

KERIKERI CRUISING CLUB

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Commodore's Report

By Graeme McCarty, SANSON

What better way to commence than by acknowledging Andrew Murdoch's 5th placing in Men's Laser Competition at the Beijing Olympics. Andrew started well with a 2nd and 5th on the first day in light winds varying from 3 – 10 knots. Qingdao is renowned for its fickle wind conditions and being caught on the wrong side of a wind shift in fluky conditions can prove costly. Andrew had one poor race due to such conditions and a number of mid-fleet finishes in races 4 thru 7. There were 9 races scheduled allowing for one drop but this then became an 8 race series after gear failure occurred on the committee boat and race 8 was canned.

Andrew started the penultimate race in 12th place out of a fleet of 43 competitors and knew that he had to produce a good result in order to qualify for the medal race which counted for double points. With all the pressure upon him, Andrew not only won the penultimate race but also won the medal race, and these two wins clawed him into 5th place overall. Only one point separated each competitor between 5th, 4th and bronze medal.

Andrew may feel disappointed that he was not on the victory dais but finishing as the second highest placed NZ sailor at an Olympic event is a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations Andrew for a job well done and for representing both your Club and New Zealand with dignity. We are indeed proud of your efforts and look forward to you completing unfinished business in 4 years time in London.

Event Reminders

- Thursday 18th September – Marina License Berth Holders AGM
 - Thursday 25th September – Club AGM
 - Friday 26th September – Annual Prize Giving for Centreboard & Keelboat
- PLEASE GIVE THESE EVENTS YOUR SUPPORT**

As Commodore, I would like to thank my fellow flag officers, committee chairs, committee members, both club and marina managers Chris Barker and Melanie MacDiarmid and club/marina staff for their efforts in keeping the ship on course. Welcome to Melanie who is now compiling the Club newsletter.

The combined input by each is very much appreciated and I extend my sincere thanks to all.

Graeme McCarty

Help Wanted

The Club is seeking an individual, or persons who could take turns as part of a group, to act as race starters.

A fee is payable to cover expenses plus a bit for each race. Would anyone who is interested in performing this service for the Club please contact Mark Beauchamp 407 6464 or Leroi Ford 407 5159.

Centreboard Sailing

By Adriaan Bosch

Our winter series was finally sailed in mid August with sixteen boats out on the water. It was a quick four races between the thunder storms. Nathan just held out Charlie with his Laser, Dylan lead the ever growing Splash fleet with Rosemary and O'shea taking the minors. And, experience just held out in the Mistral with Tony and Angus and Derry and David just edging out Austin and Taylor. As for Optimist class we increased their course for a little extra sailing towards the winter champs later in the month it was a count back with Natasha against Petrina. Our green fleet is picking up the pace too, Matt, O'shea and Kate all swapping the lead with Matt taking the final race to confirm his win, over all a very enjoyable day.



Tony Dalbeth with Angus Owen - winter series 08

Mistral training, funded by the Cruising Club, saw 10 boats out on the water and tutor Matt O'Maigh was grilled regarding set up and technique. We were also joined on Sunday with a few academy sailors. A special thanks to the Club from all who attended. The Splash training has been postponed twice but should happen at the end of August, the tutor for this is Neil Deverell.

Prize giving is heading our way, starts 7.30pm for center boarders before the keel boat presentation. Work is in progress to stock our safety boats with proper gears to handle most

on the water situations. The ASB has funded this gear, I see the Whaler has a coat of paint and is closer to getting wet again, lake side a working bee has been completed to check out boats before the summer season starts, we are still looking for a coordinator please. Sunday sailing is still happening lake side from 10.30am.

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Prize Giving

Dinner & Dance

Friday 26th September 6.00pm

Programme:

Buffet Dinner 6.30pm \$25

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Centreboard & Keelboat Prize Giving
7.30pm

Followed by music, dancing & ½ price drinks.

Please remember some fabulous prizes are to be drawn & you must be there to be in the draw.

Russell Radio Relocates

By Keith Turner, SILVER HAWK

For the last three years Russell Radio has operated out of a cottage in Church Street, Russell but now is time to move on. The Bay of Islands Swordfish Club has offered us a nine year lease at a discounted rate.

Coincidentally, this is where the station started thirty odd years ago under the legendary voice of Ritchie Blomfield. We have already moved and are now operating from The Strand at the

entrance to the Swordfish Club, please pop in and say "hi".

