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# Plain Sailing

August 2016



# FROM THE FLAG

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Welcome to the Winter edition of Plain Sailing. Over the winter the club does more than you would expect - from the AGM to the winter series racing and the Flag Martinengo Memorial, to the winter talks, to the planning for the next season of racing. This issue captures much of the action, thanks to our editor Mark Lloyd.

I wanted to thank the new committee - we have a strong group again this year, with some old, and many new faces. These are the people (see final pages for the list) who give their talent and time, in some cases considerable time, to ensure that RYC remains a top club for amateur yachting at Westhaven. Winter is one of the busiest time for the committee, as the race programme is set and reset, the goals for the year are debated, and the social calendar is planned.

The next time you are down at the clubhouse, please also check out some of the decorative changes - this is the first part of a staged plan to improve the aesthetic of the clubhouse. We are also replacing the old and worn dinghy locker doors this winter - and instituting a new keypad entry. Be sure to check the list and thank the committee members as you see them.

A note on the sailing programme: the RYC calendar will look similar to last year, with one major change - the Westhaven clubs have joined to put on a "Westhaven Triple" series. These are a series of three middle distance races that should be well-attended and offer exciting, inter-club competition. This series uses some of the races from the 'Gulf' series, so this year we are returning to our roots with a rejigged 'Cruising Series.'

The new cruising offering will still have races involved, but these will be organised to be more friendly for cruising and set up and run so that we can also get non-racing cruisers involved as part of a rally and combined Saturday party. More details on both will be on the website, in the handbook, and in the newsletters.

I'm looking forward to another great year with RYC - tell your friends, and come sailing!

Bryon Wright, RYC Commodore

Welcome to this edition of Plain Sailing where you can read up on the RYC winter racing series and many more articles of interest. In this issue there's an insight into our latest Life Member Tim Smedley, a story on the Flap Martinengo Memorial Race, a report on the recent AGM as well as recognition to our award winners (see Jordan from Pukeko on the front cover who took out the champion trophy!)

One of the highlights for me over the last few months was the presentation made by Charles Bradfield and his family about their trip to Vanuatu and New Caledonia on Vingilot. Simply fascinating!

The Classic sailing exhibition is on in October and you can check out the details of this on page 18 with this year's exhibition focussing on the infamous Mullet boat. As always we welcome any feedback or contributions so that we continue to provide something of interest for everyone.

Happy reading!

Mark Lloyd, Plain Sailing Editor

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A very warm Richmond Yacht Club welcome to all our new members who have joined the club.

### New Members

Veteran Member Kim McDell,  
Zamzamah, Farr 41MX

Crew Members: Liz Alonzi, Fiona Ryder, Nikolai Perov, Andrey Kuzminov, Maxim Ellison, Linde, Simon Hart, Jurga Mikutaite, Ginette Wang, Tim Warren, Jesuino Azevedo, Joanna Puchta-Azevedo, Fiona Johnston

General Members, Peter & Frances Linde Protocol, Farr 11.6, Stuart Kendon, Exhilaration, Beale 38, Chris and Susan Woolerton, Power Play, Cookson 39



# CALENDAR & NOTICES

Important dates and information for your sailing calendar. For the most up to date event information contact the RYC office.

August ' 16	26	Fri	Social Event: Quiz Night
	28	Sun	Winter Series Race 9 (last race)
Sept' 16	7	Wed	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
	17	Sat	Spring Regatta
	30	Fri	Social Event: Keith Bekker NZ Circumnavigation
Oct' 16	5	Wed	Wednesday Series Race 1
	5	Wed	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
	7	Fri	Friday Night Sailing Intro
	12-16		MRC NZ Championships
	14	Fri	Friday Night Sailing 1
	19	Wed	Wednesday Series Race 2
	28	Fri	Friday Night Sailing 2
Nov' 16	2	Wed	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
	2	Wes	Wednesday Series Race 3
	11	Fri	Friday Night Sailing 3
	18	Fri	Cruising Series R1

*All dates correct at time of printing*

## Dates for Friday Night Special Racing

Fri 7th Oct 16	Intro	Fri 14th Oct 16	Race 1	Fri 28th Oct	Race 2
Fri 11th Nov 16	Race 3	Fri 25th Nov	Race 4	Fri 9th Dec 16	Race 5
Fri 17th Feb 16	Race 6	Fri 10th Mar	Race 7	Fri 24th Mar	Race 8



A series of 8 fun races and an intro session over the summer months for adults who would like to experience "a taste of sailing", or who have experience and are looking to find a place as crew on a boat. Each race you are allocated to a different boat which can range in size from a 26ft to 44ft yacht. It is also great for networking as we encourage crew members to let skippers know that they are available to crew for any of their other racing throughout the year.

