



RICHMOND  
YACHT CLUB

# Plain Sailing

May 2018



29 June 2018

# AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
DINNER/PRIZE GIVING

# FROM THE FLAG

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Summers done and now for Winter racing.

This year we're opening the clubrooms in the mornings at 9.30am on Sunday winter racing days.

We've got a a \$10 breakfast and good coffee available. This is a chance to get to the marina early, meet up with your crew and talk tactics, or taunt your competition.

We'll have the crew wanted/available notice board at the ready so if you're looking for more crew, or want to join a crew then come down and drop in to the club rooms.

Our annual celebration of one of Auckland's well known sailing personalities Flap Martinengo is on Saturday June 23.

We race round Rangitoto and then have a prize giving after. If there is only one race you do this winter make this the one and honour a great person.

The 114th AGM and prize giving will be held on Friday 29th June.

This is your chance to come along and celebrate your year of sailing. There is a table full of trophies to hand out, including the prestigious Noel Cole Trophy.

We have a number of boats in the running for this so be there to find out who wins the honour of club Champion.

The committee needs you, yes you. Our club has a fantastic 113 year history, and that means 113 committees that have worked hard to give the members the many years of racing and events.

We need your skills and abilities to keep this up. The strength of our committee is that it is made up of a diverse range of people with an equally diverse range of skills. So at the AGM consider being part of the 114th committee and continue our history.

Andrew Burr  
RYC Commodore

As we head into the cooler months there is still a lot happening at the club. The Winter Series and other interesting events such as the Friday Night Social evenings and the AGM/Prize Giving Dinner.

In this issue we look back on the fun packed Summer that was, with some interesting events such as a club member's wedding and the winner of the Coolstore cruising series BBQ. Carole Sefonte's second instalment of her four year sojourn to Northland aboard *Ecstasy* also makes you stop and think about what you can do with the time and the inclination to experience adventures away on the water.

These are stories of interest from club members, for club members. If there is something of interest you would like to see in your magazine, or have something that you can contribute to it, then we would love to hear from you.

Its a great forum to share experiences and learn more about what we do as a club. If you have something that could be of interest get in touch. All it takes is a few words and a picture or two.

Happy reading.

Mark Lloyd,  
Editor, *Plain Sailing*

## Dedicated Reader



***Good travel reading***

Our latest dedicated reader is Steve Morriss onboard *Belle*.

As the all female crew (except for skip pictured ) faced high seas on the Route 66 Steve continued to enjoy reading *Plain Sailing* because in his books the conditions were just "plain sailing".

If you have a picture of someone reading *Plain Sailing* in somewhere unique or different then we would love to print it.

Just contact us at  
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# CALENDAR & NOTICES

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

## **May 2018**

Sunday 20th Winter Series Race 2

## **June 2018**

Sunday 3rd Winter Series Race 3  
Wednesday 6th RYC Pot Luck Lunch  
Sunday 17th Winter Series Race 4  
Saturday 23rd Flap Martinengo Memorial Race  
Friday 29th Club AGM and Prize Giving Dinner

## **July 2018**

Sunday 1st Winter Series Race 5  
Wednesday 4th RYC Pot Luck Lunch  
Thursday 12th Volunteers Dinner  
Sunday 15th Winter Series Race 6  
Friday 27th Club Social Evening  
Sunday 29th Winter Series Race 7

## **August 2018**

Wednesday 1st RYC Pot Luck Lunch  
Sunday 12th Winter Series Race 8  
Friday 31st Club Social Evening

*All dates correct at time of printing*

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# NEW MEMBERS

## 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

Brett Wagner	Associate Family
Simon Mackenzie	Associate Family

### Crew Members

Suzanne Histen  
Rosy Herstell  
Helena Bassett  
Zuzana Gabriel  
Nicole Steven  
Amy Tuffnell  
Nicolas Aubin  
Anne Owens



*Team Anarchy, Race One RYC Winter Series*

# Member Profile

**Ed's Note:** *In this issue we have a slightly different angle on our Member Profile section. Its actually two club members and how their recent marriage had a very strong RYC connection.*

Club Members Ryan and Sarah Wiblin met whilst competing on different boats in the Richmond Winter Series.

