

"WIND UP"



RAGLAN SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Club Days

We have enjoyed some great club days during January and February, the weather has made for some fun sailing out of Lorenzen Bay. Each club day has seen a new set of enthusiasts, a very warm welcome to all the new members.

It has been interesting to see youngsters who sometimes start out in the day a little apprehensive of this new experience, and who by the end of the day are sailing around with confidence.

The "Learn to Sail" part of the club day is off to a good start, members gathering for a short talk on the rudiments of sailing through Gus using a white board. Members then rig their boats under the watchful eyes of senior club members. A big thanks to these sailors for giving their sailing time to helping the new comers.

At the end of the day we all help with putting the boats away and tidying the grounds, Yann asked me to thank you all for making her day easier.



Chris launching the rescue boat

Ahoy There!

Come and meet the committee members. Each newsletter we will profile a committee member, it is always interesting to have a bit of a background on the people who are in our club.

Sue Kendall- Club Treasurer discovered sailing a bit later in life- when her 3 boys became involved in Learn to Sail classes at Manly Sailing Club in Whangaparaoa – North of Auckland.

After the first summer of sitting on the beach minding the dog, providing the picnic and helping to launch and retrieve the boats Sue decided to join her husband Gus in giving sailing a go. What started as a few Sunday lessons for the boys- became a real family affair and the Kendall family rapidly acquired 4 boats – 2 Lasers, a P Class and a Sabu so weekends were devoted to getting out on the water as much as possible. The Kendall family resembled a bit of travelling circus as all 4 boats were transported all at the same time with the same vehicle- along with provisions for the day. During those early years of learning to sail Sue managed to win a Manly Sailing Club Cup – with the very ungracious award for “Most Amount of Effort – Least Result” referring to her frequent capsizes during races whilst trying to master the fickle art of learning to sail in a boat that can be a bit of handful.

Sue got so keen at 1 stage she belonged to 2 sailing clubs in Auckland- Lake Pupuke and Manly – so that she could race her Laser 3 times a week . For the twilight race meets she would leave Gus at home in charge of the boys, their dinner and home work.

Gus and Sue shifted to Raglan almost 3 years ago and quickly picked up their love of sailing again- after having been “boatless” for a number of years as they and their boys enjoyed other sports- most notably golf.

Sue has now added 2 more water sports to her list of favourite things to do in Raglan. She paddles 2 to 3 times a week for one of the Waka Ama teams and also enjoys exploring the harbour on a double kayak- a new pleasure discovered this summer.

Having grown up in land locked Palmerston North, then later living in Auckland and having to always transport sail boats around in the traffic- the ease of getting out on Raglan Harbour is a luxury Sue is sure she will never tire of.

Photo –Sue and Gus at the Mission Winery during Art Deco Weekend in Napier



Birds of Raglan Harbour

Bar-tailed Godwit (Kuaka)

Description: 39cm – 41cm bill 105mm

Status :protected

Distribution: Breed from northern Scandinavia across northern Siberia to Alaska.

They migrate to temperate regions including New Zealand and can be found in estuaries and inlets with broad intertidal mudflats. Flocks of 1,000 to 10,000 visit our harbours. The birds arrive during October-November and leave to return north for breeding in March or early April.

Each year between 8,000 – 18,00 remain for the southern winter, mainly youngsters.

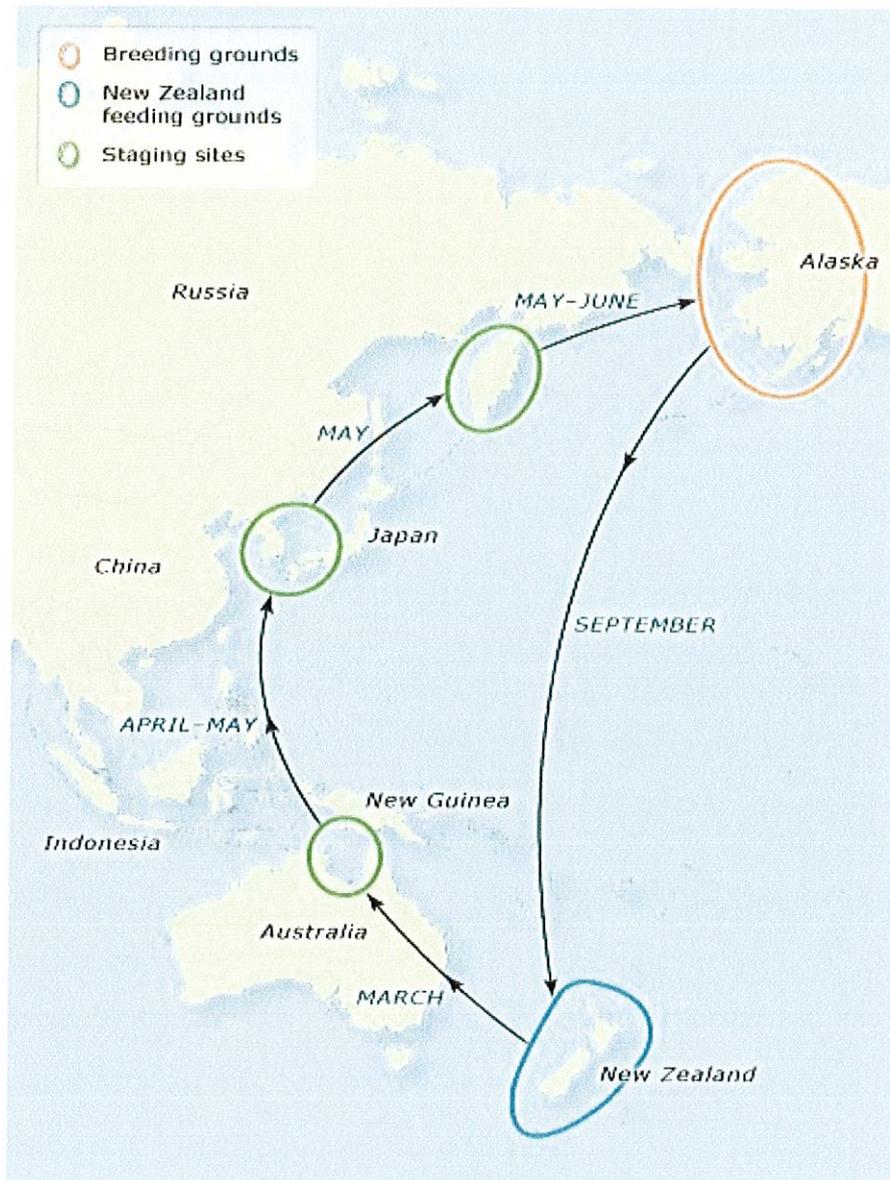
Behaviour: Gregarious . Their call is a clear excited 'kew-kew' and a soft 'kit-kit-kit' is heard from passing flocks.

