



PANMURE LAGOON SAILING CLUB INC.

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Commodores Report

On Sunday 27th April, Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club held its 45th Annual RSA regatta. The club was founded in 1963 and has run this popular race every year since.

This year was no exception and would not have been the success if it had not been for the support of our sponsors. A big thank you must go to Waipuna Hotel and conference centre, Panmure boating and marine, Takapuna Sailing centre, and Boating New Zealand for their generously contributing prizes. Also thank you for those members who took the opportunity of supporting their club, and contributing to the fun, and competition of the day.

The other event that has been a success was the official opening of our new clubrooms. It was a great days racing with a good turnout and a nice lunch to follow. Thanks to all involved to make this day great.

Commodore – Shaaron McKee



Well the Summer has been one out of the bag, with sun

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bathing the land to a parched crisp, but also quite a bit of wind blowing across the waters keeping a broad smile creasing those sailors plates.

Late January saw the club Rooms back in full working order once more. Fully refurbished looking just the part somewhere to relax & chat in after a fun day sailing on the Lagoon. Thanks must go to the Insurance Company for their efforts in refurbishing the Club Rooms & also Chantal who hunted out the fixtures; you know those little things which put the finishing touches to the rooms. She also approached Coca Cola for a new fridge which they dually provided. David Barker must be thanked for installing the Smoke/Alarm system with Tony Easton providing a stainless steel box for the outside unit. Next time someone tries to break in they should be met by the whale of a siren.

The club now not only has two new Lasers plus Grant's old boat but we also have two 4.7 rigs for these boats which have already been trialled by Emlyn. These rigs are ideal for anyone who is 45 Kg plus. Thanks for these must go to Shaaron whom put an application with Half Moon Bay Marina whom were very

generous in providing the funding for the rigs. This will be of enormous benefit to the Club in the future.

Now as you have read some members including moi have been gallivanting around to some of the National & International events. February saw Shaaron McKee, Tony Easton, Kevin Welsh & Moi trot down to Taupo for the Nationals whoops & Chantal as official coach, which was reported in the Februarys Newsletter. February saw Kevin Welsh & moi piddle over the ditch to the land of Convicts to contest the World Laser Master Regatta in Terrigal.

Kevin was in the Master Radial fleet. Even though he was suffering badly from sea sickness he managed to come in 14th. The question begs.. What would have been the outcome if the bod had played ball?? My hat goes off to you Kevin for a great effort in a very strong fleet. My tale of events follows below.



Kevin Welsh doing battle at Terrigal

The next big regatta for those hardy souls who are inclined is the Fresh Water Series put on by Pupuke on the 17th & 18th of May. I recommend this to all those who like a challenge & a spot of fun.

The closing day Regatta held on the 30th of March was a great success with a fantastic fleet of seniors & juniors. Wow I have never seen so many boats on the Lagoon.

This season has seen many new members join our club & we thank your contribution to making the club a success.

Well the winter fast approaches with its gnarly claws dragging back the temperatures but alas for those hardy souls sailing will continue with our winter series. Juniors don't give up just keep warm & bring down a change of clothing.

Now, once the temperatures have come to something reasonable, like November I intend to hold Sailing lessons for juniors. This will be an official course of Yachting New Zealand taking you up to level 2. At this stage I would like to know who

might be interested. There will be a course fee for this series of lessons. The fees are yet to be set. I would envision mostly Saturday sessions when the tide prevails. I would at this stage like to know the level of interest so if you can get in touch we can organise a course of action.

Senior Training: yes we can arrange training sessions for you as well & these can start any time depending on demand.

Last of all, if you have any good ideas to push this club forward let me know. All ideas are gratefully accepted.

Have fun sailing on Panmure Lagoon.

Ian Wallace, Club Captain



Laser World Master Regatta Terrigal

I start this little saga in Terrigal, which is about an hour & half North of Sydney. Terrigal is a charming small holiday town endowed with golden beaches which are wide open to the vagaries of Neptune. Inland a smidgen was our accommodation of four double bedrooms, three showers, two kitchens & two lounges plus a large deck on the second floor overlooking the oceans crashing ashore on one side & a brackish lake on the other. What a place to stay only ten minutes walk from the venue. The 24th saw Luuk, Tony, Ray, Chantal & I arrive.



Next morning we poddled off down to the event center to proclaim our intentions & pick up our wild beasts, which were to be our companions on the race track for the next 8 days. With Chantal I picked up the boat then joined the queue for measurement, as I ran around for parts left at home Chantal rigged the beast & got it passed the measurers scrutiny. Crafty ha!!? During this process, like expectant gladiators about to enter the ring we eye balled the other jockeys trying to gauge abilities. Lunch downed & boat dressed I launched my steed into the Ocean. She was blowing about 17 knots with great rollers of 3 to 3.5 m gently ambling underneath the hull. This was different with quite choppy churned up seas which one had to gently steer the boat through. Reaching was an absolute ball as the steed picked up her heels & screamed along with spray being hurled to the wind. Enough of fun next was a hard slog out to sea. Father & farther we trotted out, slowly mastering the wave trains & their muddled surface till finally we mastered this jumbled sea. Throughout this tournament one came across the odd vertical cliff to climb only to find a black void to crash into

on the t'other side. This was followed by a run before the wind screaming down large rollers at exhilarating speed. Next day Luuk, Ray, Tony & I went out for a couple of hours. Things went well with good speed.