One of the first dates the pair had was on board *Steinlager 2* for a crew.org rum race, but in more recent times the pair have purchased *Tazzy Devil*, an Elliot 10.5 from Brisbane. Both Ryan and Sarah regularly compete in Richmond Yacht Club Racing.

Last month Sarah and Ryan tied the knot in style on board *Steinlager 2* whilst sailing down the harbour and past the club.

Ex-commodore Bryon Wright was asked by Ryan and Sarah to be the celebrant at their sailing wedding. Little did Bryon know this meant 6 months of prep and paperwork (gladly done though he reports it was more arduous than originally expected after saying 'sure, sounds great' to Ryan).

In any case, Bryon loved being a part of their special day and is now offering celebrant services to the sailing community for on-the-water, remote, coastal or other off-the-beaten track weddings.



**Ryan & Sarah exchanging their wedding vows**



***This was indeed the marriage celebrant!***



**Steering Ahead**

Sarah tells us *Steinlager 2* offered a unique and very “us’ setting for our wedding, after meeting sailing, dating by way of 2 handed racing and getting engaged sailing on our yacht, *Tazzy Devil*, whilst screaming down the harbour with the gennaker flying.

A sailing wedding was perfect for us.

The team from NZ Sailing Trust were great to work with and helped make our day extra special. Our 30 guests on board had a great time and its definitely a wedding they will not forget.

A massive thanks also to Bryon for being our celebrant on the day!”

After the sailing wedding we headed back to where it all began, the Richmond Yacht Club for a cocktail party with our friends and family for what was a great night.

A big thanks to Phil Hart and his musical talents for playing late into the night and getting everyone up and onto the dance floor.

We were able to bring in our own catering company (Puha & Pakeha who we totally recommend for great delicious event food) and worked closely with Kate and the Richmond team to make sure we had plenty of Cuba Libre Cocktails ready to go for all our Sailing friends. Make sure you consider the club for your next celebration!

The yacht club is looking great and is available for private functions such as weddings or birthdays for up to 120 people, (**check out page 22 for more details**). It is a great venue that offers great flexibility to make your vision a reality, especially if you have a nautical theme.

# COOL BBQ GIVEAWAY



With grateful thanks to Kevin and Coolstore Construction this year we gave away a new stainless steel, rail mounted barbecue as part of the Cruising Series prize - how cool!

There was one entry for every boat that entered a race and one entry for every boat represented at the beach barbecue. This year it was won by John Marshall from *Opal* who was a regular in the Cruising races.



**Kevin Murphy  
from Coolstore Construction  
presenting the barbecue to  
John Marshall from Opal.**



Friday 2nd February was no ordinary Victoria Friday Night Special (FNS) race night – it was Aloha Friday.

After enjoying perfect sailing conditions for the 6th race of the 2017/2018 season we all went back to the Club, which had been decorated with an assortment of colourful leis, to be entertained by the Ukulele Rebels and enjoy the Vice Commodore's world-famous margaritas.



After prize giving, the Ukulele Rebels spent the night playing a wide variety of songs. They ranged from The Beatles to Lady Gaga and included a very interesting version of Do-Re-Mi, subtitled the Beer Drinking Song, the lyrics of which were not for the faint hearted!

The band came with a philosophy of entertaining others whilst having a good time themselves; suffice to say they certainly delivered a great night of music and plenty of laughter.



*The Ukulele Rebels*

***Ed's note: Keep an eye out as this group may be back!***

# A BELLE DEGUSTATION

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It was great to read so many stories in last months *Plain Sailing* magazine. This inspired me to put pen to paper and having recently spent 3 days sailing the Route 66 with an all-woman crew on Belle, I certainly have a story to tell.

It was after a committee meeting that I overheard that Parizad and Jacky were looking for crew spots. Action plans, lists, and Facebook groups were quickly formed and Rosy was quickly added into the mix. No chance of backing out now, so I officially entered the race.

Kate was roped into the support crew, vetting the food and beverages provisioning. Race day soon arrived and we made a clear start.

The crew quickly got to grips with Belle's controls as we nimbly tacked up the harbour with a strong 20-25kt easterly.

