

Tsunami News

We awoke on Sunday morning to a Tsunami warning. Not much happened until around lunchtime when the tide dropped to nearly 770ml below normal low water. No damage occurred in the marina and we were able to get some good pictures of the state of the bottom of our launching ramps.



Quite a few boats were sitting on the bottom in Cass & Corsair bay. A number of boats in the marina and the inner harbour went to sea until the worst surges passed by 6pm. We have experienced some big tidal fluctuations during the last few days. Last night's Wednesday Night racers were in water up to their ankles when they came back to the Psyche jetty as the tide was 300mm above normal.



Club Events coming up

- Wed Mar 10**
Mount Gay Twilight Series
Race 8
- Fri 5 Mar 6:30pm** 2 handed race
- Sat Mar 6 11am** Trailer yacht "His & Hers" Race
- 1:15pm** Keelboat Crews Race
- Mar 6/7** Young 88 South Island Champs Akaroa
- Sat Mar 13** Sumner Bay Race
- Sat 20 Mar** Pigeon Bay Race



National Keelboat Champs

We have received a request from Royal Akarana Yacht Club for expressions of interest in competing in the 2010 New Zealand national Keelboat Champs 29 April–10 May 2010. If you are interested, contact the office for more details.

Pigeon Bay Weekend

The annual expedition to Pigeon Bay is coming upon 20 March. The keelboats and trailer yachts will race for their respective trophies, leaving Lyttelton at 11am. As has become the tradition, a fleet of cruising boats and launches are also planning to join the fun later in the day. The Pigeon Bay parties are legendary and this year should prove to be no exception. A lot of planning has already gone in to the event and we are keen to break last year's record of 50 boats in the bay. There will be some after race activities (apart from the bar) and each boat is expected to put on a skit to entertain the assembled multitude. The water taxi service will be operating and we are very keen to ensure everyone stays on top of the water and not under it. To assist with catering, this year we have instituted a pre-pay system where for the very reasonable price of \$30 you pre-purchase from our Wardroom bar a meal package consisting of after-race snack, entry to the "Pup Tent", dinner and Sunday Morning breakfast. This is available from now till Friday evening 19 March.