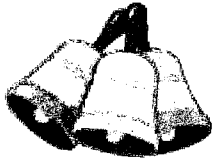




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# TE ATATU BOATING CLUB INC "THE NAVIGATOR"



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### COMMODORE'S REPORT

**Bula**  
It really is becoming boating weather. The sun is shining and there is a lot of activity around the Club.  
The Club is fully booked for Christmas functions and we expect a very busy time for staff in the weeks ahead.

We have a very big list for the Childrens' Party and I'm informed there are a lot of attractions this year.  
The Adults' Christmas Party on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be the highlight of the festive season. The House Committee has an exciting evening planned and I'm sure there will be a good attendance.  
There are several development projects that will get underway in the New Year including the BBQ area and the Clubrooms entrance. The Building Committee is working on final plans for the BBQ right now and we expect to end up with a very nice facility.  
It has been a wonderful year, with the Jubilee being the highlight, and members can be proud of their achievements. The Club continues to prosper and we can feel confident that the momentum will continue in the years ahead.  
As this is the last newsletter of the year it gives me pleasure to wish all members the very best for the festive season. And I wish members a prosperous and happy 2010!  
In the meantime I ask that drivers be careful on the roads and that boat skippers heed all the safety rules whilst on the water.

All the best, **Len Whysall**



### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT Hi Folks

The new House Committee is full of innovative ideas and I am really appreciating their efforts.  
We have planning well under way for a new monthly fishing competition which will start in the New Year. Watch the notice boards for details, and we will also elaborate more in the next newsletter. The regular inner harbour fishing competition, the Club picnic and the barn dance will all take place early in the New Year, sometime in February and March so keep an eye out for dates and details. I hope those guys in the office are looking for opportunities to gather in some goodies and a supply of complimentary refreshments for these events.  
In the meantime we have the **Club's Adult Christmas** party coming up on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets are on sale later this week. Don't procrastinate. Tickets will be in demand, this is the best party of the year.  
We have decided to finalize the **Lucky Club Draw** on the last Club Night of the year, Christmas Eve, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December. If it hasn't been struck between now and the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec there will be **\$800** in the pool, **and we will draw members' numbers until it is claimed**. The draws will resume on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at \$250.  
For those who haven't been in the Clubrooms on Thursday nights lately we are having the usual ham raffles. The other raffle prizes are pretty good too so get in here.  
In conclusion I wish all members a great festive season.  
Have a good one, **Richard Raven**

### PROPERTY OFFICER'S REPORT: Giddy

This is the time of year when there are a lot of vessels up on the hard. We are very busy and members need a bit of patience either coming or going to/from the water. Keep those work sites tidy or the Club will levy you for a clean up fee. And your vessel won't get back in the water straight away. (That's the tough side of me talking!)  
Another hardy annual is a warning about keeping clear of the wharf over the holiday period (unless loading or unloading your vessel). Every summer holiday period there is congestion on the wharf! On the statutory holidays I won't be allowing work bay bookings unless there is an emergency. See the office for guidance on this one.  
I'm a tough little hombre but that is about all the serious stuff I have to write about. I almost have enough impounded dinghies for another sale so make sure your dinghy is secured in the pontoon spaces. My Xmas might get even happier!  
I'm looking forward to all the 'shouts' that are owed me for doing all those special favours. Mount Gay is my preference. The holiday period is indeed one that I relish!  
At this time I wish all members a happy holiday period.

Cheers

**Charles Cook**

#### CLUB LUCKY DRAW

It's now up to \$650 and will be up to \$800 (if not claimed) on the final draw of 2009 on Christmas Eve. **And we will draw it until it is won (and claimed)!!!**  
Draws will resume on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.



### SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE CRUISES

We had a record number of applicants for cruises this time. We are aware that some people will be disappointed by missing out on the ballot but that is the way things go sometimes. If still at school in 2011 you can apply again. Those that missed in the ballot will be kept in mind for reserve spots in case some successful applicants cannot make their voyage.

The lucky sailors are:-

**Gabryel Wii**

**Shanee Sainty**

**Ben Tollemache**

**Josh Clarke**

**Sharna Anstice**

**Hayden Cameron**

Please contact Tess in the Club office to find out how you claim your voyage. If you are not able to take your voyage let the office know without delay. Other potential sailors are waiting in the wings!