As we cleared Rangitoto lighthouse we watched the main fleet take a high line to Tiri. We opted for a lower line staying well clear of the honking container ship entering the harbour. This move paid off as we got a good tidal assist through Tiri channel and avoided the wind shadow cast by the island.

The sea conditions were rough, however Belle was comfortable out there, well balanced and I was enjoying being on the helm.

Kate had prewarned me that my ear drums would get a blasting from all the women onboard. But after the initial flurry of conversation everyone became much more subdued and I just thought they were settling in for the long passage ahead. This was in fact signs that my crew were struggling with these sea conditions.

We got past Kawau Island and it was time to think about lunch so I went below, one by one I would bring up some of the many food options available from our well stocked larder. But all these options were being swiftly rejected by my crew.

Parizad was on the helm and I had to pull her up a couple of times for wandering off course. At the time I put it down to her unfamiliarity of a wheel helm compared to her accustomed tiller and her love of nature as we watched/avoided many penguins and seabirds that we encountered along the way.

There was no missing the final sign however as I watched Jacky make a b-line for the rail at the stern of the boat.

But the crew to their credit bounced back, got there second wind and decided to prepare a meal. I set high expectations, talking up some of the previous passages and the culinary delights that came out of the galley.

What I received that day can at best be described as a 4 course degustation meal. First was the cheese, then the cracker, followed by the ham then a cherry tomato to top it off. Not to seem ungrateful or unappreciative of the effort that went in, but there was food getting chucked everywhere.

There were many highlights on the trip, too many to mention them all, but the last day sail from Kawau has to be up there.

We anchored on the western side of Tiri Tiri Matangi to let the crew experience what cruising life is like on Belle. The wind had finally eased, no swell and the sun was out in earnest. What a fantastic day, it was nice to be able to take a break, reflect on an epic journey and savour a moment no camera could possibly capture.



*Rosy on the helm back to Kawau*

I set up the swim ladder on the transom and quickly jumped in and swam to shore. Not to escape the crew, but simply to make the most of the opportunity to visit my favourite island in the Hauraki Gulf and give them some space to get organised.

In the excitement to walk around I was blissfully unaware that I had cut up the soles of my feet. Had I been aware at the time I may have been a little more concerned with the swim back to the boat given our recent sighting of two sharks between Kawau and Tiri.

Once safely back on board I spilt my red claret all over the clean white decks of Belle. Nurse Parizad kicked into high alert, racing for the first aid kit. She promised me a cartoon themed band aid but instead came back with a large bright red bandage and of course captured the moment to put it on Facebook. The good news is that I'm fine, thanks for all the messages of sympathy, but the reality is that a small Star Wars band aid would have sufficed!

A big thanks to everyone that helped organise the Route 66. For me it was an awesome race, a well organised event, a great challenge with a fantastic crew and something for the memory banks. I'm definitely marking the event on my calendar and hope to see more of you out there next year.

# AGM, DINNER & PRIZE GIVING

This year's Annual General Meeting and Prize Giving Dinner is being held on Friday 29th June at the Richmond Yacht Club clubrooms at 18:30 hrs

This well attended event provides an opportunity for members to get a better insight into the running of the club and also to celebrate the Trophy winners for the various sailing events which are held throughout the year.

I wonder who will be this years Club Champion?

The deadline for AGM Agenda items is 20:00 on Friday 1st of June.



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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE RICHMOND YACHT CLUB  
WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS  
18:30 ON FRIDAY 29TH JUNE.

The deadline for Agenda items  
is 20:00 on the Friday 1st of June.

Nominations for the offices of  
**President, Commodore, Vice Commodore,  
Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary  
and Committee members**  
must be in writing and signed  
by the candidate and two other  
nominating members.

The deadline for all correct nominations  
to be in the hands of the Secretary by  
19:00 Friday 22nd June.

Nominations for the following  
offices must be in writing and  
signed by the candidate and  
two other nominating  
members.

- \* President
- \* Commodore
- \* Vice Commodore
- \* Rear Commodore
  - \* Treasurer
  - \* Secretary
- \* Committee members.

