



RICHMOND  
YACHT CLUB

# Plain Sailing

August 2018



Spring Regatta, 29 September 2018  
Shakedown Race for Coastal!

# FROM THE FLAG

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The 2017-18 season is coming to a close with races 8 & 9 of the winter series still to go.

It has been a season full of its usual thrills and spills, starting in balmy conditions and concluding in the wet chill of a typical Auckland winter.

The pre-race winter breakfasts have also been enjoyed by many and its been great to have the club rooms open before each race. There's been lots of banter between skippers and crew and we've found places for a few new sailors as well.

We plan to have the club rooms open before races more often throughout the season, as we would like our members to come by and enjoy a relaxed coffee before heading out.

The new season starts with the Spring Regatta, on the 29th September.

Its a great chance for a shake out for your crew and boat before the Coastal Classic. We've also made some changes and we now have the Gold Cup fleet starting with the Spring Regatta fleet to give you more one on one competition on the water.

The open Keel boat courses now consist of 3 options, there's a course for the up to 26 foot classes, an option for those over 26 foot to sail a short haul course or the full course [LH]. Watch out for the NORs out shortly.

We've cleaned your slate for the new season, so from the Spring Regatta onwards every race counts towards the Sir Noel Cole Club Champion trophy.

Challenge yourself and see what you can achieve, you may even get your name etched into the club's history.

Andrew Burr  
RYC Commodore

In this issue we have a focus on the club's recent AGM and Prize Giving Dinner which was well attended, a report on who took out the major trophy prizes and who was crowned overall Club Champion (for a spoiler alert go directly to pg 13).

There is also an interesting article from ex Commodore Byron Wright as he looks back and ahead on his sailing career. A clever wee story from Hans Swete provides an insight to another days sailing in the middle of Auckland's Winter.

On page 9 you will see that we have a Job Board where a couple of interesting roles the club is looking to fill are listed. As this will be my last issue editing the *Plain Sailing* Magazine, one of those roles we are looking to fill is that of Magazine Editor. If any of the roles shown are of interest, the club would love to hear from you.

Thanks to all those who have read and contributed to the magazine over the last few years, its been a great experience to get to know more about the club and its members.

Happy reading.

Mark Lloyd,  
Editor, *Plain Sailing*

## Dedicated Quiz Winners



**Winners of the RYC annual Quiz  
Night for the second year running**

This years Quiz night was held on Friday July 27th and by all accounts was a great success with a big turn out.

There was food truck style caterers Puha and Pakeha and the club raised \$515 for Ponsonby Cruising Club Learn to Sail Programme.

Of course there had to be a winner and it was a dedicated team who took it out for the second year running!

# CALENDAR, NOTICES & NEW MEMBERS

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

## August 2018

Wednesday 1st	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday 12th	Winter Series Race 8
Sunday 26th	Winter Series Race 9 (Final)
Friday 31st	Club Social Evening—Phil Van der Mespel

## September 2018

Wednesday 5th	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Friday 21st	Club Social Evening
Saturday 29th	Spring Regatta/Gold Cup Race 1

## October 2018

Wednesday 3rd	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Wednesday 3rd	Wednesday Race 1
Friday 5th	Friday Night Special Introduction
Sat 6th/Sun 7th	Singlehanded Series Race 1&2 (PCC)
Friday 12th	Friday Night Special Race 1
Wednesday 17th	Wednesday Race 2
Friday 26th	Friday Night Special Race 2
Sunday 28th	Singlehanded Race (RYC and R3)
Wednesday 31st	Wednesday Race 3

## November 2018

Wednesday 7th	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
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*All dates correct at time of printing*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

### New Memberships

Kevin Vince Associate Member.



# WINTER SERIES RACE 6

*ED's Note: While Tamaki Drive was being flooded due to rain, wind and king tides and many parts of the upper North Island were also under a weather siege, some hearty souls continued on with their sailing in Race 6 of the RYC Winter Series.*

*Hans Swete found time to reflect on the race and pen this little ditty:*

Transformers race 15 July, 2018.

