

## Omokoroa Boat Club Newsletter

Over the winter months the Club has held a very successful and most enjoyable Quiz Night season. Quiz Master Dave Woodhouse excelled in his role, albeit challenging at times.

The winter months have also seen the Winter Series on the water. We are often spoilt by the stunning sunny winter days, in contrast to those with winds coming from the South Pole though.

Andrew London and Friends entertained on a Sunday in September. Everyone had a great time and it was really good to see how many people came and enjoyed the afternoon. We are now looking forward to a Jam Session which is being held on Sunday 26 October Labour Weekend. The Jam Session will commence at 4.00pm.

The Boat Club has been the venue for three local identity funerals. We have farewelled Murray Crapp, Ella Coulston and Peter Agnew. All were longstanding supporters of our Club. It has been a privilege to provide the Clubrooms for the venue. Our thoughts are with all their families and friends.

We had a very entertaining evening on 1 October with Neil and Barbara Thomas entertaining us with stories about their trip around the Pacific Rim including Alaska aboard their little ship. Barbara's book "Into the Midnight Sun" was available for purchase on the night. We were also fortunate to have Ian Thorne, a local solo sailor in the New Plymouth to Mooloolaba Single Handed Yacht Race 2014, who gave us an insight into single handed sailing and included some very humorous moments.

Past Commodore John Budden has arranged adult learn to sail evenings, and if we have numbers can arrange Coastguard and First Aid courses now the weather is warmer. John, and volunteer helpers, have completed the winter maintenance programme on the club boats which are now ready for summer. Junior Sailing kicks off too. We had some brave takers on the 4th October but due to the high winds we only rigged the optimists on the grass at the Domain and explained the parts of dinghy, mast and sails before a squall sent us into the new shed to avoid the rain!! We hope for better weather on Saturday the 11 October at 9.00 am so we can get on the water.

We will also be active on the following dates:-

18 October at 1.00 pm; 25 Oct at 8.30 am; 1 Nov at 12.00 mid-day, 15 Nov at 12.00 mid-day; 29 Nov at 11.00 am, 13 Dec at 10.00 am, and 20 Dec to be advised.

**Cost: junior sailor membership is \$30.00 p.a.** But if the parents are family members then there is no charge.

All sailing programmes and news are on the Club web site

"[www.omokoroaboatclub.co.nz](http://www.omokoroaboatclub.co.nz)" under sailing.

John Budden Sailing Convenor. Ph 5481180

As we go to print, the kitchen extensions are well on the way. Your tolerance and understanding whilst these are completed is appreciated. We endeavour to work around the open hours of Fork n View Bistro, in an effort to maintain service to members and visitors.

Members Night Draw on Thursdays continues and Jokers Wild on Fridays has started again and it's really good to see our members supporting these evenings.

A New Members Evening was held on 15 October. All interested had an opportunity to come along and meet the Committee and also others who have been members for some time. This will become an annual fixture in the Club calendar.

We look forward to seeing you down at the Club and if you would like to become a member then please call into the Club and complete an application form. All events and notices are posted on the noticeboards in the Club.

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Omokoroa Boat Club Committee