The deadline for all correct  
nominations to be in the hands  
of the Secretary is:

- \* 19:00 hrs Friday 22nd June

# WINTER RACING

Richmond's Winter Racing Series is on again this year, the first of nine races starting early May and going through to August with races every second Sunday. Entries are able to be completed online and are open to both keelers and trailer yachts.

The clubrooms will also be open early to serve a hearty cooked breakfast before the race and also after racing is finished to celebrate and commiserate on the days results.

The Winter Series is a great next step for members who have recently completed the Friday Night Special Series and would like to continue their sailing in a slightly more competitive environment.



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## Richmond Winter Series

FIRST RACE SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
12:30PM. 3 DIVISIONS ~ 9 RACES

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

\$10 COOKED BREAKFAST  
AT THE CLUB BEFORE HAND FROM 9.30

CREW WANTED/AVAILABLE POSTED ON CLUB NOTICEBOARD



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The Winter Series is just one of the many events which are on the club's sailing calendar.

The club caters for a wide range of tastes and sailing abilities.

You can check out the details and dates for the following events on the clubs website or follow them on the club's Facebook page.

- \* Spring Regatta
- \* Wednesday Night Series
- \* Cruising Series
- \* Flap Martinengo Memorial
- \* Singlehanded Series
- \* Route 66 Coastal Race
- \* Harbour Races
- \* Friday Night Special
- \* Winter Series
- \* Westhaven Triple Series

# A FOUR-YEAR CRUISE TO NORTHLAND: Pt II

***Ed's Note: This is the second instalment of Carol's six month sojourn to the Bay of Islands which turned into four years of living aboard her boat Ecstasy.***

I left Russell on 21 November 2014 motor sailing past Cape Wiwiki and Ninepin, north end of the Bay of Islands and then sailed briskly across to the Northern Cavalli's.

Going between the main Cavalli Island Motu Kawanui and Round Island was a great way to follow someone who had good local knowledge of the area. In fact, I relied on Sandy in *Puppet* for all my next sailing experiences to the Far North.

As I was using paper charts the names, such as Frenchman's Cap and the Arrows were great to pick out. So well described in identifying the rocky outcrops.

Coming past Tauranga Bay, I found the Whangaroa Lighthouse on the southern side of the harbour entrance. As it is a narrow entrance with high cliffs, finding the entrance can be difficult. Now I know to look for the farmhouse high on the hill as a good identifier point.

Once through the entrance it was beautiful and peaceful, with no sea and with little breeze we anchored in a lovely spot near Peach Island.

## **Whangaroa at last!**

So, this was my first introduction to Whangaroa but now after many trips I feel I know the harbour well.

On this initial trip I rowed around to Kingfish Bay to visit the Lodge my parents had stayed at many years before. I looked at all the photos from when the lodge was first opened in the 1920's. We were offered coffee and invited back for dinner. Unfortunately, we never made it and now it has been sold and there is no chance of using the facilities.

Over the years we took the dingy with a small outboard many times up the river to Kaeo for provisions.



***Sailing into  
Whangaroa Harbour***



***Ecstasy & Puppet under Mt Camel***

Initially we miscalculated the tide and got stuck halfway back and had to hide our provisions and walk the three miles back to Whangaroa.

We learnt to leave just after half tide on an incoming tide and leave Kaeo within half an hour after high water.

We also spent time during a Tsunami warning in the western arm watching the water surge up and around the anchored yachts with plenty of warp out.

### **The next three years**

The following three-year journey for Ecstasy was spent visiting the many harbours and bays the Far North has to offer. The first time we visited Mangonui, we stopped off in a bay on the south side of Begen Point so it was protected from the south west.

Another time we had quite severe winds which caused williwaws around the point making me very aware of the possibility of an unexpected jibe, however this still occurred scaring me with an almighty bang.

Sandy came back and pointed at my dinghy which had flipped over.

Thank goodness for tying on the oars, bailer and sponge! Sandy was thankfully able to stand on its keel and bring the dinghy upright again.

I could never have done that and had visions of swimming with the dinghy to shore and turning her back over on the beach.