Russell Radio receives no government financial assistance. In fact, we pay the government for our licenses so we need memberships and donations to cover costs, maintenance and the two salaried staff. Russell Radio operates from 8am to 8pm everyday and a band of volunteers covers the remaining 'on-air' hours.

To fundraise we are running a raffle which will appeal to all you boaties because the prize is a boat lift, wash, sand, spray antifouling, with five days on the hard and back in the water package with a total value \$2,500.

Support Russell Radio & win a boat antifouling package worth \$2,500

Tickets are \$20 each. Please purchase a ticket and support your local marine radio. Tickets can be purchased from the Club Office or call Keith Turner on 407 4043. The raffle will be drawn at the end of October. Buy a ticket and you'll be helping keep Channel 63 on the air...can you imagine the Bay of Islands without it?

Finally, thank you to all those Cruising Club members who have joined Russell Radio or made donations. We couldn't do it without you!

Bay of Islands Sailing Week

By Lesley Haslar, JIVE TALKIN'

Have you diarised January 20 – 23, 2009 to join in the competition at the Bay of Islands Sailing Week?

Thursday, race day 2, all races including sports boats will finish behind Robertson Island. There participants will find a Fullers vehicle ferry carrying beer, rum, food & refreshments.

Barbeque on the Beach - 'Anchor, Eat & Play in the Bay'

The ferry will drop its ramp onto the beach. At the finish of the race, boats will anchor or raft up (a good time to bring out your anchors?). Supporting rubber ducks will ferry crews

ashore. Ray Haslar says "This year will be our best ever, we are expecting a hundred yachts. Walk down the beach and on to the ferry to get your beer. Fullers are also scheduling a passenger ferry to bring out friends and whanau.

Opuia Marina is bending over backwards to support the Regatta, and we can now guarantee a berth of sorts for every boat. You may not get a marina berth, but you will be accommodated somewhere, somehow. Contact Jane at Opuia Marina: (09) 402-7124. Email: enquiries@opuamarina.co.nz

Another new initiative is to allow for racing in heavier weather (28-30 knots +), when windward leeward courses cannot be laid. Yachties have complained, and rightly so, that the plug has been pulled too soon due to weather and that younger sailors are not getting enough experience in heavy weather racing. If we have 'heavy weather' we'll start a Bay Race between Russell and Paihia, sending divisions around a bay course using islands as rounding marks. Safety comes first of course, so it's always the skippers choice to race or not.

Salt Water Lodge in Paihia has affordable accommodation for yachties wanting to stay closer to the action. Book direct with Gareth, phone 0800 002266 or email info@saltwaterlodge.co.nz

Again, thanks for active support and participation. We hope to see heaps of Kerikeri boats in the thick of it in 2009.

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Farr 1020 Yacht History

By Brian White, GOLDEN DELICIOUS

A casual walk around the Doves Bay Marina turns up quite a few Farr 1020s. Petty Cash, Flashwave, Hicky Burr, Mezmerize, Guzzini and Acquiesce all stand proudly as examples of one of the most popular production yachts ever made in New Zealand. Based on Laser type principals of one design and strict controls on weight and sails it touched a chord in the local yachting community when it was first launched in the mid 1980s. Produced at a rate of one per week for the first three years of production it took a long time before Sea Nymph Boats caught up on the delivery waiting list. Sea Nymph had already gained experience of working with Bruce Farr with their range of trailer sailers like the Farr 5000, 6000, 7.500 and 7.400. His demands for control of weight and very exact laminate designs were unusual at this time in the local boatbuilding industry and without this apprenticeship doing the trailer sailers the 1020 would have been very difficult indeed.



The 100th Farr 1020 out of the Sea Nymph factory.

All items were weighed with a very close tolerance of plus or minus on the target weight. Alterations were not allowed and sails were strictly controlled.

The early boats suffered from a heavy helm and reluctantly a small amount of lead was allowed to be added to the rudder front edge.

Many of the boats were sold as hull and deck units allowing home completion but the interior design had to be followed.

A full size grid covering the entire hull was unusual at the time and this allowed a faster build time and also fixed points for interior furniture which helped the home builder. The factory would also supply kitset interior furniture which satisfied the inexperienced home builder that he could indeed produce a boat which would look professional and hold its value. Quite a few hull and deck units were supplied with interior furniture fitted but not finished with trim, plumbing or wiring. The average New Zealander did not mind doing things like painting or fitting small wooden trim but balked at making navigation stations, heads or hand basins.