The fleets were divided into three fleets of Radials & four fleets of open. Mine was the 4th fleet of the open class to leave the blocks. First day of the Worlds was held in light airs. Fifty Five roaring & snorting steeds with their delinquent masters came to the line jostling for position on the back of this rolling heaving confused sea. Signals came & went then with a screech from the OD the fleet was let loose to the hailes of distraught jockeys trying in vain to thrust their dancing steeds clear ahead; In desperation boats tacked only to be brought about by cries of starboard. Anguished faces fought for control. Moi decided that center left should do the trick but began his first leg going right for clear air, slowly edging left gingerly threading his steed through jumbled seas & up the 3 m swells. Top Mark appeared red on a crest not far ahead. God there were boats all around bunching ever tighter until with screams of "starboard & Buoy room" we scrambled round the mark to surf back down to a gate one hundred meters in front of the start boat. The last mark passed there ahead seemed a mass of boats ahead & even more behind. Mmm things looked reasonable. I crossed the line 23 rd so was quite pleased considering. These fleets were very tight. Ten or more places could be gained or lost in the last beat to the finish & one memorable race I gained 5 places in the last 15 m. Next race I went right with Bob Blakey. Things were looking quite good till the wind shifted left & left & left going through 40 degrees leaving us to tack back to the first mark. Bugger!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sirens sounded & the race was canned. Phew!! That was it for the first day.



Race after race passed with conditions varying from 10 to 18 knots. The second to last day saw the fleet recalled three times & black flagged t'boot. They were like terriers on a mission with mass hysteria taking control. Once a couple of frothing steeds crossed the line, the mass, like lemmings followed suit. Ahhhh, no one had sighted the line. Mind the majority of the fleet was bloody minded convicts. I mean these convicts would maul each other & anyone else taking them off at a tangent while 3, 4, or 5 boats slid by. The mind boggles. Yup I had the misfortune to land up trapped by these cycloptic convicts. Mind this race we started 4 times was to be my best with a placing of 12th. Ah ha I can do it. Next time, I intend getting coaching, as with a bit more speed & a spot more tack I think the results could be perked up just a tad. My end position was a 27th. Mmm, room for improvement me thinks. Ok, Ok I know – did I do a flop yes just one.

With a lay day Chantal & I hired a car & shot up the coast to Forster to see Aunt Edna. These highways are great allowing

one to cover vast distances in a short space of time. Passing bush covered valleys & canyons we left the highway for Forster descending down to lakes & lagoons nestled amongst the folds of gum treed valleys. Reaching the coast we went out to a lighthouse on Dolphin Point. Here the ancient granite coastline plunged into the heaving sea with sparkling golden beaches bursting out of the folds. Many quaint little seaside villages with the classic batches were strung like beads. We found Chantal's Aunt Edna in good spirits, full of beans & still giving life a run for its money, despite the 90 years that had flown by. PS she still has her wheels.

All in all this Wondering Sailor had a fantastical time & is certainly looking to having more fun & games with the event in the future. Next time we should have Chantal up & running showing the gals a thing or two. He he!! Next one is in Nova Scotia in those balmy waters of the North Sea.
Brrrrrrrrrrrrrr!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Race Results

Club Championships

Below are the results to completed series

Seniors

 All races counted	
1st	Ian Wallace
2nd	Jeff Coffin
3rd	Tony Easton

Optimist

 All races counted	
1st	Andrew Coffin
2nd	Emlyn Perry

Closing Regatta

Seniors

 All races counted	
1st	Ian Wallace
2nd	Jeff Coffin
3rd	Tony Easton

Optimist

 All races counted	
1st	Andrew Coffin
2nd	Emlyn Perry

Sprint Races

Seniors

 All races counted	
1st	Tony Easton
2nd	Ian Wallace
3rd	Jeff Coffin

RSA Regatta

Seniors

 All races counted	
1st	Jeff Coffin
2nd	Ian Wallace
3rd	Steve Oliver



Well done Jeff, who has now won the Laser Trophy, three years in a row!!



And the capsiz trophy goes to Steve Petterson

Please take note I have had to reschedule times & days of races, so if you have not received the updates either look at this site or let me know & I will forward an updated version.



Club Opening 9th March 2008



Finally after many months of delays in the restoration work the club was opened by Bill Christian. Many of the founding members of the Club were on hand to celebrate the day including a couple of brave souls from Pupuke, John Dowsett & David Lowe.



Up Coming Events

17th & 18th May is the Fresh Water Series at Lake Pupuke.

This is definitely worth entering. A lot of fun to be had with fleets in the past of 80 odd boats. This is a tame way of improving your skills with many prizes to be won at the end of the day. Spot prizes will ooze over the attending crowd.

Be There For The Fun haha!!!!



May 31, & 1st June Whakatane's Winter Regatta

This is a fun series with one day spent out racing on the Ocean & one day in Opotiki harbour dodging the sand bars. Get the current wrong here & you will be nailed. Lots of fun with a friendly crew.

Great Queens Birthday break for the whole family



AGM, Prize Giving & 2nd Race of the Winter Series on The 25th May

- Winter series Race 2 start 10:00 am

- BBQ & Prize Giving Approx 12:30

- AGM 1pm

Shaaron who has been our Commodore for many years would like to step down & let some new blood take over.

I am available to carry on with the Club Captains duties for another year.

Merlin is quite happy to carry on with Treasurer.
Chantal is Happy to continue with Vic- Commodore & Publicity

We also need an active committee to take the Club forward into next year.

Other Issues

- Membership Fees
- Locker fees
- Training program
- Yachting New Zealand membership
- Program format for Summer Season
- Membership drive



Feedback

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