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Commodores Comment

I know we all think that winter is the time we see to all the problems that developed last season, but this winter you'd be forgiven for leaving the tasks in the shed for a week or two more.

Although on water activities are almost nonexistent there has been plenty of activity around the Club. I'm delighted to inform you that our new Club Manager is Ken Camp.

Many of you will know Ken as the recent skipper of "Double Dark" and now is the proud owner of N22 "Cannon Ball". His abilities on the water are only surpassed by his administrative skills in the office. Welcome Ken.

Ross May, our Member Services Officer has been lighting fires all round the place too.

First it was the Marine Medic Course. The course involved a bit of practical too. And on the water!! Phil Folter played the stricken, drunken man-overboard and the team had to winch him on board. Any more courses like that Phil, and you'll have to stay home!

Ross was also instrumental in arranging the North Sails Sailing Clinic held in the Wardroom on 30th July. 50 keen sailors attended at a cost of \$60 each. From reports I've had most waxed lyrical and considered it was a worthy investment.

Likewise the Seamanship Course. Full of activity and held right in our own back yard.

Ross is keen to expand on the services and seminars that the Club can offer so if you have areas that need development get in touch with the Office. Strike while he's hot, having just returned from a couple of weeks on the other side of the globe as international judge at the 420 Worlds held in the Canary Islands.

Congratulations to the Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron on the celebration of their 40th birthday on 23rd July. A luncheon for almost 100 past and present members was held in the Wardroom, with festivities culminating in the seasons prize-giving.

I was fortunate enough to briefly stop off at the recent Old Salts Luncheon. Aply catered by Wisha and Barry Bowater, the cold day didn't deter our senior and not so senior members enjoying some long held friendships, and revelling in memories almost as long as a mother-in-law's.

There is a busy time ahead as we prepare for the coming season and there are some things of note.

Saturday 9th September 1000 hours we need volunteers for a **Working Bee**. Those with skills

in areas of carpentry/joinery are required as are those with painting and domestic executive qualifications. The bar will be open later for beer and wine tasting and a late BBQ lunch will be available. Ken Camp together with Tony Taylor have identified a number of things that need attention so if you possess a skill in a particular area phone them and offer your services. Tools that will be required are planes, saws, saw stools, screwdrivers, paint brushes, hammers, spanners, scrubbing brushes. Note: Power tools will be provided.

On **Saturday 16th September** commencing at 1000 hours in the rigging area will be a Sailing Seminar. Designed primarily for Trailer Yachts and Keel Boats, it will be conducted by 12 of our resident instructors. Initially they will be on hand to supervise and advise on rigging techniques and practices, sail trim and the other 1000 things that have to be dealt with. This briefing will be of benefit to old hands too, and will even cover launching/retrieval techniques as well. Tuition will continue on the water as the instructors will be taxi'd from yacht to yacht by our own chase boats to enable one on one advice on trim etc. At 1130 hours the start box will be manned and operational and practice starts, with all the bells, flags, whistles and hooters will be conducted at 1200, 1215, and 1230 hours for those that wish to hone their start line skill. It should be a "must see" for all of us.

Afterwards the Wardroom and bar will be open which should give those on hand the opportunity to review grey areas.

In the event of postponement the event will be held on 23rd September.

Welcome back to an old event we haven't held for some time. The old **Champagne Breakfast** to celebrate the end of Winter. Sunday 17th September. Somebody mumbled something about pirates and walking the plank! I think I even overheard something about Rum, but I know that couldn't be right! Watch for further detail about this event later in this bulletin.

Remember. 6 weeks 'till opening day 30th September. Happy sailing

Graeme Moffat
Commodore

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Welcome to the following new members

Siegfried Lindlbauer - Full

Daniel Petrache—Full with boat “Kotiri”

Andrew Blaikie—Powerboat “Reflex Camino ”

David Patchett—Full

Don Greenaway—Full with boat “Samurai Jack”

North U Sail—Bill Gladstone

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On Monday 31st July, a group of around 50 sailors from around Canterbury attended the North U Sail seminar presented by Bill Gladstone in conjunction with crew.org.nz. Bill is from the USA and is a very experienced sailor . He has been doing seminars on sail trim and tactics around the world since 1975.

