



RICHMOND
YACHT CLUB

Plain Sailing

Spring 2017



FROM THE FLAG

Another AGM and we welcome in a new committee, This year I take over as the commodore and Bryon gets to fly the Past Commodores burgee. I'm sure he'll fly it with pride.

We also said farewell to our long standing President Vera Mummery QSM, after her 13 years as President and the many years of service in the committee. Vera got a rightfully earned standing ovation by the members after our presentation of a gift.

At each AGM we also get to celebrate the years achievers who have been involved in the many races and events through the year.

The final trophy handed out each year is the Noel Cole Trophy, Its always a privilege to see the look on the face of the recipient when they get handed the largest trophy in the cabinet. This year it was handed to Lynn Shrewsbury and Andrew Hall.

In the club there's a photo on the wall of a group of young men standing on the boat ramp of a shed in Rawene Avenue. The photo was taken over 100 years ago and this small group would eventually grow to become Richmond Cruising club and then in 1938 the Richmond Yacht club Inc.

Looking at that group you would hardly think we would have anything in common.

I doubt that they would have ever thought that their little group on the boat ramp that day would still be represented 113 years later.

But here we are, a new committee, all volunteers and ready to keep the club operating at the top of the Auckland sailing scene.



Passing of the Commodores

And like those on the boat ramp that day we too may not know what the future will bring but we do have something in common... a love of sailing.

Andrew Burr
RYC Commodore

Welcome to our latest issue of *Plain Sailing* which can't go by without sending out a huge congratulations to Emirates Team New Zealand in their success of bringing the cup back, against all kinds of challenges and barriers in Bermuda.

Speaking of which, the cup is already having a positive effect back here in New Zealand, with making an insurance claim a lot easier than it used to be. Read about it Tony McAlwee's article on page 12.

In addition to this we also have a new member profile feature (*The Master and Her Apprentice*), articles on the recent AGM and prize giving dinner as well as the start of a multi part story on young Cory McLennan who has an ambition to take on some of the toughest sailing assignments and some of the world's most gruelling solo yacht races.

As always if you have something you would like to see in the magazine, or have something of interest to go into the next issue we would love to hear from you.

Happy reading

Mark Lloyd, Plain Sailing Editor

Dedicated Reader



Liz Alonzi

Our latest dedicated reader is Liz Alonzi who took her issue of *Plain Sailing* with her down to Okahu Landing for the relaunch of her new Stratus 747. Liz didn't have time to do much reading during her two-week haul out, however she is now looking forward to the opportunities for adventure that her first boat holds for her.

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

Please send your picture to of Plain Sailing being read and a few words describing the location or occasion to magazine@richmondyc.org.nz.

And who knows we may be able to hook you up with a small prize!

CALENDAR & NOTICES

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

August 2017

Wednesday 2nd	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday 13th	Winter Race 8
Friday 25th	Winter Social Night (Quiz Evening)
Sunday 27	Winter Race 9

September 2017

Wednesday 6th	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday 23rd	Spring Regatta/Gold Cup Race 1
Friday 29th	Winter Social Night (RNI Crews)

October 2017

Wednesday 4th	RYC Pot Luck Lunch
Wednesday 4th	Wednesday Race 1
Sat 7th/Sun 8th	Singlehanded Series R1 & 2 (PCC)
Friday 13th	Friday Night Sailing Race 1
Wednesday 18th	Wednesday Race 2
Friday 27th	Friday Night Sailing Race 2
Sunday 29th	Singlehanded Race (RYC)

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 joined the club.

New Memberships

Terry Willmer	General	Boat name: R N B
Nigel Garland	General	Boat Name: Katana
John MacFarlane	General	Boat Name: Talent
Craig Loomes	Associate member	



The Master & Her Apprentice.

Sailing, a sport or entertainment is many things to many people. To me it is an indescribable sense of being one with nature; corny I know but, when I'm out on the water I leave everything behind, my troubles, my stresses, other people's problems... (the list is endless).

I have been sailing since I was 12 years old, joining Sea Cadets with some notion of getting out on the Sea in Mumbai (India). If I were a poet, I would describe my first dinghy in a sonnet, but I'm only a sailor so I will say it in one word that comes to mind every time I'm out on the water "Awesome".