This popular event allows newcomers to experience sailing (and its social side) in a friendly and relaxed environment and takes place inside the harbour followed by a short seminar to introduce the basics after each race.

Total cost is \$215 which includes Crew Membership (\$115)  
Race Entry Fee (\$100)

Contact the office for more information | 09 376-4332 | [info@richmond.org.nz](mailto:info@richmond.org.nz)

# WINTER SERIES

We started with really mild May and June weather but July seems to have turned the winter corner! Definitely seem to be a wide mix of weather for the 2016 CRC and New World Birkenhead Winter series and with about 35 boats racing it has been pretty challenging so far!



***Kite Run. Photo Credit Deniz Unlusu***

with about half racing regularly.

The three-handed open division was short of entries some of those combining with other divisions. In A division the R930s seems to be leading the way, Fast Company at the top with Pepe close behind. The next few boats are all close. K division (no extras) is lead by two Y11s, Road Runner and Sudden Impulse. C division close with Pukeko currently leading Hot Gossip. With two races to go it is going to be difficult to catch the leaders.

From my side, Crocodile has had a mixed bag of results! I have had a consistent crew on board, which has been great although in the big winds bumping the four of us to five (or six!) on board would have been great.

In the light winds of race 5 we managed to get to the finish (should be drift to the finish) in front of the division, only to be washed onto the finish mark – missed first place by half a boat length. Spent the next hour or so “racing” Hot Gossip and the tide to finish, but we did not make it.

The first race was light, the next moderate, then light, then moderate, then light, then heavy, another heavy and two more to go (at the time of writing)!

The heavy races have had a few boats not starting, which at times during these races seems quite a reasonable option. This year there are a lot of small boats, which is great,

We spent the next hour or so “racing” Hot Gossip and the tide to finish but we did not make it. Pretty hard making a penalty turn in that tide! Unfortunately a lot of DNFs that race but that’s the way it goes

The last two races (R6 and R7) have been pretty hectic – strong winds combined with highly variable gusts made the ditch quite challenging. Light boats needed to work hard both up and downwind but I did notice a few of the big guys being “Transformed” into something less than upright a few times.



***Flojo. Photo Credit Deniz Unlusu***

A big bullet caught us at North Head, flattening us completely in about a second. It took a bit longer than that to get back up, time enough to check the keel and wonder why I did not put the wash boards in!

R8 was windy again at the start and we battled to get going with poor sail choice, major overwinds, spinnaker

pole beak popping open twice and the Commodore trying to turn us into a kebab.

When things go wrong... Anyway, thanks for crossing behind us Bryon! After that he was ahead! Lets hope the next races are back to balmy autumn weather, although I suspect there is not much chance of that!

Back at the club there are always good stories told over a few beverages and hot chips. Thanks to Mark Becroft for arranging the food, Tim for running the bar and Margaret and her team and Taipan for running the race!

***Ed's Note: Deniz Unlusu is a professional photographer and is willing to make his photos available to us for publicity or for sale to anyone wanting to purchase. You can checkout his website [www.denizunlusu.com](http://www.denizunlusu.com)***

# MARK 'n' MALCOLM'S PLAYTIME

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## *Aka Richmond YC Associations Regatta 2016*

Someone asked me to write an article about the Associations regatta before I forgot the details. Two mistakes were made with that request:

- 1: Saying I can write is like saying that adult colouring books are art and,
- 2: I'm not too concerned about the facts and details.

So here a few fallacies and false truths, loosely based around the Associations Regatta, which was hosted by the Richmond YC in May.

We were the last Marauder to leave Westhaven on Sunday morning. No, we were not busy scrubbing Maggie May's antifoul, or anything nearly that serious, there had been a hold-up in the Bacon n Egg Pie aisle at the supermarket and so my crewman, Malcolm was running late. Maggie had been out for a topside paint job and antifoul a few weeks earlier. Her hull was already clean!