“ The messages came pouring through  
I'm cold, I'm scared, I can't make it too  
So seven stalwarts braved wind, snow and hail  
And Transformer rose to the challenge never to fail  
With Terry on keyboards the rest as per norm  
We weren't going down to a wee little storm  
We started out reefed but soon shook it out,  
With Mike passing on "Pressure" with many a shout  
We popped the frac kite without much ado  
And roared to the next mark and rounded number two  
We flirted with Pretty Woman and let her get past  
But blasted past her to finish and not nearly last  
A second on line and handicap first  
Then a wee gentle rum to quench a justified thirst. ”



**The Seven Transformer Stalwarts  
before the gentle rum**



# Member Profile

***Ed's Note: This is an abridged and amended article from an interview with Liz Alonzi from the Westhaven News.***

I started sailing in Summer of 2014 in Chicago where I took a five-week training course with a local yacht club and joined a crew for Wednesday night racing.

I fell so in love with the sport that I moved to Australia that autumn, spending five months travelling and sailing instead of enduring a winter off the water, before moving to New Zealand.

Almost as soon as I started sailing, I had a five-year goal to buy my own boat. After a year in New Zealand (so, three years into that five-year plan), I got ahead of myself and went for it.



I'd done a decent amount of short-handed racing and local cruising around Auckland by then and felt fairly confident that I could handle the conditions, plus I was getting itchy feet watching my friends take their boats out on a whim.

I started my purchase process with a short list of requirements: something fast, cruise-able, with a built-in head (my male mates teased me for that), and around 7 to 9 metres for comfort and confidence, building my single handling skills.

A friend sent me a TradeMe link to Mercury Rising, a 747 and I could tell immediately from the listing that it would tick all those boxes. Another friend had previously owned the 747 Zilch, so I rang him up to get an idea of the boat.

When I saw the interior in person during my walk-through with the owner, I was sold. The cabin has been lovingly constructed following the original plans, and even under 18 months of mould, I could tell it would clean up beautifully, which it did!

The boat had been left on the piles for 18 months when I bought her, meaning I have had to tackle a wide range of challenges. Some were physical: scraping a half-metre thick ecosystem off the hull, spending three days cleaning the mould out of the interior, and even learned some basic carpentry and fibre glass skills.

Other challenges were mental: re-learning how circuits work for the first time since I took physics in high school and re-doing the electrics (twice now, which says a lot about my first attempt), and figuring out who to purchase what parts from and how to install them.

Then, after completing all the functional tasks, I had to learn how to sail solo!

I'd been crewing up to 3 times a week since I started sailing, but never before out solo. In fact, my first singlehanded race last summer was my first solo sail in my life, so just getting through that race was an enormous challenge. There was definitely a moment when I lifted the outboard out of the water and thought, "right, well, I guess I'm going to go sail this boat around by myself for the next six or so hours..."

I would say the learning curve has definitely felt more like a cliff face at times, but I'm starting to feel like my perseverance through some seriously hard work is really starting to pay off.



***Liz aboard Mercury Rising***

I had a fantastic time doing the Vining Marine Singlehanded Series with RYC this past summer. I almost didn't make it and really can't say enough good things about the support I got from the fleet in getting me to my first start line.

I've entered Merc into the occasional Richmond Summer/Winter Series race when I haven't been able to hop on friends' boats, but I do try to keep my club racing to crew positions, so I can continue learning.

I will admit to not doing as much cruising as I expected this summer, mostly due to the boat knocking herself out of commission with a dead battery, however I have had the chance to take friends out for day and weekend trips, as well as get in some solo cruises.

Some notable memories:

Learning to fly and gybe the spinnaker by myself. Tony McAlwee (Wild Oats) convinced me to do it on my third solo sail, a return trip from Rakino. I probably looked a bit silly practicing bare-pole gybes in the anchorage to build my confidence before weighing anchor! It was blowing 5 knots from the north, and this was while I had no battery, so no electric tiller pilot either. I used a bungee cord and crossed my fingers, and even nailed my first gybe! (just don't ask about the second one).

