



TE ATATU BOATING CLUB INC

"THE NAVIGATOR"

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

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We welcome all members into a new calendar year. Most people are back at work and the majority of students are back at their educational institutions. Summer is treating us kindly and we look forward with some excitement to the Club's summer events. The Club's picnic is next Sunday (22nd Feb) and other events follow on from there.

We are moving on with several projects for enhancing the Club including the new entrance to the clubrooms. When costs are available we will be putting this to a meeting for members' approval.

The Jubilee Committee is working away on plans for the big jubilee weekend and Maxine's report on this is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We are all very excited about this event and are proud to mark our achievements appropriately. Please try and participate in some of the summer events that the House Committee has planned. The more support these events get the better it is for the whole Club.

I wish all members the very best for the rest of the summer. Be careful on the roads and on the water.

All the best, Len Whysall

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hi folks hope u are having as good a summer as I am, well we have a busy few months ahead, on 22nd feb we have the club picnic at motuhihi, this is a great family day, bring your food and drink, the club will supply bbq

and some refreshments, and there will be lots of contests.

then on the 28th feb we have our te atatu boat club, world famous in te atatu, inner harbour fishin comp, lots of prizes, lots of fun, another great family day, tickets on sale from 5am, weighin from 4pm.

Then on 14th march it is the adults turn with our great barndance at rocky bay waiheke, this is a fantastic weekend with lots of drink, food, music and mayhem, this is great value with dinner, music, drink, and dancing on sat, and a big westy breakfast on sun, tickets are \$25 pre purchase, till fri 13th, and \$30 at the barn. well folks have a great summer, and have fun out there. regards david

Editor's additions:

1. The weekly Club Lucky Draw is now up to \$850.
2. Notify a House Committee member if you need transport to the Picnic
3. Watch the notice boards for other events. Coming up is a Ladies Fishing competition (4 April), and an overnight fishing competition.

PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT: Members

We have been unusually busy out in the yard for this time of year. But all members' requirements have been met.

We have found ourselves very restricted with the demand for non-members trailer parking and will be doing as much as we can to attend to the congestion. Several instances of members getting boxed in (and out) by trailer boats has caused some anger so we are working on the problem.

A mini-cleanup is underway in the yard right now and that will hold off the necessity for calling a working

bee for a month or so yet. But it won't be that far away.

The Club Manager has advised me that there could be several dinghies to be confiscated from the lockers at the south end. Apparently we have no records of the occupants of the lockers and unless we can identify a bona fide occupier I'll be down there with my bolt cutters. The numbers we seek verification of are:- 3, 7, 66 Keep enjoying the wonderful boating weather

Happy sailing, Charles Cook

NEW MEMBERS

We heartily welcome the following new members to the Te Atatu Boating Club Inc.

- Chih-Ta Hsiao & Pi Hsia Yang*
- Francois & Valeisha Connan*
- Billy & Maureen Wii*
- Andrew & Donna Happy*
- David & Suzanne May*
- David & Maggie Corrick*
- Bruce Floyd*
- Paul & Nell Roberts*
- Dean & Joanne Clarke*
- Philip & Emma Proctor*
- Richard & Paula Scott*
- Bill & Sue Mushet*
- Paul & Angie Van Santen*
- Leslie & Robynne Ingley*
- Peter Rasmussen & Lorna Standing*
(Prev. member rejoining)
- Michael & Cheryl Moana Waetford*
- Daniel Silby (Jnr becoming Snr)*
(During their probationary period, if any existing members have grounds for any new member's exclusion, a written statement should be addressed to the Executive Committee.)

**THE CLUB PICNIC IS THIS COMING SUNDAY, 22 FEB!!
REFRESHMENTS, RACES ETC - AT MOTUHIHI**

THIS TAKES SOME BEATING

Flag officers of the Club are expected to exhibit expert levels of seamanship and navigation, especially when flying their flags whilst en route.

This is a report from a witness vessel when a flag officer had a mishap.

Little girl - "Daddy, why is that boat parked up on the mudbank?"

Dad - "I don't know sweetheart, he might be parking somewhere other than the wharf for a change."

Apparently on Anniversary Day this skipper got several hundred metres off the channel and spent six hours reflecting on his dilemma. (Of course the foregoing could just be rumour.) Late news just to hand suggests that there might have been mechanical problems. Crew members have admitted they were stripped to their underclothes pushing and rocking the cat, trying to free it from the mud before anyone noticed.

There is a prize for the first correct guess of who this could be!

AN INVITATION FROM CLUB PHYSICAL TE ATATU

We have received a very kind offer from Club Physical (next to Wendy's) for our members to receive a free no-obligation 7 day guest pass. This includes access to all their facilities including Group X classes, swimming pool, sauna and fully equipped gym. If members have any further questions please contact Kris at Club Physical on (09) 834 5042. You will need to show your Boat Club membership card.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

This is to record our appreciation of the group that ran the New Year's Eve party. It was very well done and the guests from other club's were most welcome. Dick & Denise Lynne coordinated the event and provided excellent music and entertainment. The door takings (very modest fee) did add up to a very nice donation to the Toroa Preservation Society. (that's the old steam ship at the end of Lincoln Rd) Our thanks to everyone involved.

VESSELS FOR SALE

(see our notice board)

WELLCRAFT 28. Look on noticeboard for details. 1988 Model. Substantially reduced. Comprehensively equipped. Ph Owen on 827 1361 H, 373 4964 W \$47k

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Pelin Empress 24' BMW 190hp 6cyl stern drive (250hrs) , mahogany in and out, sleeps 4 , all the other good stuff (needs a couple of small repairs). \$34k Ph Dave on 817 4337 or 0274 990 866

MOORINGS

We still have requests for moorings, both wanted, and available to hire. Keep us informed and we will find you a customer.