He has two books and two CD Roms which were available for purchase on the night. The CD Roms were used during his pres-

entation which had many features like showing how wind shifts can affect the positions of yachts on the course, and also a scenario creator to easily replicate collision rules - this feature would be brilliant for use in the protest room!

Bill focused firstly on boat handling, being the foundation to then build on speed and tactics. He said there wasn't much point in learning about tactics if you didn't have your boat handling and speed sorted first. Tactics come in to play when you have those first two bases covered.

We covered Mainsail trim, headsail trim, spinnaker hoisting, gybing

and dropping, and then we moved on to tactics; including starting approaches, and upwind and downwind tactics.

The seminar was 4 hours long, and Im sure everyone learnt something that they can then take and apply to their yachts. Bill's usual course goes for 2 days, so we had a very abridged version! Everyone had the opportunity to ask questions, and he was a most informative and entertaining speaker.

Thank you to all who attended to make this event a success, to crew.org.nz for facilitating the evening, and to Bill for coming all the way to Naval Point to speak to us.



Bill Gladstone

Seamanship Instructor Course

Finding experienced crew for your yacht is sometimes a difficult task! We also have a number of new members who have purchased yachts, but may be lacking the confidence and sailing experience to get out there and really enjoy themselves, and join in the racing and cruising programme.

The committee identified that we needed to focus on our training skills for beginners to sailing trailer yachts and keelers, creating skilled crews and hopefully getting more yachts out on the water every weekend.

Over the weekend of 4-6 August, a group of 8 sailors gathered to complete the Seamanship Instructor Course. Derry Godbert, our Yachting New Zealand instructor flew down from Kerikeri for the weekend, and we headed out on Crazy Horse to learn how to become Seamanship Instructors.

We are all now qualified to train beginners on the following topics:

- Safety
- Rules of the road
- Using a VHF
- Starting the engine
- Knots
- Manoeuvring under power
- Moorings
- Person overboard
- Hoisting sails
- Tacking & Gybing
- Boat handling
- Reefing
- Anchoring
- Using a dinghy
- Navigation
- Boat keeping
- Passage planning
- Launching and retrieving trailer yachts

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If you are interested in learning more about being a competent crew member, or perhaps would like some help on your own boat please contact any of us for more information.

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We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all out on the water!

Noggin & Natter

Tuesday Aug 29th 7.30pm

One for the Technophiles. (Those interested in technology)

Three speakers from marine technology companies. Including Whisper Gen, Ocean Electronics and one other TBA. What's hot and what's not in terms of marine electronics. Including the latest wireless and power generation systems.



GPS

Cruising—Social Report

We had our first enjoyable meeting a couple of weeks ago & as result an exciting Event/Social calendar has been put together for the season. The club handbook & emails will keep you informed as we get closer to the dates.

We have got word that we may have an invasion of pirates so be aware & contact the club if you see any suspicious characters who have a hook as their hand & a black eye patch.

Diary this date: **SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER** 10.30am aprox.

PRE SEASON CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST CLUB HOUSE

Details to follow later.

This breakfast is a good opportunity to catch up with fellow sailors you haven't seen over the cold winter months before the sailing season kicks in.

Our Club House provides one of the best outlooks in Christchurch, plenty of parking, large kitchen, bbq, space for dancing, outside seating & plenty of other benefits. We would like to encourage you to use it for your functions, birthdays etc at **NO CHARGE**. The conditions are simple, the Bar is to be open with our bar staff. (Our licence does not permit BYO) & you leave it as clean as you found it.

Be in quick to book. Race days unable to book until 8pm but check with Club Manager.

How about
getting a crew
uniform for your
boat!

Sale!!!!!!

NAVAL POINT CLOTHING SELLOUT:

GREAT FOR ADDING YOUR BOAT'S NAME ON FOR YOURSELF & CREW.

VEST:	\$110.00	NOW\$85.00
RUGBY JERSEY:	\$99.00	NOW\$79.00
POLO SHIRTS:	\$39.90	NOW\$29.00
CAPS:	\$29.95	NOW\$19.90
CLUB TIES	\$39.95	NOW\$10.00

PLEASE NOTE:

NOT ALL SIZES AVAILBLE:

CONTACT CLUB MANAGER TO PURCHASE. EFTPOS & CREDIT WELCOME.

