

BILGEWATER

September 2024




Interesting exhibit at Middelheim Museum Antwerp (via Nigel McCarter)



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

Commodore's Comment

Your committee has had a busy month getting the new season sailing programme setup, the membership listing updated following payment of fees, and preparing the new handbook for publication. This is all in preparation to kick off the new season with our compound key exchange and distribution of handbook at the next Nog n Natter on Tuesday 24th September.

I urge as many members as possible to attend this evening, so we can get both the keys and handbooks out to as many members as possible on the night.

Vice Commodore Flip and his team have designed an exciting race and cruise programme for this season. Initiatives include extending our Passage Series from 6 to 8 events, and course designs that should see both the keeler and trailer yacht fleets sailing in similar waters or in passing proximity to each other. In addition, they have included several new cruise destination options to add interest for the fleet.

As we go to press, we are still reviewing our Halsail Handicapping software and how we can use it to deliver better information for the TY fleet, particularly to those skippers who are competitive both in our race programme, and across other NZTYA-sanctioned open club events. The main initiative we are considering is whether to continue with our all boats in one class division, for recording race result times, but run tandem class results for Division 1 and Division 2 skippers, with a boat rating point to set the divisions.

We will be sending out a short email on this to the TY skippers asking what your ambitions are for this season. For example, whether you intend to compete in as many races as possible or only race or cruise in a smaller number of events. We ask for your cooperation by replying to the email when it arrives.

I can report that Hugh and his crew of keen builders have erected the new compound shed. In the next week or so we will complete the fitout including a work bench and shelving, so that we can better store many of the squadron assets that are currently stored in committee member garages. We are also in the process of completing and pricing up a capital improvement programme for the compound, with the work programme spread over the next two season.

Chris, our KKBC rep, reports that the new concrete apron at the boat ramp is ahead of schedule for completion by early October. Let us hope that there are no delays, and the ramp is open for business by our first cruise event.

Lastly a word on AC37 in Barcelona and the semi-final sail-off for the Louis Vuitton final. I suspect there will be a highly competitive contest between Luna Rosa Prada Pirelli and INEOS Britannia, with an upset from America Magic if Tom Slingsby gets it all right. Only my prediction!!

(Commodore) Murray

Upcoming Events

➤ **September Nog 'n Natter**

- Key Exchange, and New Handbook
- Mark Bang – Preparing for Emergencies and an inside look at Civil Defence Emergency Management

Tuesday 24th September – 7.30pm

Hamilton Yacht Club

➤ **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

From our Social Convenor

For his sins Mark Bang has been asked to organise out speakers for this season's Nog & Natters.

He has put together some ideas which fall broadly into the following categories:

- Seamanship – those things that will help you have a safe and enjoyable voyage (VHF radio, safe anchoring, navigation and sea rules etc)
- About the boat – stuff like maintenance, boat storage, motors and other gadgets...
- Racing – tips and tricks to make you faster
- Our Place – speakers informing us about issues relating to our region. e.g. aquatic pests and diseases, conservation in the sea and on land, impacts of sea level rise...

First up though, Mark will speak to us at the September Nog & Natter about Civil Defence Emergency Management and things that go bump in the night (or the middle of the day).

Compound Rules Update

The Members' Handbook will be given out at our Nog 'n Natter. Included in this will be the latest version of our compound rules, which supersedes that in the white "Sailing with the Waikato Yacht Squadron" manual.

Most changes are minor, ie. a reminder that the water is not safe for drinking.

The significant changes revolve around our continued focus on **prioritising active sailing and involvement with Squadron events**. With our compound being full to bursting, unfortunately we will not be able to continue to store boats that are not regularly sailing with us. We have also added a clause where berth holders permit us to move boats if they have not been removed after 28 days' notice to vacate.

If you have a boat in the compound please familiarise yourself with the rules and seek clarification from the committee if needed.

If you are and remain an active on-the-water member of our community, these additional clauses are very unlikely to affect you.