OUR RESTAURANT

We need to support this facility better. There are good quality meals available at a very reasonable price and if members don't play their part by using the facility more it will be lost to the Club. We haven't actually heard complaints from Lesley but I can see the numbers are down. And the reopening of Sunday Brunch has been postponed until we get those numbers back up!

JUST A REMINDER

Return used glasses back to the bar serverly after use. Too often some members are departing, and leaving their glasswear on the tables. The same applies to kitchen crockery, return that to the kitchen.

SPECIAL THANKS

Our Jubilee Fund has already had substantial boosts by donations from members. It is helping us along the way. In particular the following have helped us on recent raffle nights: Mike Saunders, Colin Silby, Barry Kearney and Doug Lillicrap (and I take a big risk in over-looking others). Several other members have also given firm indications that they will be reaching into their pockets.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING

On Monday 23rd February at 7.00pm our scheduled Quarterly Meeting will take place at the Clubrooms. Business to be discussed will be an update of the financial report and general business. This could include Jubilee matters and an update on any building projects that are in the pipeline.

DINGHY LOCKERS

The actual lockers at the south end of the Club's property may have a couple of rogue occupiers. We need to verify this before Charlie gets down there with his bolt cutters. It could be that bona fide locker owners might have changed lockers without permission (or the office records are wrong). If you are in one of these numbers get into the office pronto! No's 3, 7, 66. Action will take place at the end of Feb.

COMING EVENTS

This coming Sunday 22nd Feb: THE CLUB PICNIC at Motuhihi (Wharf Bay, unless weather means mooring on other side). See House Committee personnel for more details. Rides available with Club Captain. Cancellation notice - call Club after 8.00am

INNER HARBOUR FISHING COMP: Sat 28 Feb. Huge prize list!!

BARN DANCE, Sat 14th March Rocky Bay, Waiheke

LADIES FISHING COMP - 4 April (Check notice boards or see House Committee for more details of events)

A NEW WEB PAGE IS BEING PUT TOGETHER AND WILL BE OPERATING NEXT MONTH. WE CONCEDE THE EXISTING ONE IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

TE ATATU BOATING CLUB

From: "MAXINE COSTIN" <sales.ni@sanco.co.nz>
To: <office@teatatuboaclub.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 February 2009 9:09 a.m.
Subject: Jubilee

Hi there everyone,

It is the Te Atatu Boating Clubs 50th Jubilee in April this year, however we are celebrating at Queen's Birthday weekend in May this year. The dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 29th, 30th and 31st of May.

The weekend is still in the early planning stages but once we get things okayed by the Executive Committee we will pass on to Members either via the newsletter, notice board and flyers in the Club.

At this stage we are having a wine and cheese, finger food, mix & mingle evening on the Friday night from probably 6pm. There will be a couple of speakers of interest hopefully (still waiting on confirmations there).

Saturday will be a dinner probably starting at 6pm with a band starting up at 8pm. Tickets will be available shortly, we have yet to set a firm price for them and have them printed. Tickets will only be available to Members in the first instance. If however they don't sell too well, we may offer them to members of the public.

Sunday will be a family day, with a BBQ and lots of other things happening for families and definitely lots of stuff for the children.

There is a white board in the foyer of the Boat Club with a list of what we are looking for contributions for. This was put up after us being asked by some of the Members wishing to contribute to things that will be happening on that weekend.

Will follow this up with any new info that comes to hand.

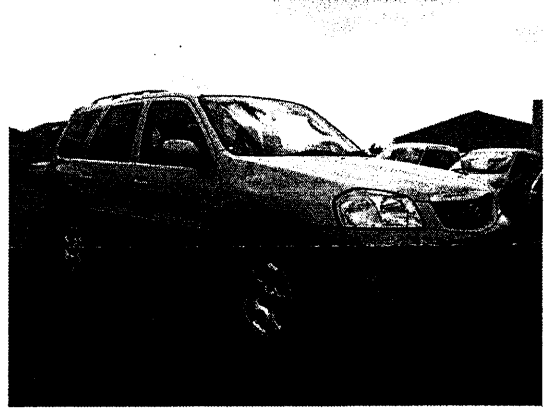
Cheers
 Maxine Saunders
 50th Jubilee Committee.

Sitting on the side of the road waiting to catch speeding drivers, a state trooper sees a car puttering along at 22 mph. He thinks to himself, 'This driver is as dangerous as a speeder!' So he turns on his lights & pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are 5 elderly ladies - 2 in the front seat & 3 in the back, wide-eyed & white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, 'Officer, I don't understand. I was going the exact speed limit. What seems to be the problem?' The trooper trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that 22 was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned & thanked the officer for pointing out her error. 'But before you go, Ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car OK? 'These women seem awfully shaken.' 'Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 127.'

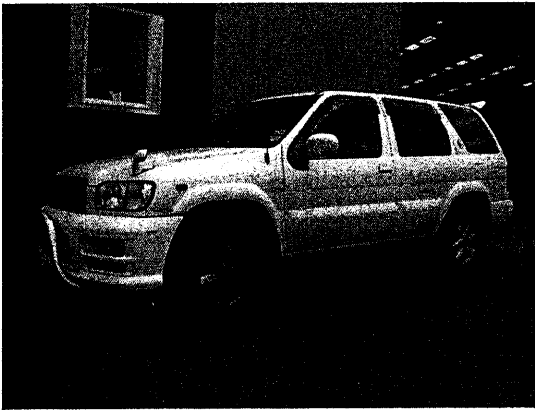
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