The racing on Saturday was fabulous. The breeze was a comfy ten knots from the south west and the sun was shining. We had five windward / leeward races in fast succession and everybody had a great time. Life on Maggie May was pretty relaxed. We knew that we wouldn't have a full crew, so with only two on board, we entered the "no extras" division. It's so much easier when you are not hauling that kite in and out of the bag all day long.

One of our fleet had some of the best sailors that the Panmure yacht club could muster. Luckily for us, none of them were familiar with Marauders and we were not shown up by them (just)!

As with most class racing, the starts were always pretty tightly contested with eleven boats on the line. On one of the starts, Pandour was being called up by one of the other boats. Yvonne had nowhere to go but into the start boat, so she continued to hold her own line and stayed out of trouble. It's a fun series of races. We don't like to get too grumpy or to hurt each other.

Maggie May and Pandour nearly had a collision between races as I was looking astern at the start boat and discussing flags with Malcolm. We were on a port tack and should have been keeping a better watch, oops! Fortunately we got away with a "near miss" and did not scratch Maggie's new paint job or upset Yvonne too much.

Towards the end of the day there was a swing in the breeze, so the RYC wind vane came out to help pin point the wind direction.



## ***Committed to the cause!***

John Davies does a great impersonation of Christ Redeemer, the statue overlooking Rio, as he feels the wind direction to assist the guys laying the top mark.

Several Marauders from other marinas stayed in Westhaven overnight on Saturday and the crews had a great get-together at the Richmond club over dinner.

Sunday was another fine day, but with only a little breeze. It was a slow start from Northern Leading Buoy and with mainly bright sun the air heated up quickly. I peeled my shirt off and to stay in character, I had Malcolm draw the Marauder logo on my back with a vivid marker. It took about three days for the colour to finally wear off my back.

We had the stereo cranked up playing Pink Floyd and we were trolling a lure and slipping down past the bottom of Motuihe, when we realised that there was little chance of making it to the mark at Rocky Bay before cut off time. Only a minute after notifying the tower of our withdrawal from the race, we pulled our first Kahawai in. We then saw friends anchored in Sargent Channel.

Ian and Karen had owned the Marauder “Kid Charlmain” and were fishing with friends. We chatted with them and then went to the Motuihe channel to try for some snapper. No luck there, but we picked up another Kahawai on the way back into town.

On behalf of the Marauder Owners Association, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to the RYC Race Committee and volunteers for helping to make this another wonderful weekend of Marauder racing.

Now for the formal stuff (the results)

Open Division: Sothern Rebel (Alan Wright as Crew), Mahita, Flasher  
Restricted Division: Manawa, Blue Sapphire, Scenario  
Non Class Division: Cordite, Kasmic  
Last: Maggie May

# FLAP MARTINERNGO MEMORIAL RACE



The 2016 Flap Martinengo Memorial race was all that a good winter lap of Rangitoto should be - starting with rain and a hard beat, a wet, gusty ending in the chilly afternoon sun and then almost no wind at all. It was a very challenging race, worthy of the namesake.

Due to the inclement weather, we had a moderate turnout, but which included some larger boats (Open 60 Awen, 55ft Equilibrium, both making Transformer look small) a few classics Flap would have known (Namu and Hornblower) and a host of the usual campaigners.

I had a crack crew on Revolution Blues, and we nailed the start, crossing on port in front of the other Ross 830, La Clandestine Jet, and we never looked back. After a long but relatively smooth beat we were trading tacks with Pepe, and had the best of them when we turned to round Billy Goat Pt and they continued on around Rakino.

The backside of the islands was a blast reach, with me wishing the prod was fixed, nonetheless, with some 10+ surfs that never seemed to end. By Motuihe Channel we filed in behind Transformer, who bravely hoisted and held their masthead kite.

We followed, kite up and off to Motukorea Buoy at a good speed, with a few gusts that sent the boat planing into the teens.

The first gybe went poorly (which we will blame on a gust!) and we broached and ended up flying the kite as a pennant. We recovered, put up the spare kite, and headed past Bean Rock into the Harbour.

We watched Transformer carry breeze along the North edge of the Harbour though they seemed to switch to headsail to finish.

We followed suit only to end up in a hole. Fortunately Hornblower then Road Runner found a remnant easterly breeze line on the South, and we gybed out into the contrary tide to catch the same.

Original kite back up, and we were able to finish with a respectable time and a horn blast to boot.