To date, I think that is the moment that's given me my greatest sense of accomplishment. I love being on the foredeck, so to hold that position on my own boat is really special for me. With a bit of practice, I've reached a point where I can comfortably fly extras solo whenever conditions are favourable, and I'm very proud of that.

Some friends from Melbourne came to visit and we entered a Richmond Wednesday night race. It was blowing over 20 knots, so I got to reef for the first time, which was exciting!

In April I did my first fully-solo (that is, not meeting up with friends) multi-day cruise. The goal was Great Barrier, but unfortunately my tiller pilot died, and I wasn't comfortable hand-steering the whole way.

After a few hours of troubleshooting, it was raining and getting late, so I gave up and headed out without a working tiller pilot. I gave myself a good scare going forward in the dark (I was clipped on, but was again helming with the bungee in 15kts of wind and rain), so decided to wait out the storm off the eastern side of Motuihe. I woke up on the second morning to clear skies and light winds and sailed to Cactus Bay (under spinnaker) for the night.

The next morning, I returned to Auckland via a stop at Oneroa for lunch, where I got the chance to practice dropping anchor under sail. It was amazing and so peaceful to have every bay entirely to myself, after a summer of cruising through them when they were jam-packed with boats. I'm still holding onto the goal of Smokehouse Bay and hope to make it up there sometime this winter.

I'm learning heaps, which I find fun. I would be lying if I said there haven't been some very trying times, but on the whole, I have had an absolute blast this past year and celebrated one year of ownership on 7th June.

# HELP NEEDED

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Richmond Yacht Club members have been cruising and racing on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour for well over 75 years.

Many, if not all, of the club's activities are a result of the efforts the committee and the club's volunteers put in and make the club what it is today.

From time to time as members come and go some opportunities arise for other members to help out and right now there are a couple of roles which the club has open. Below is a brief description of these. If you want to know more please make contact with the Commodore or any of the committee (see page 23).



## **Cruising Series Co-ordinator**

This is perhaps one of the easier roles where the main focus is to ensure that the BBQ is onboard someone's boat and the right amount of sausages have been catered for! In all seriousness this is role for someone who would enjoy co-ordinating the social side of the cruising series and to assist with making sure everyone has an enjoyable time as possible.

## **Club Venue Manager**

This would suit someone who has some experience or insight into hospitality and able to manage venue bookings, corporate event day hires as well as the running of the club's bar.

## **Plain Sailing Magazine Editor**

Another fun role which gets you involved in your quest to provide information and entertaining stories to club members. It would suit someone who has had some experience or interest in publishing or layout and also willing to use their initiative and creativity in the search for new and interesting articles for the magazine.

If you have an interest in finding out more about these roles or how you can further help the club, contact Kate at the club at [info@richmondyc.org.nz](mailto:info@richmondyc.org.nz).

# AGM, DINNER & PRIZE GIVING

The club's 114th Annual General Meeting, dinner and prize giving was held at the Richmond Yacht Club clubrooms on Friday 29th June and was a well-attended event, providing an opportunity to celebrate the clubs progress and members achievements throughout the year.

Commodore Andrew Burr opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the running and management of the club.

Andrew went on to mention the club has continued to evolve through the adoption of technology and a lot of work has gone into upgrading the club's website with a fresh new look and a range of tools that being used to promote the club and its events.



There were a number of acknowledgement awards made to Margaret Harvey, Hans Swete, Trish Lewis, Mark Lloyd and Steve Morriss for their volunteer efforts in helping with club activities throughout the year.

Other areas reported on at the AGM reflected over the club's previous 12 months.

***Commodore Andrew Burr presenting Margaret Harvey with her bouquet of flowers for her efforts as Principle Race Officer***

## Racing

Our 2017-18 season opened with the Musto Spring Regatta, including the first race of Royal Akarana Yacht Club Gold Cup Series. The total fleet of 43 boats sailed in a good SSW 10-20knts wind most of the day with all but 1 of the 43 boats finishing the race.

