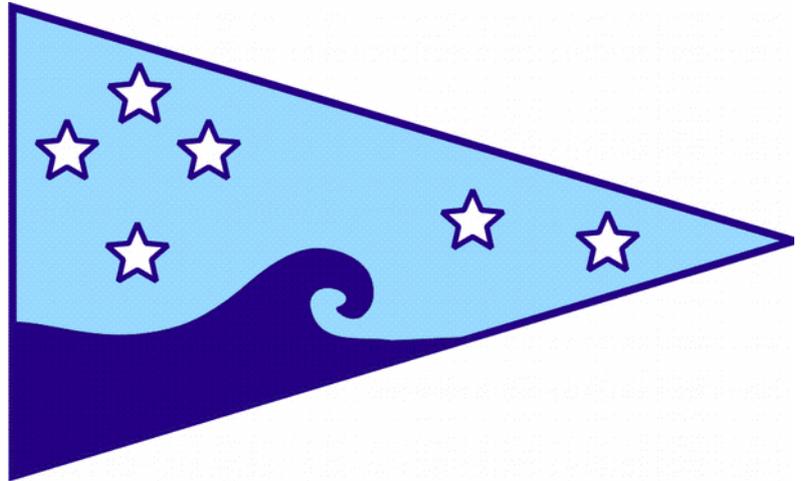


CANANZ Newsletter

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February 2016 meeting

Our normal meeting date, 2nd Monday Feb is a public Holiday (Mondayised Waitangi Day). So we have delayed our meeting.

When : Monday 15 Feb, usual time starting 7:30pm

Where: The usual place, Richmond yacht Club

Guest speakers are Jim and Karin Lott. Jim is our patron.

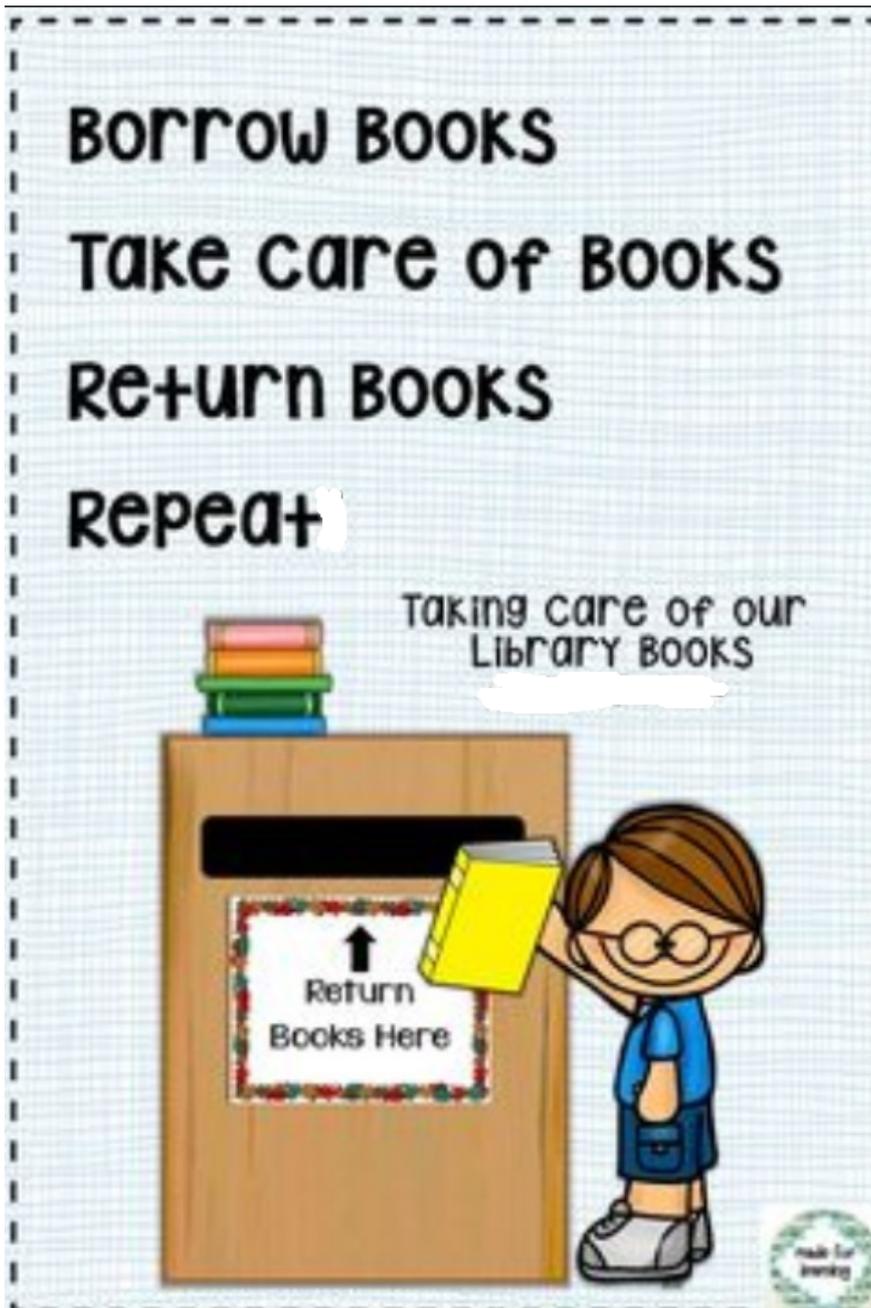
Jim and Karin will continue recounting their adventures voyaging around Europe in 2015.