I learnt how to sail with equal amounts of theory as time on the water. Being part of Sea Cadets you did everything in a seamanlike fashion.

You may think, Jacky (her apprentice) has been sailing for a while and maybe knows everything there is to know about sailing. I don't think you will ever know everything there is to know about sailing. Every time you go out there it's different, the sea, the wind, the weather and even yourself. I know we titled this article "The Master & Her Apprentice" but it's more to distinguish how long Jacky has been sailing vs how long I have been sailing.

In sea years I am much older than Jacky. She has been on the water for the last couple of years and she will tell you her story in her own words in the next issue. All I can tell you is that Jacky has the true heart of a sailor, always up for an adventure, nothing is too hard and says yes to every opportunity.

I love being part of RYC; it's the essence of a true sailing club. All are welcome and we spend as much time on the water as possible. I would love to enable as many people young, old from different walks of life to get out on the water.

There is no greater equalizer than sailing. It just doesn't matter to the sea who you are, all that matters is how you work with the wind and the water; if you don't believe me look at what the young Peter Burling achieved when everyone said "he is just a boy"

So, see you out on the water.



Jacky & Parizad

Parizad Dantra

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PRIZE GIVING

The club's 113th Annual General Meeting, dinner and prize giving was a well-attended event and provided an excellent opportunity to celebrate the clubs progress, together the achievements of club members throughout the year.

While there were many highlights in Commodore Bryon's report, he reflected on how RYC is still one of the leading sailing clubs in Auckland through a continued focus on providing friendly, accessible and well-run competitive and social sailing opportunities. Notable improvements were also made to the club this year including the nautical themed redecorating of the club lounge area, the upgrading of the dinghy lockers and also the addition of a WindGuru station which contributed towards the success of Richmond as a club.

The AGM also provided an ideal opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous service to the club provided from some very special members.

Fifty Yearsit only seemed like yesterday

After joining the club in 1967, Vera Mummery has spent twenty three years as the club's Secretary before embarking on thirteen year reign as the Club's President. A tremendous effort by anyone standards and now Vera is finally taking a very well earned break.

Vera's tremendous contribution and service to the club was acknowledged when she was presented with a Villeroy & Boch crystal glass tulip vase.



Vera getting presented with her vase & flowers

Of particular interest was that the vase was also contained in wooden presentation box made by new Commodore Andrew Burr from a piece of rimu recycled from the club building. A nice touch!

Speaking at the AGM with her trade mark sense of humour Vera recalled how “back in the day” she used to sell beer from the back of her car after the Wednesday night sailing for 2’/6” a bottle and also mentioned how pleased she was to see the family involvement with Richmond continue with her granddaughter now sailing.

New Life Memberships

Also acknowledging their service to the club over many years were the Life membership awards to both Bob and Lesley Coldwell.

Both have been active in club events taking on a number of roles including starting Cruising races for a number of years, folding and posting of the club magazine and both were heavily involved with the centenary in 2003.

Bob has built at least two keelers, the first being a Variant called Ali Baba and their current boat a Lotus 9.2 called Tumbleweed.



Congratulations to our two latest new Life Members Bob and Lesley Caudwell



Prize Giving

There were many trophies presented to the various winners on the night and we aren't able to list every single one of them here, however following is a summary of some of the key Club Trophies.

TROPHY WINNERS

Noel Cole Trophy: Club Champion

Richmond Yacht Clubs most prestigious trophy was originally presented in 1947 by the club's long-time patron and benefactor, the late Sir Noel Cole, for the Silver Fern Class National Championship.

With the decline of the Silver Fern Class the trophy was allocated to the New Zealand Moth Class and competed for annually on a three race Mark Foy handicap system.

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.



It took more than two hands to hold the Trophy aloft

Congratulations go to our Club Champions this year Lynne Shrewsbury and Andrew Hall sailing *Nocturne*.

