

"WIND UP"



RAGLAN SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Club Day Wainamu Bay 12th. November H.T. 11.50 2.8m Learn to Sail No. 3
27th. November H.T. 12.20 3.2m Learn to Sail No.4
10th.December H.T.10.30 2.8m Learn to Sail No. 5.

The club's "Learn to Sail" sessions have been a great success, with many youngsters enjoying their developing skills.

We enjoyed a visit from St.Peter's Sea Scout unit on the 10th. They brought their fibre glass cutter with them, 4 children and adults joined us on the race course.

This ends the experience of sailing off Wainamu Bay until the winter series.

We can look forward to a change of venue at Lorenzen Bay, where the sailing will be a little different to the exposed beach we are used to launching from, The day begins in a sheltered bay with variable winds until the boats reach the open part of the harbour. We intend to have picnics on beaches up the harbour as we explore new territory.



St. Peter's Sea Scout Cutter

Coming Events

Club Sailing Days: Sunday Dec.24th. Lorenzen Bay, HT 10.30 3m Launch time 8.30

Sunday January 15th. H.T. 15.30 2.9m Launch time 13.30 Learn to sail No. 7

Sunday January 22nd. H.T 10.20 2.9m Launch time 8.20 Learn to sail No.8

Saturday February 11th. H.T. 13.30 3.1m Launch time 11.30 Learn to sail No 9

Sunday February 26th. H.T. 13.50 2.8m Launch time 11.50 Learn to sail No. 10

We hope you will all join us for a BBQ lunch after the 24th.Dec. sailing day

BYO food and refreshments.



The days' brief.

Ahoy There!

In this edition we meet Yann Bordier, Chris' partner and a valued member of the Raglan Sailing Club.

Yann Bordier

A little bit about Yann's life. Yann was born in Normandy and trained as a nurse in Paris.

In her mid- twenties Yann met with 2 friends when the chance came to sail a 10m wooden yacht which was in poor repair. After some time repairing the boat and making it ready for the adventure the three set sail for the Trade route wind. The boat had just the most basic navigational equipment a sextant, a short wave radio, a radio beacon and of course the stars.

The preferred harbours they visited were the container ship harbours, here they were invited on board the ships, where they were well fed and left always with supplies of food and navigation charts . When visiting fishing boats they were given enough fish to dry for their voyages. The friends financed their adventures by trading.

Yann tells me that this was the most memorable time of her sailing days. Life was free of rules and regulations.

The Trade Winds took them from africa , south america, the Caribbean, and finally they sailed north to Florida.

Here Yann met her business partner Peter. Together they ran a boat building, repair and maintainance business for 12 years. Amazingly while all this was happening Yann built her dream boat a 12m trimaran (Harris), and Peter built a 12m Lock Crowther trimaran. While building the interior and the rigging of Yann's boat they were living on a dock to save money. Baddog was finally launched in 1985.

Enter Chris who had arrived in Florida to sail a boat back to New Zealand. Instead of this Chris helped Yann finished Baddog and sailed her to the Bahamas. After that trip they returned to Florida west coast to earn some money and make a few refinements to the yacht.

Off once again Yann and Chris left for the Caribbean and the Bahamas .

Today Yann says sailing has changed with more people on the water, meaning more rules and regulations, gone are the golden years.

After Yann returned to France and Chris to New Zealand to visit family. Chris phoned from NZ and asked her if she would like to live with New Zeaalnd Raglan

They decided it was time for a change of life and sold Baddog in St Maarteen.

They are please to always have news of their boat and that she is still sailing and taking care of.

You know the rest of the story!

Birds of Raglan Harbour

White-faced Heron (other names Blue Heron, Blue Crane)

Status: Self introduced native from Australia. First confirmed breeding in N.Z. in 1941

Description: Head, forehead, face and chin white. Upper parts : bluish grey. Bill: black.

Size: 67cm 55gr. Nesting usually high up in pines, macrocarpas or eucalypts, not necessarily near water. The nest an untidy bundle of sticks.

Legs and feet: Greenish yellow.

Distribution: Common throughout NZ

Habitat: Found along coastal estuaries, harbours and widely spread through inland swamps and over pasture.

The white faced heron must be one of our most graceful waders. They may be observed stalking their quarry with patience and poise, lifting up each leg and quietly and gently putting it down, making hardly a ripple in the water. The head forward with eager eyes ready to pounce on their prey. They have been seen to take a small flounder and swallow it whole.



OLD SCHOOL ARTS CENTRE KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

January 2012 9 – 13 and 23 – 27

With Chris Mitchell and Yann Bordier

Bookings essential

Old School Arts Centre 10-2 Mon-Wed.

OR email info@raglanartscentre.co.nz

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This is your newsletter.

Items of interest are welcome. Next deadline 17th.January