Cape Brett to the Bay Of Islands, only 5NM from Whangamumu Harbour entrance.



*Whangamumu Harbour*

The cruise along the coast is always an interesting one, with plenty of great views of the local coastal real estate landscape but always be on the lookout for other vessels on the opposing line of travel. It's a busy stretch of water and it's really amazing who one will meet out on the water along this coast.

## Around the Squadron

Nigel White, who has been a member since 2022, and an avid sailor for many years, has upgraded from his Farrer Trimaran to a Ross 780 **Ricky Bobby**, which will be stored in the compound and hopefully come out sailing with us in the new season.

The yacht was originally built for Dennis Conner and named *Menace*. It later became *Kiwi Menace* and then the previous owner changed it to *Ricky Bobby* after his children.



We have a number of yachts that will be moving into the compound in the new season, so we will likely do regular features to introduce some of them.

## 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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