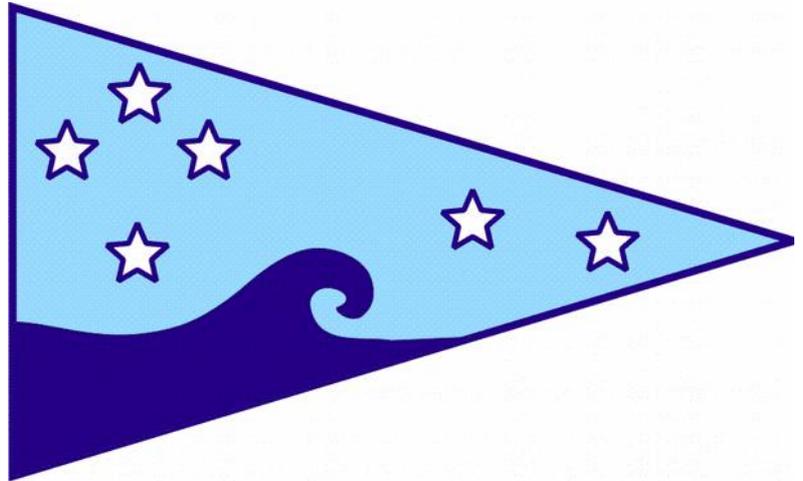


CANANZ Newsletter



January 2017

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January 2017 meeting

The February meeting will be held at the normal date, namely the second Monday of the month which in February will fall on the 13th. Please do attend if you possibly can.

This is the first CANANZ meeting of 2017 so it would be great if we have a strong showing to kick the new year off with style.

When : Monday 13th February at 1930h

Where: Richmond Yacht Club, 173 Westhaven Drive, Herne Bay, Auckland

Guest Speaker: Roger Hill, the renowned Yacht Designer and Naval Architect will tell us about the yacht design process, and some of his many successes. For an introduction to Rogers work, you can visit Rogers website at: <http://www.powercatsnz.com/public/index.cfm>



A note from your editor



The prolific Tom Miller offers us a slightly raunchy story... Keep it up Tom, next you'll be writing your own version of Fifty Shades!

CANANZ OPEN DAY

We will be exhibiting CANANZ member's yachts on Sunday 19 March at Westhaven, on J Marina, outside the Ponsonby Cruising Club, beside the walkway close to the Harbour Bridge a much better location than X Pier, our previous location. Our display will be part of the Westhaven Open Day, and should attract many more people, hopefully to convert to new members.

We need a range of 4 or 5 yachts to display that day including Ocean Voyagers, Gulf Cruisers and hopefully a Motor Yacht. Can you bring your yacht to Westhaven at 10:30am until 3:00pm, and tell our visitors

about your yacht and your sailing adventures. We will also need helpers to talk with people at the marina gate, on the pier, and to cook the sausages on the BBQ.

Can any member help us with preparation of signage or bunting for the yachts, or any other ideas to help us stand out.

Please email Basil: basil@orr.co.nz or phone 021 867 367 if you can bring your boat, or help us.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We will email annual subscription notices \$30.00 for 1 January - 31 December in the next few days - we would appreciate payment by internet banking or a cheque to our PO Box, or bring cash or a cheque to our meeting. Prompt payment makes the Treasurer's life much easier. Many thanks.

OCEAN NAVIGATOR MAGAZINE

The club subscribes to Ocean Navigator Magazine, which includes yachting news, articles on voyages and expeditions, and technical features. You can borrow these magazines from the Library, or if you would like to read them on your computer or tablet, please email basil@orr.co.nz and I will send you the links for each issue when published.

My dear readers my monthly plea, please submit your stories and articles. Please write! 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.

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



Forward from our President



Hi from President Bob,

It's time to pay your CANANZ subscription again. Some members may be wondering what they get in return for their CANANZ subscription.

.... apart from our regular meetings, library, cruising adventures, newsletters, and annual dinner.

Well, this year we intend to use club funds and see if we can commission someone to teach members some navigation tips including using a sextant.