The last of the breeze was brought down by Pepe, with some of the smaller boats being caught out by the dying breeze and a contrary tide.



**Lightning Crew**  
**Photo Credit Andrew McDonald**

Great effort by Lightning to finish several hours later in such challenging conditions. Kudos also to Maggie May, Sigma II, Wild Oats, and Big Bikkies. Honours on the day went to Equilibrium, (the crew of!) Revolution Blues, and Hornblower for each taking out line and handicap wins.

Unfortunately I missed the prize giving, so I will take this chance to congratulate all that braved the race, with luck we'll all be out again next year!

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# VINGILOT TO VANUATU

*Ed's note: Every now and again you meet some truly inspirational people. After listening to Charles, Joy and their family present recently at a Friday Social Night I came away thinking I had done just that.*



**Vingilot 45ft Cavalier**

***The story below doesn't in any way do justice to the presentation about their 2015 adventure to Vanuatu and New Caledonia.***

After tragically losing their boat in a major storm during their Tonga trip, by 2015 Charles had by now purchased Vingilot, a 45ft Cavalier and decided to again head north on a family adventure which exposed them first hand to havoc wrecked by Cyclone Pam the previous year.

This trip was also not without its challenges, however it started off well from Opuia and then surfing at 9 knots with just the headsail up.

Charles had prepared the boat well, learning from his last trip and also making use of the latest technology. Like anyone travelling away there was a packing plan.

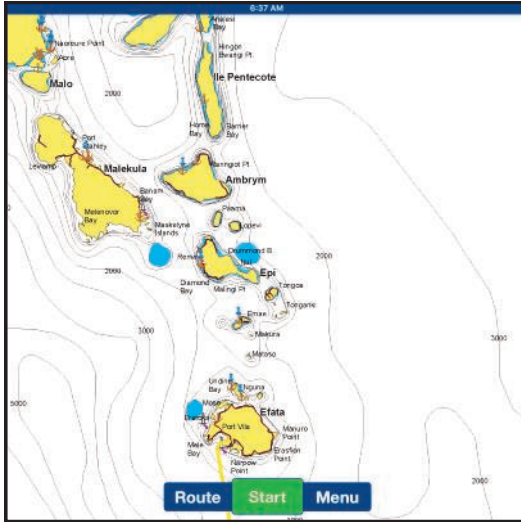
Technology also enabled them to be connected to the outside world and with each other as the boat had a server on-board which enabled them to watch downloaded movies on any device. Everyone carried personal EPIRPs.

## **Start off with lists and more lists**

- Like to have
- Must have
- Can afford
- Essential items
- Only things needed to get compliance

Even with all that planning misfortune struck again. Joy's eyesight had become severely impaired through acute angle glaucoma. Charles knew he had to get special medication within twelve hours or the temporary blindness would become permanent. The only trouble was the location of the necessary medication was a day and a half south, or a ten hour sail north where it hadn't been confirmed that the medicine was even there!

Fortunately, things turned out okay and the sail north paid off and Joy was able to receive the required medication before being able to get a flight back to NZ and make a full recovery.



Having seen the damage left by Cyclone Pam, through hard work, donations and contributions of many generous people, the family had also collected, packed and stored one and half tonnes of clothing, books, glasses, etc, to give to the people of Vanuatu.

It was this gesture that really endeared them to the people of this country who they made a strong connection with.

Being welcomed by Village chiefs into their homes the family no longer felt like tourists, but developed a real connection with the proud people of Vanuatu as they went about re-building their lives. The

family sailed around the islands on Vanuatu, before heading across to New Caledonia. The captain of the French Naval vessel that rescued them in 2009, also sailed with them on the trip across

Charles and his family presented an entertaining and very humorous insight into their journey north. This article doesn't do any justice to the amount of effort, courage and enjoyment that went into their trip however, I would like to thank them for taking the time to come along to the club and allowing us to hear about their great adventure.

## Trip Summary:

Total days away: 4 months with a 2 month gap in between  
Total crew: varied between 3 & 6  
Total nautical miles sailed: ~3400nm  
No of places visited: over 20 islands  
Total fish caught: only 3



***Charles' Daughters with local Vanuatu family***

# LIFE MEMBER AWARD: TIM SMEDLEY

***Ed's Note: After many years of service Tim Smedley was recently awarded Life Membership of RYC and I recently caught up with him to find out that he still spends most of his time behind the bar!***

Tim, like many a club stalwart, is one of those good blokes who just gets on with getting the job done with the minimum of fuss and little drama.