They are the authors of *Update from Jim and Karin on Victoria* which appeared in the last issue of this newsletter. You can find it here [Newsletter - November 2015](#)

Introducing a new sense of purpose for CANANZ: To set up a “Hospitality guide” for visiting cruising yachts. President Bob will expand on this idea to the club and get a measure of members interests. We can start small, and aim to have something in place by October.



Calling all you book borrowers, we love you borrowing the books but please start 2016 by returning all borrowed books to our library. It will be much appreciated by everyone, especially those who may want to borrow the book that you may be sitting on!



Lastly a plea from our President Bob McDavitt, anyone who wants to join the committee to please let him know before our April AGM. You can email him at bobmcdavitt@hotmail.com



A note from your new editor

At our last committee meeting Steve Plank announced that he'd no longer be able to continue as editor for our newsletter as he no longer had the time. So Steve, thank you for all the hard work that you have put into our Newsletter and please accept our best wishes for the future.

Since an editor was still needed, our ~~Dietator~~ Oops, Sorry! President asked for a volunteer and of course was met by the usual mad rush... not! His gimlet eye then fell upon my unfortunate self and somehow I found myself accepting the position. I'm not sure how he managed the feat but for better or worse, you now have me as your acting editor. Should you wish to save yourselves from my continued attention, I suggest that someone volunteer for the position at our coming AGM 11th April 2016.

Lastly my dear readers... please, please submit your stories and articles. We all have stories to tell, they do not have to be tales of daring do in the southern ocean or extensive cruises to Fiji or the Caribbean Islands, even an afternoons pottering around the backwaters of Auckland will provide many an entertaining story. So please, don't be shy else you are at risk of a continuing diet of junk rig and junk related articles.

You can send anything for publication direct to me. Email is paul@bathroomdirect.co.nz

Bob's report on our recent activities

At our last meeting – a viewing of Lion NZ and Steinlager II in Viaduct harbour.



Something like 20 to 30 members were able to attend and 8 stayed for dinner at The Crew Club.





A great time was had by all attendees, especially those who stayed for dinner!

Activities for February

Summer Cruise: Sat 27 and Sun 28 Feb--- chosen because of afternoon low tide to maximise beach room. Cruise Director Chris will email everyone the Tuesday night beforehand with an idea of where we may go (depends on weather forecast). Then those who arrange to participate are to please communicate with Chris so he knows how many may be attending.





Donna Lange - Second Circumnavigation

Become an armchair adventurer -- and travel in real time around the horn!

Our President Bob is issuing weather forecast to help DONNA LANGE sail solo around the world for the second time, and non-stop. She is doing this to help raise money for an Ocean protection fund.