Series Winners

Cruising Series		Route 66	
C Division	E Division	Fully Crewed	Singlehanded
<i>Apparition</i>	<i>Road Runner</i>	<i>Hotdogger</i>	<i>That Girl</i>
Singlehanded Series			
A Div PHRF	A Div Handicap	B Div Handicap	
<i>Wild Oats</i>	<i>Clandestine Jet</i>	<i>Cordite</i>	
Single Handed Harbour Race			
C Division	D Division		
<i>Manawa</i>	<i>Knighthawk</i>		
Flap Martinengo			
A Division	C Division	D Division	
<i>Equilibrium</i>	<i>Revolution Blues</i>	<i>Hornblower</i>	

Centennial Cup

Donated by the Donald family on the occasion of the clubs centenary celebration in 2003, it was presented by descendants (two granddaughters and one great grandson) of James Donald, one of the founders of Richmond Yacht Club. James's great grandson still races with from time to time and is the Club Solicitor.

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) and sailing in 38 of the 44 Richmond Club races, plus seven of the singlehanded series, this year's winner was Bryon Wright skippering *Revolution Blues*.

Alan Wright Trophy

Alan Wright, a well-known Kiwi boat designer (Lotus 9.2, 10.6, Marauders, Variants to a name few) wished this trophy to be awarded to someone in the club who has shown exceptional determination, so therefore it doesn't always get awarded. Of note immediate past president Vera Mummery was awarded this several years ago.

During this year's Round North Island Race there was plenty of determination and persistence shown by the winners Richard Limbrick & Cory McLennon of which you can read more about their experience in the last edition of Plain Sailing.

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, (it's believed sometime 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.

Again this trophy is not always awarded however, in 2015-2016 Vera Mummery was awarded this as a 50 year member of the club.

This year the committee awarded this to Tony McAlwee from *Wild Oats*.



RYC is a friendly bunch!

TROPHY WINNERS

Noel Muir Trophy

Also a recent addition to the club's trophy cabinet, this was presented to the club by the family of the late Noel Muir (Commodore in the 1980's). Noel had a great affection for Richmond although he never owned a boat. He raced with Ted Mummery on Nevenka and after his racing days were over put a lot of time into patrol boat duties.

This cup is awarded to the winner of A division in the Spring Regatta, because that is the division that Nevenka sailed in when Noel was part of the crew and this year this was won by Rodney and Kate Janes on *Peppermint Planet*

Blake Memorial Shield

This shield is presented to an outstanding committee member and this year it was awarded to Mark Becroft for his sterling efforts in and around the club.

Marks willingness to take on different tasks and responsibilities from health and safety review, to FNS talks to his efforts in the kitchen after winter racing and during the America's Cup campaign were greatly appreciated by all.

Not to mention his willingness to come attired in a chicken suit to Friday Night Racing!



Mark without the chicken suit!



Immediate Past and Current Club Presidents

This year's Flap Martinengo had a grim weather forecast with 30+ knots and rainy squalls predicted having an effect on the number of boats which entered this year.

However, a pre-race tactical meeting concluded that *Peppermint Planet* should hit the line on time at 7 knots, popping the kite and leading the fleet down the harbour.

The reality was we approached the line early with the spinnaker pole deployed. Turned upwind to try and slow our approach, getting dragged sideways in the swift outgoing tide. Went head to wind, accidentally tacked, and couldn't tack back because of the pole. Jibed around and started late at close to zero knots.

Fortunately that was the only mistake we made and things rapidly improved. The blustery SW gusting 35knot was forecast was ideal for our fractional spinnaker.



Flap Martinengo
1916 to 1986

We like it windy from the aft quarters and the conditions favoured us as we cut the corners to lead *Titanium* by a minute at Rakino.

It only felt like 15kn at the bottom so we opted for the number one genoa, holding off under-powered *Titanium* through Awash Rock. Finally the wind got cranking at Home Bay, Motutapu and we peeled down to the number three as *Titanium* chucked in a reef. There was no need to reef this ex-Wellington keeler, just tighten the outhaul, stack out and hold on.

With the wind gusting 30knots westerly we picked off the small boats one by one, safely negotiated the Motuihe Channel, rounded Motukorea Buoy and made for the finish line. Finishing just 7 minutes behind the racy *Titanium* we took the handicap trophy by a solid 18 minutes.

Thanks to *Titanium* for a great tussle, the tower crew for running the race and Mother Nature for the favourable wind and lack of rain. Fun times!

Ed's Note: it was mentioned at the prize giving that Flap Martinengo would probably have sat this one out, due to being a fair-weather sailor, though this could not be verified! A special mention must go out to Alan on *Eyelure* who competed solo and got second on handicap



The power of the America's Cup was revealed in a recent insurance claim.