In fact in Tim's own words he had only just joined the club when he also became the committee member responsible for managing the bar because the previous manager had suddenly resigned.

***RYC Life Member No 22***

That was back in 2001 and he's been there ever since helping out on club nights, social events, special functions and on most club racing days. Tim is one of those valuable club members who has unselfishly given his time and support to the club over many years.

Like many youngsters Tim got into dinghy sailing back in the day (1957) sailing off Takapuna beach with the good ol' P class. From there he has also sailed many classes of boats including Sunbursts and Cherokees. For four years Tim also sailed competitively crewing on 12 ft Skiffs and even won a national championship!

In talking with Tim I found out that he's also a very interesting character with a great deal of sailing experience, joining Richmond Yacht Club in 1992 through being friends of the Clare family (Colin Clare is also an RYC life member).

Tim competed in the Sanders Cup provincial series which holds a special place in New Zealand Yachting history as it is the oldest trophy sailed for in New Zealand under its original inception. Since the inaugural races in 1921 the Sanders Cup has been sailed for every year with the exception of 1942-45.

Today, it is still the only remaining senior interprovincial challenge competition still sailed for

A surveyor by trade Tim's skills have also been put to good use as the official measurer for the international 470 class. It's a class of sailing that Tim is very passionate about.

Being secretary for the 470 association, Tim also began hatching a plan in 1980 to stage the world championships in Auckland, resulting in the 470's World Championships being held off Milford beach in 1984. At that time it was the only Olympic Class sailing event which had ever been held in New Zealand.



***Tim recently  
reacquainted himself  
again with his very  
first Sunburst at the  
Wakatere Boating club  
on the North Shore***

Nowadays Tim really enjoys the summer Friday Night Special Series which attracts new members into Richmond Yacht Club and he enjoys (still from behind the bar) seeing lots of FNS sailors back at the club rooms socialising and being educated about sailing through the training that is provided.

As you can imagine Tim is a man of many talents and it has been noted by more than one club member that Tim's not only a great crew member but the boats he sails on go faster when Tim is on-board.

Congratulations on becoming a Life Member Tim!

# DID YOU KNOW....



***Ed's note: In the days before Facebook, Twitter, email or texting, yachting news was delivered to RYC members via a weekly newsheet named Lee Rail, the following is an abridged article from the Club's Centennial publication of the same name written by Harold Kidd and Robin Elliot.***

It all began with Jim Frankham who persuaded Richmond's committee that a weekly newsheet which carried race details, gossip, news and results would be an ideal method of disseminating news to the busy Westhaven scene.

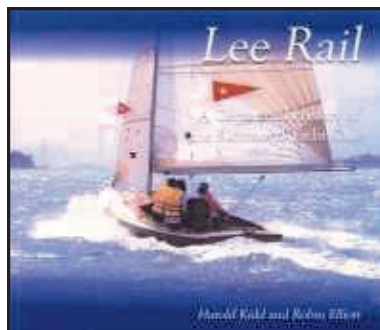
It was published every Thursday with the first issue coming out in December 1945 and it was enthusiastically received by local yachtsmen.

Containing complete list of entrants and handicaps for the following Saturday's races for all Auckland's clubs, together with the previous week's results. This entailed a great deal of organisation at high pressure after each club's entries and handicap's had been declared on the Wednesday night.

Lee Rail was published weekly during the summer season and less frequently during winter at the modest subscription of 6/ 3d per annum. Advertising helped with paying the costs, John Burn's, Sails & Covers and Lion Brewery being the principal sponsors (those were the days!)

A local printer Wilkie Wilkinson, was also publishing a free single sheet race programme, however apart from the two Auckland Dailies (Auckland Star and New Zealand Herald) there wasn't any competitive publication with such immediacy.

With additional advertising sponsorship coming from Dominion Breweries, the paper was increased from four pages to eight in September 1946, however, not all was well.



From the start *Lee Rail* ran at a financial loss, despite reasonable expectations that it would soon come into profit.

By April 1947, the losses were continuing and support was not increasing. Jim Frankham and the Publishing Committee had put a huge amount of effort into the paper, but it had become a bit of a monster, particularly over the cost of printing. Given that their time was free and labour was free, it was still not turning a profit.

