

**OMOKOROA BOAT CLUB  
SAILING ACTIVITY REPORT  
TO AGM 2025**

Again, the sailing events for the Club were either spoilt or improved by the warm summer.

**Junior Sailing** planned for 13 events but two were cancelled due to weather conditions.

Between October 2024 and April 2025, 60 children attended the events on the programme, luckily not all at the same time!! The average attendance was in the order of 18 per session which we can manage. So, after restarting junior sailing in 1999, the Club has introduced 1160 children to sailing with only three minor “dings”.

This was and has been achieved by the Club’s excellent “Last of the Sumer Wine” boat repair team coupled with our adult tutors.

Our aim has always been to teach safety, wind and water knowledge and safe boat handling – and to have fun!

**Senior Sailing** - we planned 17 events, hoping to mix off shore and harbour courses. By the end of summer we only managed two visits to Karewa Island but had fun in the Harbour for the other events.

Some of the events were very hard fought with finishes only minutes or seconds apart. Again the weather played its part!

We welcomed Josh Scarrow and John Mather to the fleet but sadly lost Phil Baker and Val Little.

We welcome sailors and yachts seeking low pressure fun sails in the Upper Harbour.

**Marine Events** – during the past year we have not only sailed!! We entertained Matahui Road School for their annual beach day when their 40-50 children tried out sailing our optimists along with other beach activities.

**Waitangi Day** – this event features Club adults sailing in the Club’s sunburst dinghies for the prize of the Golden Centreboard. This year four sunbursts took part on a great sailing day.

For non sunbursts other yachts can compete for the Waitangi Shield and this year a variety of multihulls and monohulls (5) took part in a great sail.

Then the Duck and Rowing Races took place on again a fantastic Omokoroa Day.

Sadly the adults Failed to show up in numbers but the juniors filled the void with paddleboards and mini kayaks.

However, we did manage to have a men’s and ladies kayak event and the adult rowing was completed by one man and two ladies. Hope for more next year.

The Duck Race also took place in calm seas and the winners were 1<sup>st</sup> 73, 2<sup>nd</sup> 84, 3<sup>rd</sup> 24, 4<sup>th</sup> 125 and 5<sup>th</sup> 19.

RiBs – throughout the summer our 3 RiBs acted as Patrol/Rescue craft for our juniors sailing and other Marine events. No Community rescues were required and all RiBs are in top order.

I have pleasure in tabling my report.

John Budden  
Vice Commodore and Sailing Convenor.