The sailing community at this time was becoming increasingly disillusioned with cheque book racing and handicap racing (strikes a chord?) and the launch of the Farr 1020 came at just the right time. At last one could race against equal boats where skill was rewarded and not punished by a heavier handicap. Many of the gun people of the day joined up and the standard of racing became very high indeed. Our own Ray Hasler owned Hicky Burr which has now returned to the Bay and he was only one of many top sailors racing at this time.

Farr 1020's have continued to hold their value and the word desirable is a common adjective.

Next month...more details on building the Farr 1020.

If you are using a Mobil Far North Fuels card to obtain diesel you are now paying a 0.05 cents/litre administration charge added to your diesel bill. A Mobil Card Direct (Ph (0800) 73 2277 to get an application form does not incur this charge.

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Keelboat News

By Andy August, AALITA

The Committee wishes to thank those people that made submissions as requested recently. Each point was carefully considered and the submissions generally were a help in making decisions.

Prize giving Dinner & Dance – see advert in this newsletter and for those of you holding trophies please return them (polished) to Mark Beauchamp in time for September 26th.

Well, the poor weather this winter continued with one winter series race being cancelled, one abandoned and one postponed. The postponed race will be rerun in order to give more yachts a chance to complete the series and qualify for a place. See notice board and Club website for details.

Let's hope for better sailing conditions this summer when we will be running PHRF and General Handicap Systems. The Club Champion will be decided differently to previously mooted and will be by way of a weekend regatta probably in March. See you out there.

Coruba Gold/Lion Red/Willis Sails Winter Racing A Division

Boat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wasted Away	50.5	48	47	47		47			
Northern Rebel	49	47	50.5	50.5			49		47.07
Razzel	48	50.5	43		48	46			
Petty Cash	47		48		47	48			47.07
Wild Card	46	46							47.07
Animal Biscuits	44	44	44	46	44				
Thirsty Work		49	49	48	50.5	50.5	50.5		47.07
Physical Favours			46	45		44			47.07
Valentine			45			49			47.07
Nice One			42	49	46	45	48		47.07
Sunday Sun					49				

Coruba Gold/Lion Red/Willis Sails Winter Racing A Division

Boat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Golden Delicious	50.5	47	45	45	50.5	50.5	49		49
Chiara	49	43	44		49	49	47		48
Wavelength	48		48	49	48	47	46		50.5
Zuma	46	50.5	47	50.5	46	45	46		43
Manuia			50.5						43
That Girl			49						
Razor Back				47	44				43
Bedouin				46		46	50.5		
Aalita							48		43

A1 Security Winter Rum Race A Division Points

Boat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Thirsty Work	50.5	50.5	45	48	45	50.5	46	47	49	48
Sunday Sun	49	48	47	43	47	49	43		46	40
Wasted Away	48	43	50.5	44	46	45	47	48	44	50.5
Flashwave	47	45		45			44	50.5	42	44
That Girl	46	49	49	42		44	42		45	43
Petty Cash	45	42	48	46	48	46	48	46	43	49
Chilli Pepper	44			47						
Physical Favours		47	46	50.5	49	48	39	45	50.5	46
Razzel		46			50.5		50.5	49	47	41
Valentine		44	44	44	41		45			42
Animal Biscuits				49		47	49		48	47
Hicky Burr									41	45
Vim							41			

A1 Security Winter Rum Race B Division Points

Boat	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Winifred	50.5	48	46	48				47	47	49
Aalita	49		50.5	44	45		45	45		45
Wavelength	48	50.5		50.5	49	46		44	48	46
Tiana	47		49	43			47			
Bedouin	46	46	48	49		48		48		
Zuma	45	45	47	46						50.5
Golden Delicious	44	49	45	47	46	49	49	49	46	47
Manuia		47								
Trespasser		44				50.5				
Windsong				45	50.5	47	50.5	46	45	48
Frivolous Fish				42	48					
Nauplius				41						
Razor Back				39						
Jolly Nova							48		50.5	
Scout								50.5	49	

Notices

Reusable absorption Oil Pads are now for sale in the Marina Office. \$5.00 per pad or \$22.50 for 5. 400mm x 400mm. Extremely useful to clean up your oil spills.

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