The CRC & New World Wednesday Night and Winter Series are the back bone of the club's racing calendar (and proving popular), with the series full of good competition and plenty of rivalry.

The Vining Singlehanded series had 17 entries with a mix of camaraderie and competition in this series proving to be appealing to all.

The Marsden Cove Marina Route 66 this year had 34 starters and 30 finishers. . Starting from the Westhaven tower at 09:00 the fleet made very good time, our first boat finished at 13:45 and the last at 20:29 The Fleet sailed in a strong NE wind and reported challenging sea conditions around Cape Rodney with one multi hull boat capsizing off East Coast Bays.

The Cruising series sponsored by Coolstore Construction was troubled by indifferent weather this year, with the first race being abandoned due lack of wind and an honest attempt to shorten the race not working out. Fleet numbers were a little inconsistent, possibly due to the regular appearance of ex-tropical cyclones.

Our harbour series which includes a singlehanded and two His n Hers races had plenty of entries, although the Ponsonby Cruising Club His n Hers race was unfortunately abandoned.

The Richmond Regatta renamed from the Association Regatta, was attended by 7 Magic 25s and two RYC boats, Lighting and Space Station.

Day one was abandoned due to stormy conditions, day two provided great sailing conditions with easterly winds at 20-25knts and comfortable sea conditions giving us a chance to start 5 races.



***Secretary Dagmar delivering her report***

The Victoria Friday Night special series again was popular with a full allotment of entries. The novice sailors all enjoyed the great variety of yachts made available by our generous skippers, and the weather was enjoyably compliant, apart from that last race which was a good example of 4 seasons in one day.

# AGM, DINNER & PRIZE GIVING

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## Sponsorship

We had a successful season for sponsorship at Richmond Yacht Club, in that we received sufficient on-going support to enable us to run our events and races and have meaningful and fun prize giving events.

The main type of sponsorship was in the form of products and vouchers that were used as race and series prizes with our main sponsorship coming from long-time supporters; CRC, New World Birkenhead and Victoria Cruising Club (for the Victoria Friday Night Special).

We also received continued support from Vining Marine, Lidgard Sails, Harken, Burnsco, Advantage Doors, Coolstore Construction, Safety at Sea, Mariner Marine Insurance, Floating Dock, Coastguard Boating Education and Mount Gay.

This year we also welcomed Musto, Ropeye and Banjo Brews.

We greatly appreciate all our sponsors support and look forward to continuing our relationship with them.

## Social Events

The Winter socials for 2017/18 were well supported. Our first dinner speaker was Mike Drummond of Americas Cup yacht design and we had another fun Quiz evening in August.

Bashing into the wind and seas was the common theme from half a dozen of the skippers and crews of the Round North Island two handed race, and they had some interesting anecdotes to share with us in September.

Summer came back, although the cruising series took a bit of a hammering as the weather was less than conducive for get togethers on the beach. We had a great breakfast at Mahurangi with the Panmure Yacht Club on Anniversary Weekend with Richmond YC again victorious in the annual Tug"o"War on the Sunday morning!

Friday Night Specials were well supported with many of the crews coming up to the club for seminars, although sadly the Saturday cruise for the FNS crews did not quite fly. Hopefully we can fit it in the calendar for 2019.

We held a new members night to welcome both new boat owners and crew, and plan to hold this again later this year.

# TROPHY WINNERS

## Club Champion: Noel Cole Trophy

In recent years the Noel Cole Trophy has been awarded to the Club Champion, being the skipper who obtains the best handicap points score for eight races listed in the club race calendar, with no more than four races counting from any one series which include Winter Racing, Cruise Series, Wednesday Night Series, Spring Regatta, Flap Marteningo Memorial, Westhaven Triple races and Harbour races.