Haku Log

Greetings from the famous Lamén Bay dugong sanctuary.

We left Emae and decided to try something completely new. The charts show only 4 depth readings along the 7 km west coast of Tongoa but we'd heard that no-one goes there and they have lots of birds, including megapodes, so gave it a try. Luckily the weather was settled because we couldn't see the bottom even in 7 metres so we dropped a hook, donned a snorkel and went to look. No wonder we couldn't see anything - the bottom was black sand, totally devoid of features - but great holding. Fortunately our anchoring went smoothly because on shore there was a big crowd of all ages, with piles of pigs, mats and chickens, all watching with keen interest. Once ashore, we were directed to a Council member - an astute and extraordinarily hospitable man who took us up to the Nakamal (meeting place) where everyone is welcome (not just where the men drink kava as in Tanna) and showed us round. It's a paradise but with absolutely no amenities at all. The people on the beach were camped out waiting for the cargo boat to Vila. They'd been there just under a week and seemed quite relaxed about it! Soon we had met lots of local people including the local chief who has access to the northern cliffs through a marriage relationship (having said that, we've met an extraordinary number of 'chiefs' sometimes overlapping, so the reaction now is "Oh, good -

are we OK to anchor here/ snorkel there?"). The walk there the next day was a bit dull but at the cliff edge, we looked down on a perfect, hidden anchorage about 100m below. Two trees were full of dangling fruit bats that took off en masse as we approached, and a narrow path descended down the near-vertical face. It was too daunting for Sue but Ken followed down and, sure enough, a megapode took off from the path in front of them. What a thrill. They are pukeko size and shape, black with conical red heads and lay their eggs in warm volcanic sand - fair game except that they're protected worldwide! Fortunately the local chief agrees.

Great entertainment that evening when the cargo boat finally arrived - the fires on the beach were stoked right up and there was hooting, hollering, whistling and shouting throughout the several hours of ferrying assorted people, produce and livestock back and forth in their grossly overloaded wee dinghy. Their outboard wouldn't start so it was a slow paddle each way, until the ship itself was grossly overloaded, and it waddled away. The wind shifted around and it got a bit rolly there, and when we pulled the anchor up to nip around to the northern bay we could understand the lack of life on the bottom .. the anchor was warm! But no pre-cooked lobsters. We would have loved to stay longer but the weather followed us round to the northern bay so we left

early the next day for Revolieu Bay, halfway up the west coast of Epi. Again the wind whipped round the bottom of the island so we had a brisk sail in 25 knots but the bay gave us great shelter all round once we had negotiated the reef entrance. Unfortunately our refrigeration, that has had a major overhaul by three different companies, again packed up. This time it was electrical and we spent the next four days exchanging emails with a very helpful man in Opuá who suggested a temporary fix - and then a Spanish boat arrived and announced that he was a refrigeration engineer and probably had a spare (transpired that it was for a different model), so that threw a Spaniard in the works for a while. It rained on and off every day and, apart from a couple of walks and snorkels, we did very little except maintenance, cleaning and baking - our pact is that when Ken does more than his fair share of maintenance Sue cooks goodies! But we now have the clutch bolted to the compressor so it's always engaged until a friend arrives in 3 weeks time, hopefully bearing a new clutch coil. It's a good thing we don't do a lot of motoring!

Greetings from the famous Lamén Bay dugong sanctuary.

Neil Arrow Trans Tasman Race Winner 1954

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Neil Arrow who won the Trans Tasman race in 1954 on "Taihoa". Please contact Bob Fenton—tastigertoo@yahoo.co

Haku Log Cont.