She has been sailing her Southern Cross 28' yacht INSPIRED INSANITY, departed from Rhode Island on 31 July 2015 and is now in the Southern Pacific Ocean and heading for the HORN, estimated rounding is mid-February. She had nasty encounter with that storm which side swiped New Zealand on new year's Day and had a small knock down that damaged her boom, and has been fixing her boom on the fly during the past few weeks. She is navigating by sextant, however her yacht has a good transponder so we can follow her exact position via a tracker map.

To get a daily read of her progress as she approaches the Horn see [Donna's Blog](#) and for our those of you who get the paper version of the Newsletter see: <http://www.sailblogs.com/member/sailtwicearound/>



Donna Laing: solo non-stop circumnavigation only via sextant.



The Junkie Queens Birthday

Annie Hill is known through out the junkie community as the “Junkie Queen” the lady recently celebrated her 60th birthday. Your editor (an ardent junkie) made sure to attend the birthday of his queen!

The Junkie Queen does not of cause dwell in Buckingham Palace but upon the fair shores of New Zealand. To be specific, Norsand Boat Yard, Whangarei. A not exactly a fairy tale like spot but rest assured, an extremely practical spot. Anyway, lets get on with my tale.

The call came at 2042h exactly, a text from my Queens consort and general fixer upper "I'm organising a bash to celebrate my ladies 60th year. Let all who have junks make haste to appear" and so the wheels were set in motion. The Queens loyal subjects heard but as usual, some were more loyal than others. Three with junks responded of which the elderly knight Tyler of Tystie had the hardest task. He had wandered to the far and distant realms of Canada, a savage outpost where he hoped to win more lost sailors over to the Junkie way of doing things. It was a long way for the gallant knight to sail but he applied himself to the task with vigour and diligence, for to be at his Queens side on that day was his dream. We who were more conveniently located adjusted ourselves so as to accommodate him. A Queen could do no more for her subject.

For the other two junkies Alan of Zebedee and Paul of La Chica, things were a little easier. None the less, Alan of Zebedee had a stern test to endure to get to his Queens 60th celebrations because while our friends in the northern hemisphere celebrate summer, we down in the antipodes endure winter and with winter had come the normal boisterous weather. So Alan of Zebedee had the joy's of 30kts of wind on the nose and sometimes a little more.

Paul of La Chica being wise beyond his years (occasionally that is!) looked at what the weather was doing and plotted and planned and waited... and waited some more. And so instead of leaving his departure till the last moment as had the unwise Alan of Zebedee, he spied an opening (weather window) four days before the great event was to start and made haste to depart with a favourable breeze. In doing so he had one of the very best sails that he has ever had. A 20 to 25 kt breeze astern that resulted in boat speeds of up to 8.5kts and an over all time for the 76 mile sail of 12.25 hours... even better than what was achieved for the 2013 Mid Winter Junket. The gentleman was much pleased.

Come the appointed time, all were gathered within the hallowed walls of the Consorts boatshed. Tools had been banished, the floor swept of shavings, a dance floor prepared, Tables set up and a bonfire started (just outside the main entrance) to keep us warm, wonder of wonders I heard rumours that a dance band had been hired. Such an extravagance but of cause nothing but the best for our Queen.

Sadly, not all of the Queens subjects proved to be as loyal as the three knights already mentioned. Those in other realms, refused to budge and even some here in NZ pleaded other more pressing needs. However we are pleased to report that a goodly few of the local junkies attended and we padded the numbers by inviting a few lessor souls who our Queen had befriended over the years. That being so, the hall was far from empty.

Those honoured to be able to tend our Queen, came laden with food and drink and even a few gifts. When all were assembled and the ways suitably greased, Tyler of Tystie got up upon the diastase and announced that he had something to say. With that we learned that the esteemed committee of the JRA at loss as to how to show their just and proper appreciation for our Queens many years of meritorious service to the junkie cause had dreamed up the Hasler-McLeod Award. An award that will in future be presented when and if we ever find another candidate worthy of such a thing. However our Queen has set the bar very high, so that is somewhat unlikely.