**Club Champions**  
**Christel Townley and Reg Sparrey**

Congratulations go to our Club Champions this year Christel Townley & Reg Sparrey sailing *T Rex*.

## Centennial Cup

Donated by the Donald family on the occasion of the clubs centenary celebration in 2003, this cup is presented to the club member who takes part in the most number of races over a year (the year runs from the start of the winter series - May - and finishes with the last summer race -these days the Haystack race in April).



This year's winner was Tony McAlwee skippering *Wild Oats*.

## Alan Wright Trophy

A well-known Kiwi boat designer Alan Wright wished this trophy to be awarded to someone in the club who has shown exceptional determination.

***Not everything is formal at an AGM***

This year it was awarded to Liz Alonzi, sailing *Mercury Rising*.  
***Ed's note; see Liz's amazing story on her entry into sailing on page 6.***

# TROPHY WINNERS

## Maurice Livingstone Cup

The Maurice Livingstone Cup is also a "new" cup in terms of history. It was presented to the club by the Livingstone family after Maurice was lost overboard in a Spring Regatta, in the 80's. It is presented to a member who has gone the "extra mile" flying the RYC burgee and usually is someone who has clocked up a large number of miles sailing in the season.

This year the committee awarded this to Kevin Murphy from *Titanium*.

## Blake Memorial Shield

This shield is presented to an outstanding committee member and this year was awarded to Dagmar Bellamy for her sterling efforts as Secretary.



*A sterling effort all round!*

# SERIES WINNERS

<b>Cruising Series</b>		
	C Div	<i>Wild Oats</i>
	E Div	<i>Roadrunner</i>
<b>Westhaven Triple Races</b>		
Race 1	C Div	<i>Peppermint Planet</i>
Race 1	D Div	<i>Revolution Blues</i>
Race 1	E Div	<i>Roadrunner</i>
Race 2	D Div	<i>Lightning</i>
Race 3	C Div	<i>Predator</i>
Race 3	D Div	<i>T-Rex</i>
<b>Singlehanded Race</b>		
	C Div	<i>Lightning</i>
	D Div	<i>Tazzy Devil</i>
<b>Winter Series 2017</b>		
	A Div	<i>Alegre</i>
	C Div	<i>Space Station</i>
	K Div	<i>Patiko</i>
<b>Spring Regatta 2017</b>		
	A Div	<i>Peppermint Planet</i>
	C Div	<i>Sigma II</i>
	E Div	<i>Patiko</i>
	H Div	<i>Sanna</i>
	M Div	<i>Charleston</i>
	T Div	<i>Pure Magic II</i>
	Z Div	<i>The Entertainer/CarpeDiem</i>
<b>Wednesday Night Series</b>		
	M Div	<i>Charleston</i>
	A Div	<i>Alegre</i>
	B Div	<i>Itchy Feet</i>
	S Div	<i>Team Sex</i>
	C Div	<i>Carpe Diem</i>
	E Div	<i>Sudden Impulse</i>
	D Div	<i>Bridgette Kou</i>
	H Div	<i>Dissident</i>
	R Div	<i>Pepe</i>
<b>RYC Singlehanded Series</b>		
	PHRF	<i>Wild Oats</i>
	A Gen Handicap	<i>Wild Oats</i>
	B Gen Handicap	<i>Tazzy Devil</i>

# BOAT OWNERSHIP

*Regular readers of Plain Sailing would be familiar with some of Bryon's sailing exploits, most of which have been on his Ross 830 Revolution Blues which he and Amy recently sold. This is the (heavily condensed) story of Bryon's sailing experiences to date, with the hope it will entertain and help inspire others to make the leap to boat ownership.*

## Preamble

I went out on a Catalina 28 of dubious provenance on the Great Salt Lake prior to moving to Auckland. The keel more or less fell off. Later, I'd taken a resort's beach dinghy out in the Caribbean and only just avoided needing rescue. I then got a job in New Zealand and started reading everything I could find on sailing.