### NEW MEMBERS

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

*Mark & Sonia Abraham*

*Brian & Samantha Ackerly*

*Paul & Gail Craggs*

*Wayne & Sue Jenkins*

*Neville & Leanne McKenzie*

*Hans Ottow & Suzanne Gibbs*

*Paul & Jackie Skinner*

*Kevin & Robyn Thomas*

*Brent & Deborah Wilson*

*Stephan Edwards*

*Mark Burling*

*Warren & Barbara McFetridge*

*Karl Drent*

*Craig Booth*

(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 and left with office personnel.)

### MEMBERS CARDS

There was some discussion about cards not working at the recent quarterly meeting. A subsequent check of some suspect cards showed that they were okay.

But the magnetic stripe in some cards does cause problems and if you think you have a problem come into the office and have your card checked. It is not difficult to replace cards, much easier than having to discuss the matter at a Quarterly.

Any cards that are getting tatty can be replaced too. Cracks develop and cards just wear out. The office will replace them.

Maybe in a couple of years' time we will change over to the proximity type of card but in the meantime the system is working okay.

### CAR STICKERS

We will tow cars if they do not display the current year's permit. Unfortunately we did miss distributing some car stickers when subs were paid in early July. If you didn't get your stickers then come into the office and get them pronto.

An unpleasant example today was where a member had left his car & trailer in the yard for a week and didn't have a sticker. When challenged he said that he wasn't going to bother with a sticker. That car will get towed if it happens again (without the sticker).

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The office is now including the Club's bank details on invoices for members who wish to pay their accounts by internet banking.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have an email address and wish to get your newsletter through that channel please advise us of

your email address forthwith. Just email your address to us at [office@teatatuboaclub.co.nz](mailto:office@teatatuboaclub.co.nz) with the words 'email address' in the subject line.

### BAR PROMOTION THRU THE LICENCING TRUST

There is a chance of winning some goodies by consuming Canadian Dry pre-mix. The promotion runs until Xmas. It's a very pleasant and thirst quenching drink. Among the prizes is an expensive ipod and a bundle of CC labeled apparel etc. The patron gets an entry with every drink!

### Vessels on the Wharf over the holiday period

Charles mentioned this in his report. The wharf is to be kept clear of all longer term vessels over the statutory holidays. That is the 4 days of Xmas and the 4 days of New Year. Only loading and unloading of vessels is allowed and those vessels should be attended at all times. We don't want the usual problem of the wharf being crammed by longer term mooring. The Vice-Commodore will be policing the wharf at this time.

### HOLIDAY CLUBROOMS HOURS

**RESTAURANT:** Last night  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Closed until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
January (1<sup>st</sup> Club night of 2010)  
**CLUBROOMS (BAR ETC)**  
**XMAS DAY** Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec- Closed  
26, 27, 28 Dec. Open midday  
29, 30, 31 Dec. Open 3.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2, 3, 4 Jan, Open midday  
Thereafter normal hours.

### NAUGHTY CHILDREN

Parents will have to pay more attention to their children when they visit the Club. There have been a lot of recent happenings that cost the Club money.

Not long ago a plate glass etched interior divider was smashed when children were fooling around in the foyer. That cost the Club \$500 and the insurance company a lot more.

The latest thing is destroying the coffee cups and littering the sugar sachets around the playground area.

The long and short of it is that parents must be more aware of what their children are up to. It is embarrassing for Committee members to have to ask members to look after their children. But remember, this is not a day care centre and the rules of the Club say that kids must be in the care of the parents whilst at the Club.

### NAUGHTY PARENTS

#### Rubbish bins

These cannot be used for household rubbish! This weekend a bin had to be emptied which contained only household rubbish. This is just a straight expense to the Club which we should not have been liable for. We are putting a camera on the bins and will be taking action against future offenders. The offending is very much like theft of Club property! And will be treated accordingly.

### A BIG PARTY FOR DENIS

Early in the New Year we will be holding a celebration for our departing manager. He isn't a bad guy really, although we have heard he was a bit tight with the Club's money. (We will soon fix that!) Denis was here for about 12 years and will still be on call should the need arise. We want a good turnout for this function.

### FIRE DRILLS

The Club's liquor license requires that we have an evacuation plan in place. We do have such a procedure but we will be having drills from time to time. Help us by reading this carefully.