We moved on from the Epi-centre and at last the world changed colour from grey overcast to clear skies. Lamén Bay in northern Epi is lovely. When we anchored, Ken jumped in with mask and snorkel to check the anchor and immediately called Sue in too - there was a huge turtle almost underneath the boat and, when we looked round we found four more of them grazing around and generally oblivious of us. We sat in the cockpit for lunch and small round heads popped up every few minutes to check us out. What a joy. We went ashore and met the Chairman of the local school board. A major project is underway with Aussie aid to extend it - an impressive and very worthwhile project in which every person in the village donates a day's work in return for the funding. Since we arrived the sun has been shining, we had people from another two boats in the bay over for sun-downers and a skinny moon added a romantic touch. Today was even better. We were ashore by 7am to collect bread and thought we'd meander back looking for turtles since the dugong was apparently 'away'. Then we saw a back break the surface

and rushed back to get our snorkeling gear, went back very quietly and found the dugong feeding just 70m from the boat and totally unconcerned at our presence 5m away (and 5m down) until we gave an inadvertent splash and he languidly undulated away. Our cup runneth over.

Tonight we have a stern anchor to combat the slight roll and, when the wind drops, we can hear the deep cannon-shots of Lopevi erupting now only 10 nm away, and can see the glow of it over the hills of Epi. Life is good again!

A surprising number of people we've met have worked in The Big City (Port Vila), or have been to Aus/NZ, and are very happy back in their villages, where money isn't a big deal. It takes about 2 weeks to build a house, and a week to 2 weeks to build a canoe (with outrigger) both of which last about 5 years, and when your meals pretty much fall off trees (with a bit of digging in the garden and fishing from time to time) you can understand why they don't have much interest in the towns. They share whatever they have (family first, then the village), and as long as you

don't have any ambition, it's a pretty idyllic life. It's only when you want to watch DVD's, or to run a fridge or outboard, or build a concrete house that the money demon rears its ugly head, otherwise you sell a bit of copra or a pig every now and then to get some flour and sugar and stuff.

We'll probably stay in Lamén Bay for the Independence Day festivities on Monday, then head on up to the Maskelyn Islands. (Maskelyn was the Astronomer Royal that tried to do John Harrison out of his just rewards for inventing the portable chronometer, and thus calculate longitude reasonably accurately).

Koch Cup—Seascout Regatta

Hayley Anderson, 15, member of NPCL, and Emma Reeves, CYC, 16 have recently returned from an International Seascout regatta held at Miami, Florida. The girls who are both in Year 11 competed in the William I. Koch Cup held July 23rd to 28th at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. There were scouts there from Australia, Norway, USA and the Kiwi girls. The fleet divided into 2, after 2 days with the top 15 crews competing for the Koch Cup and 2nd 15 for the Kiwi Cup.

The event is sponsored by Bill Koch who won the Americas Cup in 1992 for the USA, billionaire and founder of Oxbow Corporation. The kids all getting to visit his Palm Beach mansion for the prizegiving at

the end of the week. The temperatures in the mid thirties and 95% humidity made the week challenging. This was the 3rd time the regatta had been held with previous ones in Chicago and Cape Cod. It was an amazing experience for the girls and their supporters, and they thrived. The conditions were varied over the final 2 days with light, moderate and heavy winds all bringing out the best in different crews. The Californian boys who won being 18 and 19 years old, the girls coming 2nd

giving them quite a fright. They have been the only all girl crew to compete in the Koch Cup fleet and to do so well was terrific. The next regatta will be held in 2008 at San Francisco, there will be a selection regatta next year to help choose one or two teams to go with it being open to all sea scouts aged 14 to 20 years old. It was great for the people at home to keep track of the girls progress and photos daily through the website link, www.seascoutcup.org



Hayley and Emma



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Classifieds

Wanted:

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Farr 6000 in really good condition (including trailer). Phone Mike or Sue Duncan 03 3472666 after 6pm.

For sale:

25ft Trailer yacht 'Solitude'. She is a Prionotus (similar to a gazelle) and is a great cruiser. She sleeps 5 and has 2 mains (1 new), 3 headsails, 1 Spinnaker 10 Hp 4 stroke OB with alternator

VHF radio, log/depth sounder.

Gas stove and fridge, Chem Toilet

New Boom

New tandem axles/duratorques/hubs

Repainted in 1999.

Price: \$24,000

Phone Mike or Sue Duncan, 03 3472666. Would consider a swap with cash for the Farr 6000.



Farr 6000

Wanted

Spinnaker in usable condition suitable for 6m trailer yacht; similar size to Noelex 22 spinnaker would be good but anything considered.

Please contact Gregor Ronald, 03-385-0577 or 021-234-7090,