***Overlooking Whangaroa***

# A FOUR-YEAR CRUISE TO NORTHLAND: Pt II

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Another time, the wind came up and blew directly in the bay creating large waves and I wondered whether the anchor would hold. It was 3am on a black, rainy night. I put my wet weather gear on and kept watch with half hour rests until daylight.

Mangonui is a delightful little historic town, unfortunately the tidal current is quite extreme, and it was hard to anchor safely. A few times I borrowed a mooring, another time I anchored around Butler Point, where we found a small bay opposite Mill Bay moorings and the Mangonui Boating Club.

After leaving Mangonui, we stopped over at Brodies Creek to explore and fish with lovely deep water close to the shore and rocks. Next stop was Maitai Bay, well known for its large DOC camp and beautiful beaches. From here we walked over the headland to look out at the ocean and Berghan Point.

Next was Cape Karikari. What an inspiring place! Deep water close to the cliffs, large ocean rollers pounding the cliffs. Clear deep dark blue water tipped with foam. Exhilarating sailing beside these cliffs. Over time, we have anchored in many of the bays after rounding Cape Karikari and walked to the lighthouse with very interesting geology exposed to the weather.

The first year we explored Rangaunu Harbour. A very tidal place with many exposed sand banks at low tide. Lots of different channels, fairly well marked but initially needing to keep an eye on the rocks at the entrance.

Eventually we set sail for Houhora Harbour using Mt Camel as a guide. Twelve miles across Rangaunu Bay following white sandy beaches. The entrance to Houhora is quite narrow but well marked. The water is so clear we can see the difference between shallow and deep water.

Quite exciting motoring up past the Wagner Holiday Camp on the port side and Mt Camel on the starboard. The tide was going out with a 4-5 knot current and as I looked over to the beach, there were people walking faster than I was motoring!



*On a beach under North Cape*

Once past the camp, the deep channel turns to port which we followed to the fishing village of Pukenui (Big Hill).

After going ashore where there is a Four Square, Tavern, Medical Centre and Motel I had a hard time rowing back to my mooring taking one hour to row the short distance across the channel.

## Favourites

Pukenui and Houhora Harbours have become favourite places to stay. We can get a bus once a week to Kaitaia for essential parts and a large Pak'n Save supermarket. We got to know the locals well and enjoyed their company.

One needs to go in on an incoming high tide and carefully read the channel to get to this anchorage. When the tide is right, we cross the sand banks directly to Pukenui or follow the main channel at low tide or a shorter distance across the main channel to the Wagner Holiday Park where we can shower and do laundry and eat at the cafe while catching up on phone calls and internet.

This is as far as *Ecstasy* has sailed in the Far North but it has been three years of frequently visiting all the beautiful places. Sometimes spending more than three to six weeks in each place, notably Whangaroa and Houhora.

In my last season, I left *Ecstasy* on a mooring in Houhora and sailed for six days with Sandy in *Puppet* covering the remainder of the northern tip of New Zealand.

It was exciting sailing past North Cape, anchoring in Tom Bowling Bay, Spirits Bay and sailing around Cape Reinga, missing the overfalls to view Cape Maria Dieman and, a way in the distance, the Three Kings Islands.

We had a beautiful SW light breeze for the week and it was great to be able to explore ashore when I'd only been there in the "Spirit of Adventure" or by car!

## Highlights

Highlights of my years away in the Far North were collecting sea food, fish and tuatuas, cockles and oysters in abundance. Sailing a small yacht in large swells and swimming almost daily, followed by a warm fresh water solar shower.

The clarity of the sea and sky. The emptiness of the landscape and the friendly locals. The early history of our forebearers and walking these ancient lands. *Ecstasy* and I sailed back and forth to all these lovely places and I felt almost like a local with some great knowledge of these areas.

But my was time up and it was time to sell *Ecstasy* and move on. I was very fortunate, thanks to my Reactor friends ,that she sold quite rapidly.

I sailed back to Westhaven and handed her over to her new owner on 4th December 2017, exactly four years from when I departed on my six month journey!



# FIRST SOLO SAIL

The best moment of my life last year involved some 10-year-old Laphroaig Single Malt and a block of Whittakers.