After reading out the cover letter from the committee gnomes, the good knight presented the award to our Queen, who was suitably touched and even lapsed into silence for a second or two. The award and its covering letter is printed herewith so that all may see and be aware of it. There is no doubt in my mind that our Queen is a most worthy recipient of this award and that for once, the JRA committee gnomes have done something right!

With the award out of the way, a local noblewoman then came forward bearing a gift from our Queens New Zealand subjects. A gift that I regret to say, required the murder and dismemberment of a lamb but doubtless it was for a worthy cause. Our Queen accepted her gift and then spent the next 20 minutes unpacking it. For those subjects who contributed to her gift where a vainglorious lot and each had insisted on wrapping the gift and signing with their name. The results being that the unwrapping was somewhat analogous to that of a Russian doll with each layer leading to another and each layer signed by a subject who of cause also used the opportunity to declare undying love, affection etc.

After sometime, our Queen arrived at the kernel of her gift and there upon she gazed upon the finest and most well made pair of sheepskin sleepers that could be found in all New Zealand, at any price. Slippers beyond compare and that the noblewoman had searched for long and hard. I'm delighted so say that our Queen was over joyed, as she has long suffered from cold feet (not a good thing for a Queen) and she proclaimed them "Junkie Seaboats". With that her subjects were glad, Blondie and Jock smiled in their graves but the lamb who unwillingly made the greatest sacrifice was not mollified in anyway.

With the formalities over, the parting and rejoicing could begin and all set to it with vigour. Much food was eaten and the Consort wandered amongst the people making sure that nobodies glass was ever empty for more than a minute or two at most. He was very diligent at his task and all present were exceedingly well lubricated.

When all attending had just about despaired, the much rumoured dance band finally turned up and the partying reached yet another level. Everyone who could move themselves (and some who could not!) made their way to the dance floor and strutted their stuff before all assembled. All that is but for your diligent scribe, who being deaf was spared the din and the embarrassment of having to perform on the dance floor. That being said, I'm reliably informed that the band was indeed good and no one has suffered irreparable harm to their hearing.

And so the good Queens subjects danced, drank and celebrated in a manner that did her justice and then one by one melted into the night.

The next morning Tyler of Tystie, Alan of Zebedee and Paul of La Chica (and a few lessor mortals) were summoned ashore where we had the honour to assist with the disposal of the left overs. Our Queen and her consort not having a dog for this purpose. I'm glad to say, the Consort was as diligent in keeping us all lubricated as he had been the previous evening and we made light work of the left overs.

On the morrow, Alan of Zebedee and Paul of La Chica made sail for for they had other pressing commitments. Tyler of Tystie has stayed on to assist our Queen with the challenges of building her new junk about which you will no doubt be hearing more in the future.

And so has ended the joyous celebration of our Queen Annie Hill's 60th birthday. Long may she reign with tootsies safe and warm in her Junkie Seaboats (the lamb's feelings not withstanding).



WHANGAROA MARITIME RECREATIONAL PARK

Whangaroa Harbour and Bay is, by anyone's standard, a really beautiful place.



The harbour has arms and bays sheltered from all wind and weather conditions.

The harbour has residential settlements at Totara North and Whangaroa and is serviced from Kaeo and Kerikeri.

A group of local residents have been fighting to protect the beautiful harbour and bay from development – mainly aquaculture.

This group planned a protective park where locals and visitors could enjoy the serene and beautiful environment.

Several applications have been made for aquaculture development. The group have considered and where necessary challenged these applications.

A 40 hectare application beside Peach Island was successfully challenged and declined.

The group challenged two other applications:

- ✓ An 8 hectare oyster farm at Fergusson Point at the top of the harbour, and
- ✓ A 94.05 hectare mussel farm (including access areas) inside Stephenson Island by a company named Westpac Mussels.

Yachting New Zealand also opposed the Westpac Mussels application.

These were both ultimately approved by the Environment Court.

Ironically neither of these approved operations have proceeded to date.

In the Westpac Mussels application for aquaculture at Stephenson Island the group had a substantial (\$92,100) cost award against it in favour of NRC and Westpac Mussels. These costs were ultimately paid by David Keys and Terry Hassall.