Frankham proposed that the publication of *Lee Rail* should cease from November 1947, the expiration of the current subscription year. After all the hard work it was a bitter pill to swallow.

However, the story doesn't quite finish there.

Wilkie Wilkinson who had continued to produce his free weekly race sheets, also published the *Western Weekly News* from late 1948 from his premises in Exchange Lane off Queen Street. Like his existing race sheets, this publication made no attempt to be anything than a single page, folded in two, giving four pages of no frills race results or regatta reports.

Interestingly Wilkie attempted to use the name *Lee Rail* but was smartly threatened with a breach of copyright by a miffed Richmond Committee.

Who would have thought all those years ago that the *Lee Rail* newssheet would have led to the club's website, Facebook page and publication of Plain Sailing Magazine.

*If you would like to know more about the club's history, copies of the Lee Rail - A Centennial History of the Richmond Yacht Club please enquire with Kate at the club.*



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# CLASSIC SAILING



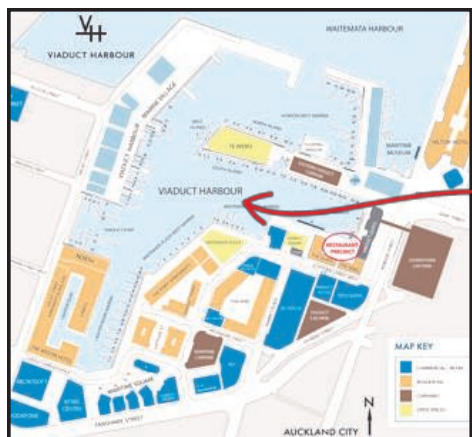
The Tino Rawa Trust is a registered charity assisting in the preservation, restoration and caretaking of New Zealand's unique classic yachts and launches.

Created in 2007 the Trust focuses on ensuring that historically significant vessels are conserved, preserved and restored with traditional techniques and materials in New Zealand.

Each October, as part of the 'Auckland City Heritage Festival', the Trust holds an exhibition in the Viaduct Harbour to celebrate classic yacht and launch history, the boat builders, owners and their stories.

Previous events have included renowned Auckland boat designers Colin Wild, Jack Brooke and Bob Stewart. Early events successfully showcased the Logans, Baileys, Aldens and Herreschoffs.

This year the Classic Yacht and Launch Exhibition is celebrating the Mullet Boat. From humble fishing boat to one of the most recognisable yachts on Auckland Harbour, the Mullet boat has become a part of New Zealand's maritime history.



## Exhibition dates and times:

Saturday 8th October

Sunday 9th October

10am-4pm

This free public exhibition at Viaduct Harbour and Karanga Plaza will showcase the story behind these iconic yachts where you can see some of the finest examples of 'Mulletties' rafted up

Mullet boat owners and other classic yacht enthusiasts will be on hand to share their stories and memories of this unique New Zealand yacht.

Enjoy informative displays about the boats and the builders and designers responsible for elevating these yachts from ordinary beginnings to cult classics.



The Trust's yachts are also berthed in the Viaduct Harbour in downtown Auckland.

This allows the general public to view the yachts with information boards outlining the history of each vessel.

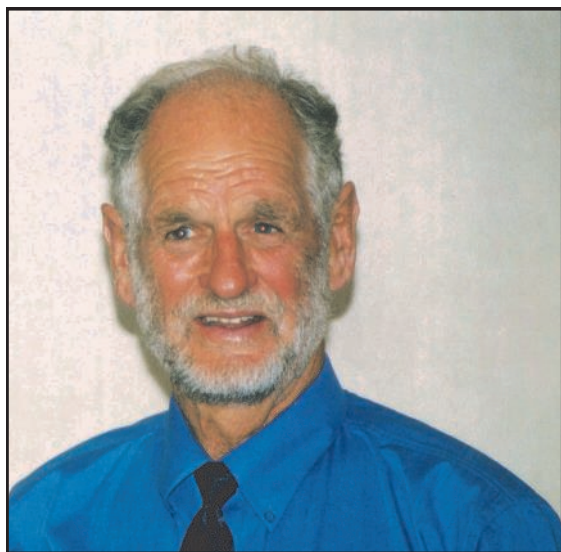
The Trust also have a number of interesting publications all of which available for sale from Boat Books in Westhaven.