## Boatless Crewing

I was given the chance to start sailing with David Williams on Hot Prospect. I knew what I was doing, on paper. David was a wonderful person to start with, and was generous with his boat. We were not fast, but we were happy.

He introduced me to RYC on my second day in the country. I hoisted my first spinnaker in preparation for my first SSANZ two-handed race with supercrew Richard Moyle. I joined RYC as crew and raced in the Victoria Friday Night Special; running aground (a-mud?) on Flojo being a very memorable moment. I raced and cruised with Rodney Janes and Peter Barnard ('the tiller whisperer') on Peppermint Planet. I was now ready to get a boat of my own.

## Boat Buying

I got a partnership together: my wife Amy and I and friend Chuck Rhode ('Chaz' much to his chagrin). We fixated on TradeMe for a few weeks (OK, maybe it had been going on for some time longer), then made a few mad dashes to view boats, Bay of Islands in an afternoon anyone?

I went to meet Phil Daniels and check out Revolution Blues and it was love at first sight. We argued weakly over price then made the leap to owners.

Motoring her through Westhaven to her berth for the first time was exhilarating, a mix of terror and liberty (really? I can get away with this?). We upgraded our RYC membership after Margaret Harvey reminded me that I needed to if I wanted to race!



**Revolution Blues Kite Flying**

## Early Ownership

A few days later Chaz and I went racing in the RYC Spring Regatta. It was gusty, we hit 12 knots, it felt like warp speed. Chaz was a great person to own a boat with. We raced the RYC and the SSANZ races and even managed a two-handed Coastal Classic. On the way back we overnighted at the Poor Knights, though I have yet to sleep at the Poor Knights. Much was broken and got repaired.

We noted boats and skippers to mark our progress against: John Davies on Crocodile, Peter Osboldstone on Sigma 2, Tony Newmarch on Bays Flyer, Keith Bekker on Manawa, Andy Kemp on Hot Gossip, Grant Jenkins and Cornelia Leuthi on FX. All of them and more become friends, off the racecourse, of course!

## Cruising

You can cruise a Ross 830, but it takes some enthusiasm. Think micro-combi not RV. Nonetheless, we journeyed to destinations from the Bay of Islands to the Mercs, with our longest voyage at around 3 weeks afloat (most of it spent searching for fresh water!). The RYC cruising series is a great way to get into cruising if you're a racer. It starts with a 'friendly' race and by the end of the weekend you've had a great time and forgotten to file for a divorce (from each other, or from the boat). Kidding. My wife is a saint.

## RYC Committee

Rodney Janes encouraged me onto the committee. A few years in I realised that my only way out was to become Commodore! I loved this time and greatly value the people I met along the way.

## Boat-owner Crewing.

Eventually you learn some things and people start to notice, they ask you to crew. I've crewed on boats from 40 foot racers to 20 foot mullet boats. Most skippers were happy with the results. Once you become a skipper yourself you hopefully learn what to avoid as crew. Memorable trips include the 3 Kings race with Gareth and Nick Wells and Ryan Wiblin on Wandering Star and a lot of shorthanded racing on Unitec II - Coastal Classic, White Island, Auckland-Tauranga, the SSANZ (everything). The problem, of course is you are still paying for your own boat, and racing that as well. During this period it's possible I was out on the water a bit to often. Again, my wife = saint.

## Singlehanded Racing.

In short, I noticed there was a need for me to organise more racing for my growing passion: singlehanded racing. Hence the Singlehanded Series was born.

# BOAT OWNERSHIP

This brings up the issue of crew. It turns out that Revolution Blues is fully crewed at 3, possibly 2, and 1 was more or less fine. This is the joy of smaller boats, and racing singlehanded is a huge challenge and thrill.

The Single Handed Series was a success, if only to bring together a mad bunch of sailors - Richard Limbrick on Cool Change, Tony McAlwee on (a few boats, let's say...) Wild Oats, Chris Binning on Heaven'n'Hell, and Andrew Thompson on Le Clandestine Jet ('Clandy Andy') to name a few.