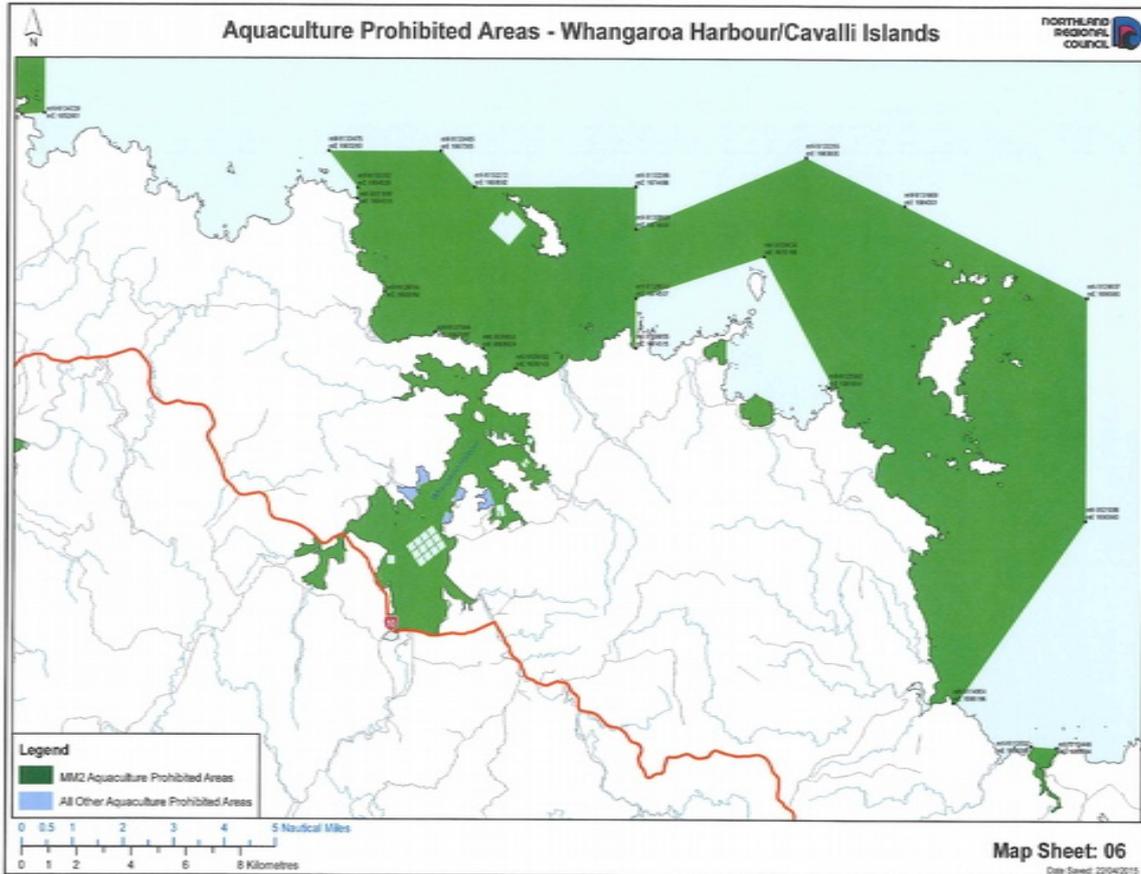
The group are still working at protecting the harbour and bay – particularly to preserve sailing, fishing and other activities in the harbour – including existing excellent and safe anchorages.

This is something of an “up hill” battle as Central Government are actively promoting aquaculture businesses – particularly in Northland.



The group's biggest success was negotiating Plan Change 4 by which Northland Regional Council create extensive "no go" zones for aquaculture from the Bay of Islands to Doubtless Bay.

The Plan Change 4 map for the Whangaroa/Cavalli Islands area is as follows:



The Whangaroa Maritime Recreational Park steering group would welcome financial support from people who support the group's goals and efforts to date.

Their bank account is in the name of Whangaroa Maritime Recreational Park at BNZ in Kerikeri. The account number is 020352-0119769-00.

Receipts will be issued for donations if the donor notifies David Keys on (09)4050945 or by email to dkeys@ihug.co.nz or Terry Hassall on (09)4050522.