The end of a straight forward (almost pleasant) conversation with a "your claim has been accepted, and the claim number is.." was good, but then the "I knew what you meant after watching the America's Cup races" explained why the usual racing claim communication struggle was absent.

On the Winter Series Race 6 (light winds, fine weather, outgoing tide) I managed to put the front of Wild Oats into the quarter of Chain Reaction (apologies again guys).

Coming down to Torpedo we dropped the kite early but were still on port tack, in the middle of the fleet - most of whom were on starboard.

I decided to cross the stern of Chain Reaction into clear water to jibe onto Starboard and join the queue for the rounding.

Getting that wrong by enough (inches or a foot?) the prod hit their push pit, thankfully not causing much damage apart from a bend prod.

The Customer Service person (and they fitted the title well) understood the following:

Port / Starboard; Windward / Leeward; what a prod was; and that these things can happen quickly.



Thank you America's Cup for educating non-sailors, and thanks Ben Anslie for the best demonstration ever of how things can go wrong.... which we should not repeat!

WHERE'S KATE ?

Many of you may have noted the recent absence of our Club Administrator, Kate Herstell. While Margaret Harvey has stepped in to hold the fort, Kate is taking a well earned break on a five week trip back to the UK.

In true Kate style she is enjoying every minute of being away and below are some of her moments of travelling capture in picture.



Kate enjoying herself in and around London, including having one foot either side of the Meridian Line

BITTEN BY THE BUG

Ed's Note: Cory is a man with a goal to achieve greatness in solo offshore sailing. In this first article we follow his story and planned adventures, including some of the world's toughest and most gruelling solo yacht races.



Cory McLennan

My dreams of sailing oceans continued to grow with every book I read about ocean racing. I started researching ways I could get my first taste of life offshore. I was reading a book called Lion New Zealand about Sir Peter Blake's second Whitbread around the world race. While searching the web for more details about Lion, I came across the New Zealand Sailing Trust, which offered ocean experiences to anyone.

I emailed the trust to see if there was any chance of getting some offshore sailing experience. To my surprise, they got back to me saying they could help, and I was awarded a scholarship to sail Lion back from Fiji after the 2011 race

It took eight days to sail the 80ft maxi back to New Zealand, with some rough weather on the way. It was a huge eye-opener and I spent the first 48hrs seasick. But once I had overcome that I was hooked, loving every part of life at sea.

It's funny, but I still think one of the best parts of an ocean passage is actually arriving. There are so many amazing things about ocean sailing, but the feeling you get when you arrive at a port knowing you actually got yourself there is incredible.

So I was hooked. Offshore sailing was in my blood, and I only wanted more.

As time went on, I took a lot of interest in solo sailing. I followed Mike Perham and Jessica Watson as they set records by sailing around the world solo, and felt like that was something I wanted to be involved in, but how?

It was around that time I learned about the Solo Trans-Tasman yacht race, and I dreamed of one day being able to do it myself.

In 2012 I finished school, and in January 2013 I moved to Auckland to take up an apprenticeship with Doyle Sails New Zealand.

I moved to Auckland because it was where I needed to be to make it as a sailor. I needed to be involved in the sailing industry and I thought being a sailmaker would be a useful thing on any race yacht.

After moving to Auckland I started seriously thinking about the next Solo Trans-Tasman race in April 2014. Just over a year. That's enough time to get ready, I thought.

I needed the support of the local sailing community to get to the start line, but building a reputation in Auckland was a huge task. Being from the West Coast no one knew who I was.

Thankfully my age and the special dispensation given to me by the race organisers worked in my favour, and before long there were articles in newspapers and on the web, with the headline "West Coaster set to be the youngest person to sail the Tasman solo".

This did put the pressure on a bit though, as I hadn't even bought a yacht at that stage!

April 2014 marked the start of the Solo Trans-Tasman from New Plymouth. I had sailed the yacht in the weeks before from Auckland to New Plymouth and was ready to start the race.



But a huge storm pummelled the West Coast of New Zealand, which saw the race postponed by two days.