For further information you can also visit [www.tinorawatrust.co.nz](http://www.tinorawatrust.co.nz).



# GEORGE RETTER

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***George Retter***

***Ed's note; as one new life member was recently appointed we sadly also heard the news of the loss of George Retter, a RYC life member.***

George's love of the sea probably stemmed from his father who went to sea in the Merchant Navy at the tender age of fourteen and growing up in Stanley Bay his childhood was filled with many stories of his Father's time at Sea.

Towards the end of the Second World War George bought his first 12 ft boat and began cruising the Hauraki Gulf while the boom was still across the harbour. This meant that he had to hold up a floorboard with his number on painted on it to get permission to leave and enter the harbour.

George joined the Richmond family cruising fleet and was a member of the Club for 50 years, contributing much to the keel boat yachting scene in Auckland, from the time the family purchased their first keeler "Matua". He noted in a letter to the club that his first cruising race was on a day when surely they would not have left Westhaven were it not for the fact that they were in company with other boats and they won!

Soon after joining Richmond, George was elected to the general committee and it was while he was the racing secretary in 1969 that a suggestion was made to the committee to start mid-week racing on alternate Wednesday nights.

George was quoted as saying "what a hornet's nest we uncovered".

The concept proved highly successful and changed the face of racing in Auckland with racing no longer being sailed solely on the weekends and even the introduction of sponsorship from Epiglass which was negotiated by George.

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The club rooms by this stage had become far too small to accommodate the hordes of sailors, so the glass surrounded lounge on the first floor was built through the generosity of a loan from Sir Noel Cole.

Another comment from George about the same time was the calculation of results, "This was all done manually needing half a page of workings for each boat. There were many willing hands to help but as you can imagine there were a few suffering from brain fatigue, to say nothing of short tempers.

Interestingly the club purchased its first calculator half way through the first season! The next year George began the Club's winter racing programme, alternating with Royal Akarana Yacht Club on Sundays.

George moved through the ranks at Richmond and became Commodore of the Club in 1972. George also became the Richmond delegate to the Auckland Yachting Association (AYA), serving as its chairman from 1983-1987.

During this time he hosted four Vice Regal dinners for the presentation of the Yachtsman of the Year. As a Councilor representing the AYA he was also elected to the NZ Yachting Federation Executive and as the AYA delegate to the Liaison committee for the Auckland Harbour Board where he was involved in the development of Westhaven Marina for over 15 years.

In 1982 George took two years off active sailing to build Patere, a Stewart 34 and in his later years continued to race competitively, often with his predominately female crew. As his health declined George became a frequent observer of starts and finishes from the carpark, keeping an eye on Patere's performance.

Like many a past member words don't appear to do justice to the contributions someone like George has made to our club, Auckland yacht racing and also Westhaven.

In 1984 George was honoured with Life Membership of Richmond Yacht Club.

24 June 2016  
**AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
DINNER/PRIZE GIVING

June 24th was the date for this year's Annual General Meeting and Prize Giving Dinner.

Commodore Bryon Wright welcomed everyone and in his report reflected that Richmond Yacht Club still provides one of the most active and professional racing programmes in the country.

2015-2016 was the 75th anniversary of our clubhouse on the Westhaven seawall with Bryon also mentioning that our iconic art-deco-esque building had been the pride of the waterfront when it was first dedicated and today still serves as an active heart of Auckland's sailing community.

The AGM saw the election of the new committee for the incoming year. You can check out who they are from the Club Information page opposite or see if you can identify them from the photo below.

Part of the AGM was also given over to the notable achievements throughout the year and also the awarding of the sailing spoils. The Blake Memorial Shield for outstanding service by a committee member was this year awarded to Evelien van Vliet and Christel Townley.

Heather Gaites took out the Alan Wright Trophy for exceptional determination a Life Membership award was made to our affable Bar Manager, Tim Smedley (see previous pages for more about Tim's sailing career).



The Noel Cole Club Champion Trophy (check out the front cover) which is presented to the skipper obtaining the most overall handicap racing points in the season (as per the RYC handbook) was awarded to Jordon Vaughn and Andrew Brunard from *Pukeko*.

*Congratulations go out to Jordon, Andrew and the crew of Pukeko!*

**Richmond Yacht Club Committee  
Members 2016 - 2017**

# CLUB INFORMATION

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