Feeding: mainly polychaete worms and molluscs, probing the mud with the full length of their bill if necessary.

You may notice flocks of these birds as they fly overhead on their way to places where they will gather ready for the right conditions for the long flight back north.



Eastern bar-tailed Godwit



Migratory path of migrant birds

Coming Events:

RSC FUND RAISING POT LUCK DINNER on Saturday 3rd. March 6.00p.m. \$10 a head, children free.

We need to raise funds for boat maintenance, lately there have been some awesome sailing days, how ever there have been the inevitable breakages.

A torn sail, broken boom, bent mast, etc. and the Niaad needs a new cover urgently.

All members and friends are invited to the Raglan Scout property, Cliff St. Raglan for dinner and a bit of fun. Come and support your club, have a good time and raise a few dollars for the repairs.

Car Boot Sale

Saturday March 10th. 8.30-1pm at "The Point" by the Camping Ground.

New and used goods, cakes, veges. etc should be dropped off by 8.30am at the Point. You will find us by our Raglan Sailing Club flag.

The cutter "Wakaterere" will be available at The Point, for members of the public to sail in for a \$5 donation.

Easter Saturday

"Wakaterere" A Sailing Experience on the Raglan Harbour for the public \$5pp

Sailing from the Bow Street jetty, we will be offering rides on this lovely old boat.

Club members will be asked to help on this day.

See you there, Chris and the committee.

RAGLAN WHARF

Raglan wharf was off the foreshore opposite James St. As the Bow St. wharf could only be used at high tide work began in 1889 on the long wharf which reached 225m out into the channel so that ships could dock at any tide. Robert Bruce built the wharf & 898 and it was financed by a government loan of & 700 in 1890 the long wharf was completed running from James St. several hundred yards to the channel.

130 The long wharf was used until 1919 when the existing wharf was built. There were sheds at the land and channel ends. Hand pushed trolleys were used to move goods along the wharf but sheep were driven to the ships.

The cutter "Flora Macdonald" owned by a gang of local settlers traded between Raglan and Onehunga was wrecked on the Manakau bar later in 1874 with the loss of all hands and acres.

Prior to 1904 to reach Raglan west you had to take a ferry from the bottom of Bow St. to Kopua Mullet boat Gunter rig.

The harbour was no barrier as a ferry service ran the one kilometre trip from Cliff St. to Te Akau the charge was as a shilling for a lone passenger or sixpence each for a group. Horses at 1/6 each swam behind the boat led by their owners. A person on the Te Akau side wishing to cross would hoist a flag during the daytime or light a beacon at night.

Okete Falls and Walls Flax Mill

About 1852 the Crown purchased some 19,000 acres on which to settle prospective farmers. James Wallace on behalf of his two oldest sons William and Thomas, acquired the sections on the lower reaches of the Okete Falls the intention being to erect a flour mill driven by a water wheel at the base of the falls and so encourage the Maori and settlers to grow wheat and corn. The machinery was ordered from England and arrived in due course.

In the meantime however the death of Thomas Wallace and the failing health of Rev. James Wallace who in 1863 transferred to Onehunga the whole scheme was abandoned. About 1868 a new process for dressing flax was discovered by a Mr. Dougal and the Okete site being an ideal one for a mill a water wheel was erected by William the surviving son, and flax-dressing machinery was installed in the early 1870. the price of flax fibre fell but 1880 saw a rise in the price and consequently an increase in output.

Messrs. Wallace Brothers put a record amount of 5 tons through a stripper in one day with a price of dressed flax at & 20 per ton.

(Courtesy of Raglan Museum)

Calendar

Feb. 25th. Saturday

H.T. 13.30 2.9m Launch time 11.30 Lorenzen Bay Learn to Sail 10

Mar. 10th. Saturday

H.T. 12.30 3.2m Launch time 10.30 Lorenzen Bay Learn to Sail 11

Mar.25th. Sunday

H.T. 12.40 2.8m Launch time 10.40 Lorenzen Bay Learn to Sail 12

April 7th. Saturday

H.T. 10.20 3.2m Launch time 9.00 Lorenzen Bay Learn to Sail 13

April 22nd. Sunday

H.T. 10.40 2.8m Launch time 8.40 Lorenzen Bay Lear to Sail 14

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This is your newsletter.

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