The start however was a stunning day, perfect for starting my first ever solo yacht race. I was very nervous and didn't really know what was ahead of me but I was ready for the challenge. As the coastline slowly disappeared into the distance, I set about life solo at sea.

Footnote: You can follow more of Cory's story and even get involved in supporting him via Cory's website www.corymclennan.com

THE SCIENCE OF SAILING

Mike Drummond has been involved in the design side of four winning America's Cup campaigns, starting with Team New Zealand in 1987-2003, before joining Alinghi in 2007 and was the Design Director for Oracle Racing in the 2010 America's Cup.

Mike's involvement with the development of the USA 17 wing sailed 120ft trimaran also makes him very well placed to present an evening on the science of sailing which was held at the club on Friday 28th July.

This evening was an abridged version of a series of lectures that Mike had recently at the Auckland University and we were privileged to have such an experienced designer to present at the club.



Mike's model in its cradle

The key thing in design we learnt was to balance the boats side and vertical forces. The maximum vertical force is the weight of your boat, and the side force is whatever your sails are producing.

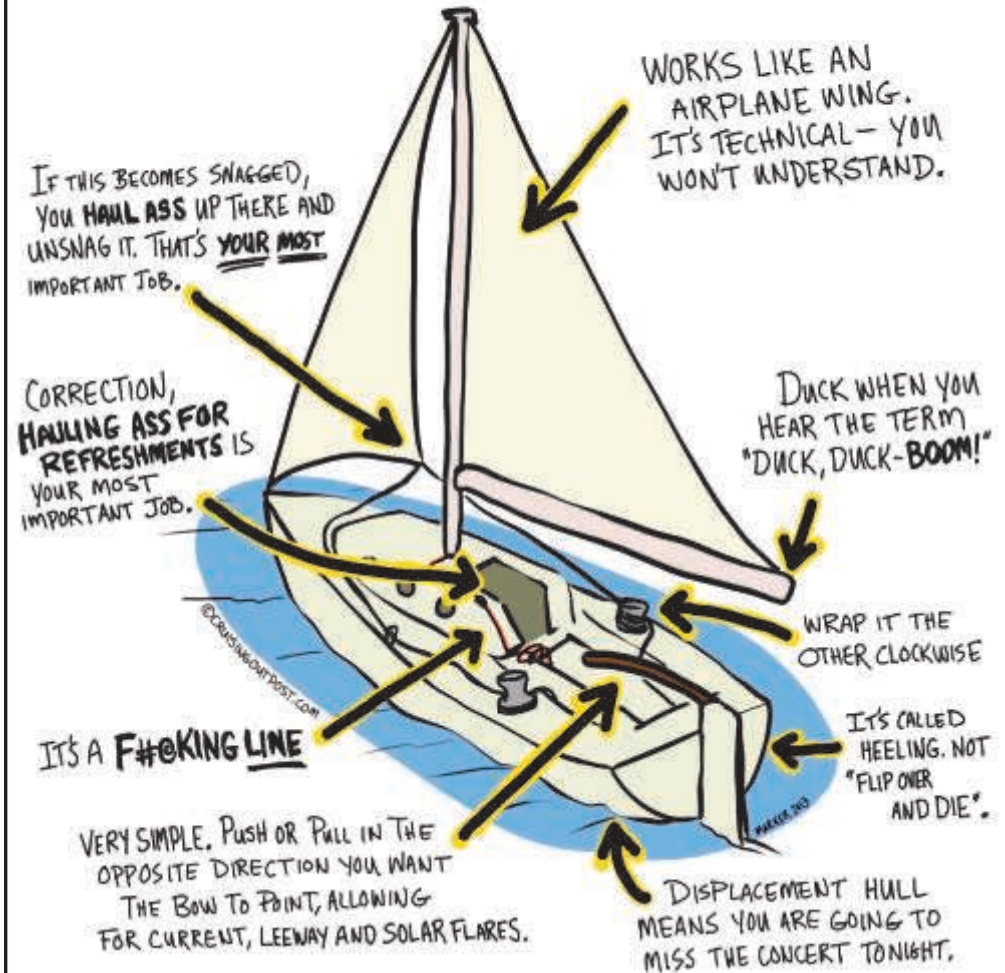
Mike also had a great model scale yacht which he was able to effectively demonstrate these key principles and the effect of the wind on different part of a boat.

