

"WIND UP"



RAGLAN SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the start of the sailing season with your club, the Raglan Sailing Club.

Our opening day will be on Sunday, 2nd.October at the Raglan Camp Ground, 12.30 H.T.

A Working Bee will be needed on 24th.September before we can begin the season.

The boats need to be transported from the Lorenzen Bay marina to the Raglan Camp Ground. If you can help in any way please phone Chris on 825 0310.

Our good keen man, commodore Chris has the boats in splendid order ready for a great sailing season. Many thanks to Chris for your time and expertise.



The Winter Sailing Season

There are people in our club who feel the need to sail regardless of water temperature, we have been on the water in June, July, August and September and proud of it!

19th.June H.T. 12.30 our first sail of the winter, 12 members attended racing using the laser, moth, seabird, and starling. Tom arrived in his Hartley once he had bailed it out. There was a steady breeze, but I won't mention the capsizes. After 2 ½ hours on the water it was time to retire to the comfort of Chris' house.

With all sailors safely back on shore it was time to celebrate Jill's 50th birthday, the BBQ was fired up the corks popped and it was party time. Families arrived with all the trappings for a feast, a great tribute to Jill who works so hard for our club.

17th July H.T. 11.30 our Mid-winter Regatta at AroAro Bay.

On this occasion the dogs out- numbered the members. Aro Aro Bay looked splendid with the marquee and deck chairs and our yachts rigged up waiting to be taken out, once again our thanks to the members who trucked the boats from Lorenzen Bay. Tom turned up on his motor bike. After sailing in very light conditions it was time for a BBQ lunch for the sailors, spectators and the dogs.



13th August H.T.9.40. Sailing from Lorenzen Bay

Three members attended on a cool day with N.E winds of 5-8 knots, we are now getting down to the really keen hardy members. As usual the sailing was followed by a shared lunch and the sun shone so it was all good.

4th September H.T.14.50 s-s.w. wind 10 knots.

Sailing from Lorenzen Bay to Tokatoka Point. Six members attended, Pam and Yann bailed out of the Sunburst and needed help in righting the boat, and we do need a foot

line on the boat! Sue won the races. Tom joined us in his Hartley. Chris enjoyed sailing the laser with Gus tweaking Chris' laser sailing technique. Speedy little crafts they are!



Laser yachts at Aro Aro Bay

The Summer Sailing Season

Welcome to all members, new, old and intending.

October 2nd. H.T. 14.30 Meet at 12.30 Club Sail

Assemble at "the compound" Raglan Camp ground, remember if arriving by car, firstly you must first report to the camp office and check out at the end of the day.

Subscriptions are due and should be paid by 2nd.October, \$30 single member, \$50 family, \$10 associate member.

This year we are introducing an associate membership for people who would like to support the club and be informed by newsletter of club activities. It is hoped that the public who enjoy watching our sailing days will be interested in the programme.

Welcome back to an old friend!

The Raglan Sailing Club own a 1950 kauri cutter named "Wakatere". She has had a face lift, botox and a cosmetic "make over". Keep a look out for this grand old lady on the water this summer



Wakatere

Birds of Raglan Harbour

Variable Oystercatcher (*Torea*).

Status: Protected rare endemic.

Distribution: On coasts off both main islands.

Description: 82mm-91mm. First year birds have dull brown upper parts, brownish bill, grey legs, and brown eyes. Second and third year birds develop brownish backs, pink legs but develop the orange-red eyes of adults. The plumage of the adult birds can vary from black to pied varieties. They can be distinguished from the South Island Pied Oystercatcher by their larger size and more humped carriage.

Pairs remain stable from year to year. The nest is a shallow scrape, usually on a sandy beach just above spring high tide level, but also on shingle beaches and rock platforms.

Diet is mainly molluscs especially bivalves, worms and crabs. Feeding is characterized by surface picking and deep probing. They open bivalves by stabbing between the shells and twisting the bill to part the shell.



COMING EVENTS

Learn to Sail Day and Membership Drive

Interested in sailing? Come to the Raglan Camp Ground at 11.20 and have a go on the water, experienced sailors will give you a taste of this exhilarating sport. Life jackets supplied at no charge.

Sailing Calendar for October/November (note 4 Sundays 1 Saturday)

October 2nd. Sunday

H.T.14.30 Tide 2.9m Launch time 12.30 Wainamu Beach, Open Day

October 16th.Sunday

H.T. 13.20 Tide 2.8m Launch time 11.20 Wainamu Beach, Learn to sail 1

October 30th.Sunday

13.20 Tide 3.1m Launch time 11.20 Wainamu Beach, Learn to sail 2

November 12th.Saturday

H.T.11.50 Tide 2.8m Launch time 10.30 Wainamu Beach, Learn to sail 3

November 27th Sunday

H.T.12.20 Tide 3.2m Launch time 10.20 Wainamu Beach, Learn to sail 4

December 10th.Saturday

H.T. 10.30 Tide 2.8m. Launch time 9.00 Wainamu Beach Learn' to sail 5

December 25th. Sunday

H.T. 11.20 Tide 3.1m Launch time 9.20 **Lorenzen Bay** Learn to sail 6

Patron Dave Currie

Committee

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This is your newsletter.
Items of interest are welcome. Next deadline 15 November 2011.