But it wasn't the whisky or chocolate that made it so special. It was the location; a Noelex 25 peacefully at anchor after Day One of my first ever solo sail.

The last day of March was the final race of the Friday Night Special.

My fourth season. Time to do something a bit more daring, where all the decisions were mine, and so were the rewards.



*Two Noelex 25's in dock*

I called up Great Escape Charters in Opua and booked the Noelex 25 'Solitaire' for two days.

Crew? One. Me. Alone.

I arrived eager to get going, with just a touch of nerves because of the erratic, blustery wind. I was inducted and was soon motoring gently through the flotilla of moored boats into the channel. The sea and the intricate coastline suddenly looked very challenging.

I had a chart and I had my eyes. I slid into the recommended bay to put up the sails, got everything ready, hauled up just the reefed main and edged back into the channel. The wind caught, the main snapped taut, and we were away. Yes, "we." I wasn't alone after all. Solitaire was my new best friend. I could've whooped for joy. I think I did.

The wind veered and I got ready to gybe. A sudden gust did the job for me! The first of a few valuable little lessons. Well, that's what I was here for. We passed Russell, rounded Tapeka Point and plunged across to Motuarohia (Robertson) Island, still on a reefed main.

The low sandy bay was supposed to be a good lunch spot, so I made for that and anchored. Another first.



**Noelex 25s out at Motukiekie Island**

The wind was a pretty brisk southerly by now, the sea pitchy.

So I had a quick bite then motored across to the more sheltered Manawaora Bay, had a short sail into Assassination Cove and anchored for the night.

Some hot food, then under a bright moon and dazzling stars, whisky and chocolate.

The next morning was still. The sails hung limply. Once I got out of the cove the breeze stiffened and I raced back and forth across the bay like a crazy man just for the fun of it. That's also why I was here.

On the way back to Tapeka Point the wind really freshened and heading down to Opuia I also faced a rushing tide. I motored. I felt like a cheat, but I noticed I had company.

Back at Opuia, the boat tucked away, me showered and refreshed, night falling, I visited the Opuia Cruising Club for dinner.

I fell into conversation with a chap heading for Tonga.  
He was a real sailor.  
Like me.

***Ed's Note: Gary's story is very similar to a number of club members who have gone on from their Friday Night Special sailing experience and taken up different challenges from crewing on boats in other racing events or even buying their own boat. If you have an interest in developing your sailing further have a chat to Kate at the club or check out our crew finder page on the club's website.***

# SPASMODIC

***Ed's Note: Mike Hilbourne is a veteran member and has been with the club for many years. During his latter years he has been involved with the Friday Night Special launching Spasmodic, his Noelex 22, from Z pier for each race. He has now retired to his bach in Waiheke***

After thirty odd years of sailing from Westhaven to Rocky Bay on Waiheke Island to the bach, Spasmodic is now sitting outside the Ostend Retirement Village workshop waiting for a new owner.

We have done the odd race on Waiheke, however the arthritis in the hands, arms and wrist together with the skipper's movements getting slower as his eightieth year draws to a close, it's time to try boating on the brine with someone else at the helm.

It is still great to read about the adventures of someone who started in the 6.30 Friday Night Special and over the later years these were the only races I did, as crew was supplied.



I normally only take two crew and during one Friday Night Special the talk came up about Spinnakers and if there was much involved on a boat this size? "Not much" I replied as the principle is the same.

As the 6.30 special is pretty casual and we were the smallest boat in the fleet I set up the Spinnaker for our run up the Harbour to Rona Buoy. The breeze was gentle and it was a beautiful evening, so why not.

I usually always let the new guys sail down the harbour and change to come back, allowing them to both helm the boat and trim the sails.

In this instance I controlled the sheets and halyard of the spinnaker.