In a very in-depth presentation Mike covered an extensive range of points such as Righting and Heeling Moments, Lift, flow lines, boundary surface friction, elliptical lift distribution (*Ed: these were only a few of the many different terms which were spoken about that I had some semblance of knowledge of.*)

In summary it was a very informative evening on the science which goes into the design of these multi-million dollar racing machines which compete for the Americas Cup and who knows may have an impact on improving our sailing results out on the Harbour.

For those of you looking for a more simpler explanation of sailing, you may find the diagram on the opposite page of interest.

HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS



Ed's Note: this explanation wasn't provided by any member of RYC!

UP TO 26 RACING

Ed's Note: The following is adapted from Robin Elliott's Weekend Herald article in July 2002 which provides a great insight into this Racing Series. Robin Elliott is also the co-author of Lee Rail, the centennial history book of the Richmond Yacht Club.

A couple of enthusiastic small boat sailors have turned a perceived need for more competition into a winter reality.

Over a late summer beer at the club, Bob Nevill and Dean Jolley were bemoaning the lack of racing ahead of them.

So they made a list of the small cruiser-racers and trailer-sailors that normally disappeared with the sun to moorings and back yards.

"Lets do something about getting them on the water Nevill said to his mate.

We knew there must be lots of people like ourselves keen for more racing, particularly fun racing. It was just a matter of getting to them"

The two phoned around some Auckland yacht clubs, discussing their idea with everyone who would listen. The reaction was promising, so they borrowed a runabout and cruised moorings for six hours on a Sunday morning, dropping flyers on boats that seemed to fit the criteria they had in mind.

The message was simple: "This is what we plan to do. Call us if you are interested" The response was immediate. At the end of the first week they had the names of 70 interested skippers. The next step was to organise a race programme and a club prepared to add the Up to 26 Class to its schedule.

Richmond was quick to slot the new group into its racing schedule, and the first race of a planned fortnightly series was sailed on May 12th with 27 starters.



NZ Herald article July 2002

“We would have had another eight” says Nevill, but for a clash with Mother’s Day!

The group caters for everyone, from keen racers to new yacht owners who tend to be a little intimidated by the full on racing scene. The fleets too are mixed, with everything from cruising boats to seriously rigged and tuned little keelers.

The types of yacht taking part include Reactors, Variants, Trackers, Noelexes, Farr 600’s and 727s, Whiting 26’s, Davidson 26s, Salthouse 25s, Pied Pipers, Spencer 25s, Beachcomber 25s, Clark 7.7s, one-off quarter-tonners and Folkboats.

Membership so far totals 53 boats with an average of 30 starters a race. The series is sailed in two divisions, spinnaker and non-spinnaker, and racing doesn’t clash with events out of either Ponsonby or Akarana.

Richmond stalwart Vera Mummery, a member for 36 years and secretary for the past 22 years, believes the Up to 26 Series has been great for the club. “We get people from other clubs sailing with our members and we we’ve made it as easy as possible for new skippers to take part.

They can even enter on the day and we have arranged with Westhaven Marina for temporary berthing so our visitors can moor up and attend prize giving”

The series suits the trailer-sailors as well, because they can launch at Westhaven and be out on the starting line under the Auckland Harbour Bridge in a short time. Nevill and Jolley have been successful in drumming up sponsor support, too. Ados and CRC provide prizes for the first three placings in each division.

There is also an incentive prize for the last boat to finish in the spinnaker division: hull-scrubber Phil the Frogman gives free service to demonstrate how much performance can be improved by having a clean bottom.

The club founders still have the welcome mat out to owners of 20ft-26ft yachts and trailer-sailors. There is room to join in and hone your skills - at whatever level – with a bunch of people determined to put some fun, as well as competition, into their sailing.

Footnote: Richmond offered racing for the Up to 26 boats for several years, they used to start 30 minutes earlier than the main fleet, then they decided to move elsewhere in order to get bigger fleets. RYC does however retain an Up to 26 division in the Wednesday night racing and Spring Regatta.

RYC WINTER DINNER SERIES



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RYC presents . . . The winter dinner series

The shortest day has passed and we are into the depths of winter.

Are you missing your summer sailing buddies?

We have another great deal for you!