## Tonga

Simon Malpas decided that RYC suited him better than RNZYS and came across the lot. I knew of Simon from work and used to race against him when he owned Black Dog. He had since acquired Atamai but strangely asked to crew on Revolution Blues. I now understand this to be a ploy to get me to crew for the 'warm to cold' leg of a Tonga trip. I was keen and got to experience a proper blue water passage, Whales, Minerva Reef, Wahoo, endless stars, good friends.

## Selling

After 7 years of Revolution Blues I was looking for a change. She was a bit short for extended cruising and a bit too out-boardy for the SSANZ Round North Island. Putting your boat up for sale is not easy, logistically or emotionally, if you're deeply committed to sailing. It means loss and compromise, having to deal with hull-kickers, a list of deferred maintenance to tuck into, etc. In the meantime you're turning your boat from an emotional vessel into a transactional one, which doesn't somehow feel right.



*Byron on Atamai*

## Continued

In my case, I decided on a quick sale at a fair price and was lucky with getting an offer from RYC members I know and like. It was important to me that the boat be used for her intended purpose - a bit of cruising and lots of racing, and I did politely deflect offers from people looking for a fishing vessel. In the end there was a waiting list, so it shows that a well-loved boat has value.

### Atamai

When Simon made a proposition to share ownership of Atamai it was not a hard decision to make. Good friends, good sailing partner, a hot-shower. Done. Now, I have to grapple with the notion that 4 is 'under-crewed' and putting 10 onboard is a good idea and not a sure way to sink your boat. I'm learning.

### Epilogue

If you see me out on Atamai, now you know, I've not stolen her. I'm looking forward to the cruising season like never before and Simon and I are gearing up for a shot at the next RNI. If you're keen to crew, please be in touch. Seriously.

And newbies take note that the story of boat ownership is going to be the story of a whole lot of boats and people, not just your own. If you do it well, you and your boat will sail on long after you are done being caretaker.

***Ed's Note: A partnership of Friday Night Special alumni Tia Dawes, Penelope Lindsay and Jeremy and Sharon Cope, have brought Revolution Blues, so if you see them out on the water be sure to give them a wave.***



***New Owners of Revolution Blues***

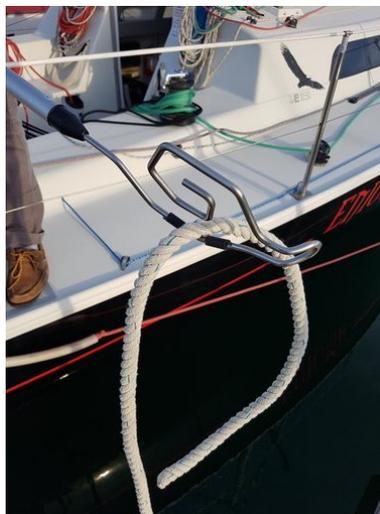
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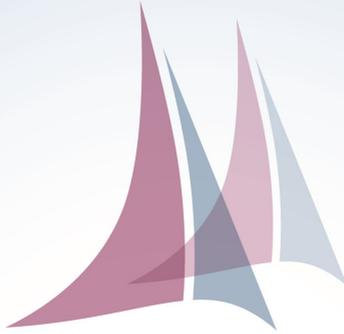


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# FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL



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**FRIDAY NIGHT  
SPECIAL**



**SETS SAIL**



**FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2018**

This unique and popular RYC series is aimed at getting newcomers on boats and experiencing sailing in a sociable and relaxed environment.

You'll learn by doing – each race you'll be allocated to crew on a different yacht ranging from 26ft to 44ft followed by a short skills seminar back at the clubhouse over a beer.

The series includes an intro session, 8 fun friday night races over the summer months and a longer saturday cruise that'll give you time and training on the water.

This is a great opportunity for novice skippers to sail amongst other boats in a friendly competition. Total cost for crew is \$240 which includes an annual RYC crew membership.

**PUSHING THE BOAT OUT ON**

FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

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