*When the alarm sounds make your way to the nearest doorway and assemble out in the carpark in the second row the other side of the garden divider. The nearest door or proper evacuation point is shown on the yellow fire notices around the Club. Leave your refreshment behind. Treat the matter seriously, it may be a real fire or there may be an observer in attendance from the local authority. Follow the directions of the senior bar person on duty.*

Our liquor license does come up for renewal next year and we don't want a member clowning around during a drill and thus jeopardizing our license. We will be putting up a clearer sign indicating the assembly point.

### WHO OWNS THIS TRAILER?

A tandem trailer with one axle removed is being steadily dismantled in the south end of our

yard. The trailer shouldn't be there! We will be adding it to our scrap metal collection if we don't get some information pronto!

### VESSEL FOR SALE

A nice little 'fix it up' project is available at the Club. The Club is able to give good title to a small sailing vessel that has been taken over from the previous owner.

Anyone interested see Neil White in the office and he may be able to negotiate a bargain price for a handyman shipwright. The vessel's name is Bandersnatch and can be seen in the yard.

### CLUBROOMS

Official Thursday nights resume on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2010  
But the Club will be open the usual hours right through, with the previously noted exception of midday openings on Stat. Holidays.  
The Thursday night draw will resume at \$250 on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. The restaurant will reopen then too.

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!!

We have to show our sponsors and advertisers that we appreciate their support. When you want goods or a service see these people first. Look in our upcoming yearbook or ask the office if you want a contact for a service.

### Website

Our website [www.teatatuboaclub.co.nz](http://www.teatatuboaclub.co.nz) is currently being updated and you can now find a link to the metservice and also the 2010 tide chart, if there is anything you think should be on the site please advise the office



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**ADULTS'  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY NIGHT, 18<sup>TH</sup> DEC.**

**\$25 WITH MEAL,**

**OR \$5 COVER CHARGE.**

**DON'T FORGET THIS ONE!! THIS IS THE BIG NIGHT OF THE YEAR AND YOU NEED TO GET YOUR TICKETS WITHOUT DELAY. THEY ARE ON SALE FROM THURSDAY NIGHT.**

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**CLUB PICNIC**

It's a little way into next year but this is a good date to take a note of: The Picnic is booked for Motuihe on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. It's a great place for a picnic and all those who have been before will vouch that it is a lot of fun.

(Billy Watson appears to be hobbled this year after his fence jumping exploits so he shouldn't win his category running race.)

**JUBILEE YEAR BOOK**

This publication is about to go to print. It is a very useful publication and will include tide charts, MAF fishing rules and a lot of other useful stuff. They will be posted out as soon as possible.

**"OCEAN PLANET" OCEANOGRAPHIC FACTS**

- Ninety percent of all volcanic activity occurs in the oceans. In 1993, scientists located the largest known concentration of active volcanoes on the sea floor in the South Pacific. This area, the size of New York state, hosts 1,133 volcanic cones and sea mounts. Two or three could erupt at any moment.
- The highest tides in the world are at the Bay of Fundy, which separates New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. At some times of the year the difference between high and low tide is 53 feet 6 inches, the equivalent of a three-story building.
- The oceans cover 71 percent of the Earth's surface and contain 97 percent of the Earth's water. Less than 1 percent is fresh water, and 2-3 percent is contained in glaciers and ice caps.
- Earth's longest mountain range is the Mid-Ocean Ridge, which winds around the globe from the Arctic Ocean to the Atlantic, skirting Africa, Asia and Australia, and crossing the Pacific to the west coast of North America. It is four times longer than the Andes, Rockies, and Himalayas combined.
- Canada has the longest coastline of any country, at 56,453 miles or around 15 percent of the world's 372,384 miles of coastlines.
- A slow cascade of water beneath the Denmark Strait sinks 2.2 miles, more than 3.5 times farther than Venezuela's Angel Falls, the tallest waterfall on land.
- El Niño, a periodic shift of warm waters from the western to eastern Pacific Ocean, has dramatic effects on climate worldwide. In 1982-1983, the most severe El Niño of the century created droughts, crop failures, fires, torrential rains, floods, landslides--total damages were estimated at more than \$8 billion.
- At the deepest point in the ocean the pressure is more than 8 tons per square inch, or the equivalent of one person trying to support 50 jumbo jets.
- At 39 degrees Fahrenheit, the temperature of almost all of the deep ocean is only a few degrees above freezing.

These oceanographic facts come from the Smithsonian Institution's *Ocean Planet* exhibition and from the book *Ocean Planet: Writings and Images of the Sea*, by Peter Benchley and Judith Gradwohl (published by Harry N. Abrams Inc., 100 5th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011)