Throughout the cooler months we like to keep your spirits up with our
"Richmond YC Presents" get togethers.

Here is our offering for the winter of 2017

July 28 th

Mike Drummond

Mike Drummond, with more than 20 years America's Cup experience as design engineer, principal designer and navigator would like to come along and help to expand our knowledge on **"The Science of Sailing"**.

Mike ran a series of lectures at the Auckland University a few months ago and has agreed to come and share his expertise with us. Will this help you to sail faster??

August 25 th

Mental gymnastics n Games aplenty!

Let's test your nautical knowledge.

What are you like at silly team sports?

The RYC Quiz Night

Is this the biggest night on the Social Calendar again this year?

September 29 th

RNI Crews

What is it like to race short handed around the North Island?

There were three Richmond boats in the 2017 two handed RNI race.

Some of the crews are coming to share with us their

" Most memorable moments on the race"

October

Summer Cruising ... YAY!



VOLUNTEER'S DINNER

Each year the work of the club's volunteers is acknowledged when the Commodore hosts a volunteers dinner for all those members who work extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure the club runs smoothly and successfully.

As one of the leading amateur yacht clubs in Auckland, Richmond Yacht Club is run largely on a volunteer, non for profit basis, with the exception of Kate our Club Administrator.

Volunteers include members of the committee, building maintenance and sailing programme organisers, teams in the start box, bar staff, sponsorship and promotion co-ordinators as well all those who help out with all manner of things such as helping fold, insert and mail out this magazine.

This years dinner was held at the club on Wednesday July 5th and provided a great opportunity not only to thank the many volunteers, but also for the volunteers themselves to get to know others who you don't get see around because they are always working hard behind the scenes.

If you happen to have a little time to spare that could be put to use in helping out around the club we would love to hear from you. Check out the volunteers page on the club's website (www.richmondyc.org.nz/volunteer), or give Kate in the office a call.

As they say every little bit helps, so if you can spare some time now and again, it would certainly be appreciated.



Some of the volunteers at this year's Volunteers Dinner

CREW COMBINATIONS

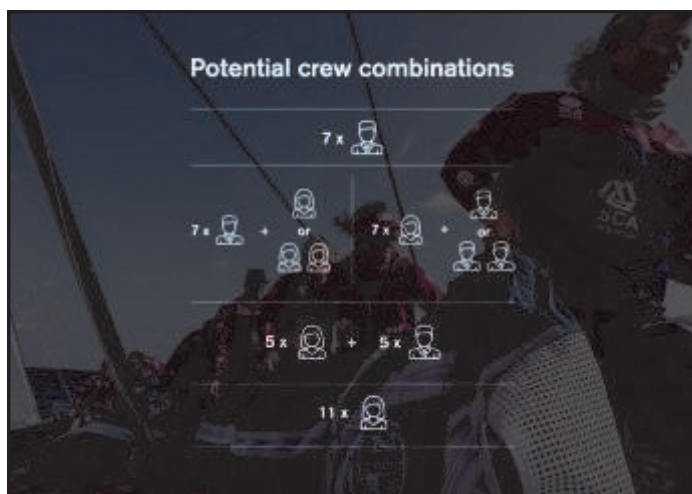
The make up of sailing crews is always a hearty topic of discussion and with Blair Tuke joining MAPFRE in their next Volvo Ocean Race, we thought it could be interesting to check out the changes to the crew rules for this next race (given also that its likely to be one of the notable changes to the next Americas Cup).

Changes to the Volvo Ocean Race teams were designed to add flexibility and to create a clearer pathway for female sailors to take part in the race. The new rules also mean that skippers have the option to change the line up of their crew on a leg-by-leg basis.

With the return to more southern ocean racing it also means that teams are likely to face gruelling conditions for longer, skippers can now take up to three extra members by opting for a mixed crew, which will have huge implications in terms of life on board, such as the watch system and general duties.

The number of sailors now allowed in an all-male crew has been reduced from eight to seven, but a team may take up to two female sailors, to make a total of nine. Skippers can also take 10 sailors if the team consists of an even male/female split, and an all-female team may take 11 crew members.

If you have trouble following all that, they have produced a handy diagram below.



For more information about the race, routes, teams and host cities check out www.volvooceanrace.com

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