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

Sailing Program

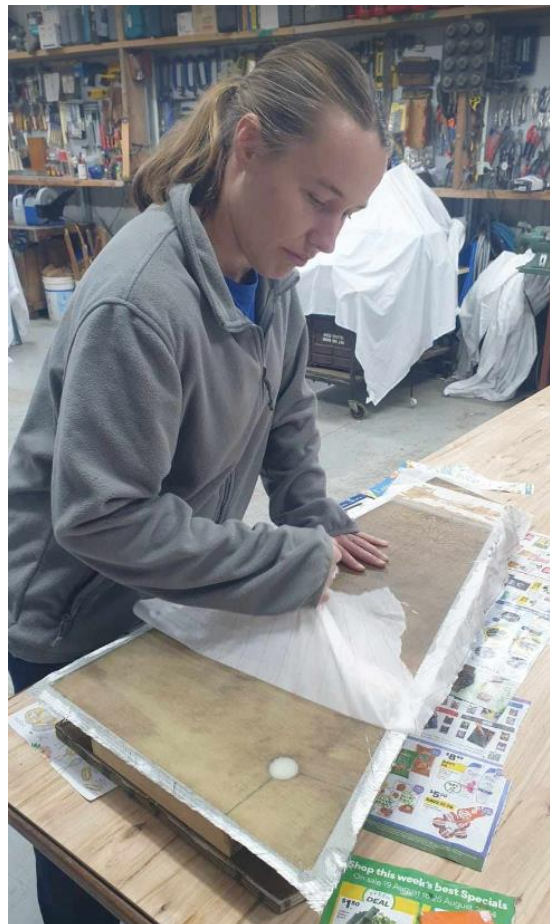
| Dates | Event | High Tide |
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| Sat 5 Oct 2024 School Holidays | Trailer yachts – Compound Mast-Raising, Boat Checks, Kickoff BBQ Lunch, Launching Assistance, rig tension, safety Keeler owners and all others – very welcome to assist and prepare for cruise! | 09:44 |
| 5-8 Oct 2024 School Holidays | Inner Hauraki Gulf Cruise – for keelers and trailer yachts | |
| Sat 26 Oct 2024 Labour Weekend | Passage Event 1 Trailer yachts – Course TBC (Waiheke Channel area) Keelers – Tamaki Strait Beach Gathering - Waiheke Channel area | 15:23 |
| Sun 27 Oct 2024 Labour Weekend | Inaugural Crew-on-a-Keeler Short Fun Race - all welcome | |
| 10-16 Nov 2024 | All yachts – Great Barrier Island Cruise Departs in the morning from North Harbour or Waiheke Channel | |
| 16-17 Nov 2024 | Trailer yachts – BOPTYS - Alan Civil Memorial series (Rotorua) | |
| Sat 23 Nov 2024 | Passage Event 2 Trailer yachts – Ponui Keelers – Ponui Beach Gathering – Close to Kawakawa Bay | 13:37 |
| Sun 24 Nov 2024 | Trailer yachts – Round the Buoys Series 1 | 13:51 |
| Sat 7 Dec 2024 | Passage Event 3 Trailer yachts – Course TBC (North Waiheke Channel finish) Keelers – Hook's Bay | 12:26 |
| Tue 10 Dec 2024 | Christmas BBQ (Hamilton Yacht Club) | |
| 18-19 Jan 2025 | SailGP Auckland | |
| 25 Jan 2025 Auckland Anniv. | Passage Event 4 Trailer yachts – Motuihe Keelers – Motuihe Beach Gathering – Islington Bay/Motuihe/Owhanake | 04:26 |
| Sun 26 Jan 2025 Auckland Anniv. | Sail a Noelex 25 Fun Race - all welcome | |
| 6 Feb 2025 Waitangi | Keeler Passage Event 8 Keelers – Race to Kawau | |

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| 6-9 Feb 2025 Waitangi | Midsummer cruise – Rakino/Tiri/Kawau Cruise – for keelers and trailer yachts | |
| Sat 22 Feb 2025 | Dress-up Cruise & Social Event | 02:38 14:49 |
| Sat 1 Mar 2025 | Passage Event 5 Trailer yachts – Round Waiheke (may be partial depending on conditions) Keelers – Round Waiheke Beach Gathering – TBA but intention is for fleets to be together | 09:01 |
| 14-16 Mar 2025 | Gulf Classic Endurance Race Weekend | |
| 22 Mar 2025? | North Island Trailer Yacht Championships (Lake Rotoiti – BOPTYS) | |
| Sat 29 Mar 2025 | Passage Event 6 Trailer yachts – Course TBC (Waiheke Channel finish) Keelers – Tarahiki (possible late start due to tide) Beach Gathering – Waiheke Channel area | 07:43 |
| Sun 30 Mar 2024 | Trailer Yachts – Round the Buoys Series 2 | 08:33 |
| Fri 11 Apr 2025 | Trailer yachts Passage Event 8 – Night Race Keelers – Night race to Chamberlains Bay Sunset 18:00, Moonrise 17:05 | 18:33 |
| Sat 12 Apr 2025 | Round the Buoys Series 3 – for Trailer yachts AND keelers | 06:45 |
| Fri 18 Apr 2025 Easter Weekend | Passage Event 7 Trailer yachts – Coromandel Keelers – Coromandel Beach gathering – Te Kouma area | 10:33 |
| Sat 19 Apr 2025 Easter Weekend | Fishing competition | |
| 20-27 Apr 2025 School Holidays | Coromandel Cruise – for All yachts | |
| 27th May 2025 | End of season prize giving dinner | |
| 31 May–2 Jun 2025 King’s Birthday | Tarawera Cruise – for Trailer yachts | No tide! |
| Tue 24 Jun 2025 | AGM | |
| 28-30 Jun 2025 Matariki | National Trailer Yacht Championships (Evans Bay, Wellington) | |

Around the Squadron - Maintenance time!

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

Luke and Phoebe Feldman have been continuing the next phase of the rudder rebuild on their Catalina 7 *Hue & Cry*.



However recent reports are that they have abandoned *Hue & Cry* for their next ocean race! (Auckland-> Norfolk -> Vanuatu -> Auckland, POB 1998, multiple dinghies...)



Marie Simpson and Geoff Thompson have just upgraded their squabs on their Noalex 25, *Scimitar*. Looking sharp!



(For information, not as an ad - cost just over \$4k from <https://www.framefurniture.co.nz>)

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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