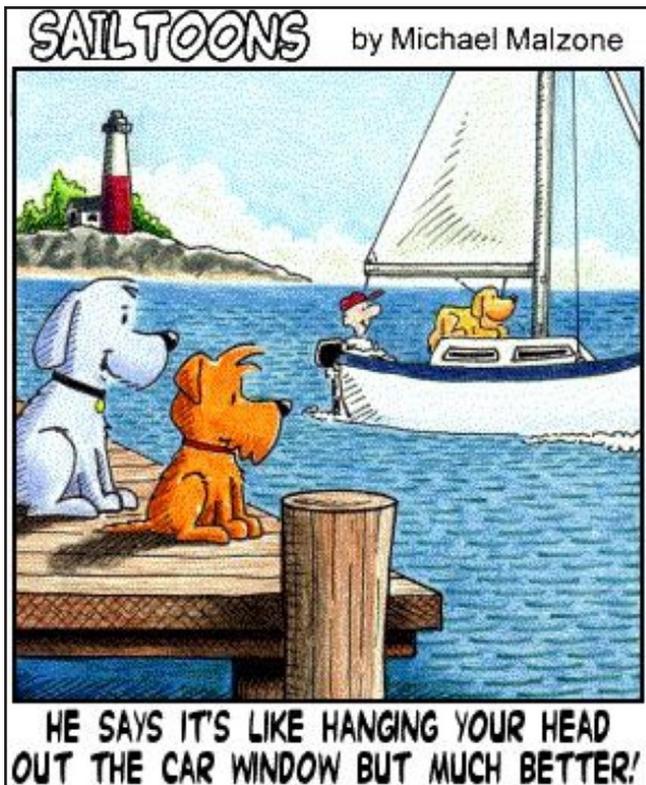
As we drew near to the Harbour Bridge and needing to go round the start buoy then turn to starboard to go through the main span, I sent one of the young lads forward to take the spinnaker down with specific instruction to stay in the hatch opening.

Being a little on the short side he climbed out on the deck, slipped over the edge but managed to hold onto the edge of the hatch as the rest of him dragged in the water.

The Bridge was drawing closer very quickly and without thinking I leapt over the cabin top to place my feet either side of the hatch, grab the young fella lifted him high in the air and dropped him in the hatch opening.

He then managed to grab the spinnaker sheet. With one very wet soggy crew member we pulled out and headed to the launch ramp. How glad was I that he was wearing a vest type jacket as this took the impact on his chest as he went over the edge. Fortuitously he still thought it was a fun evening!

If anybody is interested in buying Spasmodic they are more than welcome to come over on a Friday night and take her for a sail on Saturday, we have accommodation -Mobile 021 207 4621



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Weddings, Birthdays and Special Occasions

RYC's recently spruced up clubrooms provide spectacular views over Auckland's Waitemata Harbour and is an ideal backdrop for any type of event.

The function room can be personalised to suit all tastes and budget and is ideal for any special event such as birthdays, engagements and anniversaries.

Venue hire includes the exclusive use of the clubroom, tables, chairs and dance floor as well as DVD player, wireless microphone system, whiteboard, projectors and screens. Evening hire is also available with a well-stocked bar.

### Event Photographer: Ocean Patrice Belcher

The club also has an association with a great photographer if you have a need of one for that special occasion.

Ocean Patrice Belcher was out taking photos during the Route 66 race and our usual Wednesday Night Sailing. You can check out her photos at [www.oceanpatrice.com](http://www.oceanpatrice.com)

She can also be contacted through the club or on her mobile 022 089 7959.



### Pot Luck Lunches

On the first Wednesday of every month, a "Pot Luck lunch" is held at the Clubrooms.

The gathering starts at about 12:00. The "fee" is in the contribution toward the lunch – a plate of sandwiches, savouries or perhaps something sweet. The Club provides wine, orange juice, and a cup of coffee or tea.

The gathering is very informal. It is a chance to socialise, tell tales of past sailing experiences or interesting travels, discuss sailing topics of recent interest, with perhaps a few jokes to finish off. About 20 members attend on a regular basis, but we would like to increase this number, so please come along and join us.

All RYC members are welcome and you may bring a guest.

# CLUB INFORMATION

## Officers

President	Hans Swete	<i>Transformer</i>
Commodore	Andrew Burr	
Vice Commodore	Mark Becroft	<i>Maggie May</i>
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Secretary	Dagmar Bellamy	
Club Manager	Tim Smedley	
Building Manager	Keith Bekker	<i>Manawa</i>

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