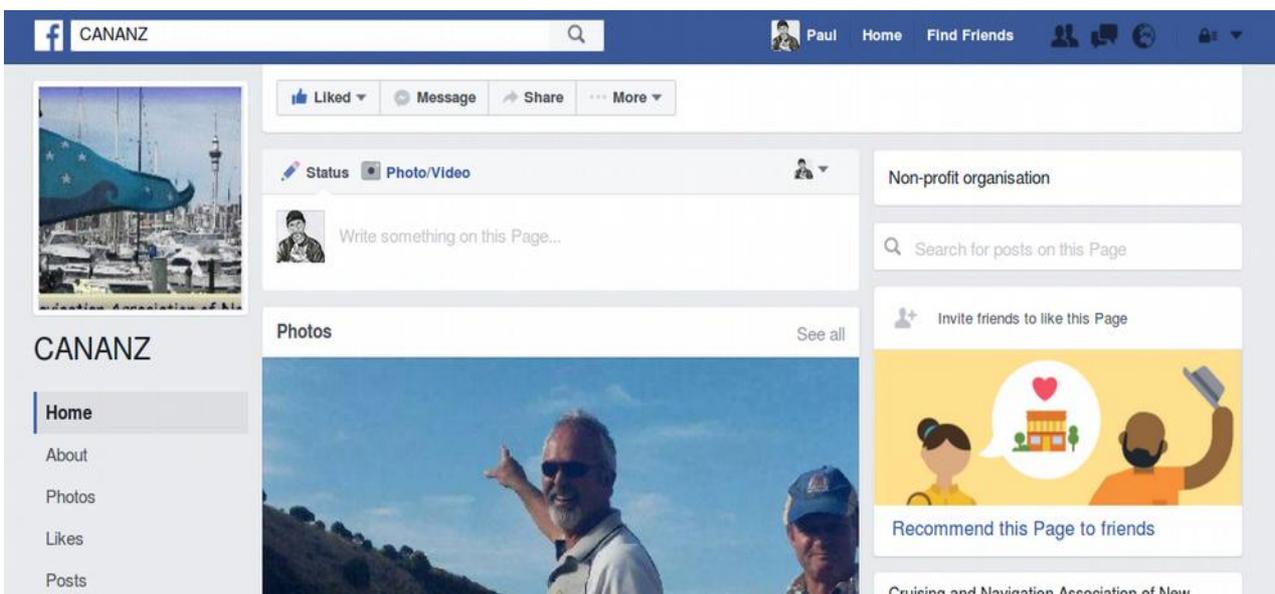
Nothing has been arranged yet but we are working in this direction.

As you know, we have added to our website the offer to help owners of cruising yachts visiting Auckland with local knowledge on where to find things, and which bays to anchor in /avoid and local yacht clubs, etc. I have advertised this on my weathergram blog and, between Christmas and New Year received our first guests from ENKI II. They were visiting Westhaven and interested in when best to move on to the South Island. Small beginnings.

Also, in line with CANANZ adding an hospitality arm to structure, we have resurrected our Facebook site, so like us at <https://www.facebook.com/CANANZ-179587015549018/> and please post photos of your summer holidays to share.

All the best,

President Bob





Our own sailing cat - Latest!

Skatty continues to develop into a fine ships cat. He loves being onboard at anchor and has begun to be more comfortable with being under sail and under power. He does not however enjoy it when LC is heeling 25 to 30 degrees when on a hard beat. I suspect we can all agree with him on that matter! You can find Skatty's Facebook page here if you do not already have it bookmarked.

<https://www.facebook.com/straussvonskattebol/>





The Summer Cruise to Mahurangi - Basil Orr

Saturday 25 February. Please cruise to Mahurangi Harbour, and anchor just North of Grant's Island, because it gets very shallow beyond that point. High tide is 19:42 hrs. At 4:30 pm we will form a dinghy convoy to proceed up the river to Warkworth, stopping at the cement works park and marina for a look before tying up at Warkworth Wharf. We will then walk to the Bridge House Lodge Cafe, 16 Elizabeth St, for dinner at 7pm. <http://www.bridgehouse.co.nz/>

If you cannot sail, you are welcome to drive there to join us, or email Basil basil@orr.co.nz and he will find you a berth on a yacht.

Please email Basil basil@orr.co.nz or phone 021 867 367 to advise how many are coming so that he can make a reservation.





Where there is a will(y) there is a way- Tom Miller

Elephant cove at Happy Jack Island is a popular anchorage for many Hauraki Gulf recreational boaters including myself. The problem is finding space to anchor but during a mid-week sail last summer I was lucky enough to have it to myself. While enjoying a refreshing swim in the shallows an item floated by that on closer inspection turned out to be a dildo. Well you never know just where these things have been so I moved away to avoid possible contact. A few minutes later there it was again alongside me apparently carried by a local current. Another move with the same outcome. I decided there was a message in these encounters and so it was retrieved with the aid of some sticks and plastic found on the beach. The plan was for it to be deposited, unobserved, in the cockpit of my pals boat as an early morning surprise find. In the meantime it was stowed away in one of the lockers awaiting the right moment for delivery.

Fast forward a few months when I was at anchor in Isslington Bay and shutting things down before retiring. To my horror the ancient brass seacock in the head that should have been replaced years ago snapped off and came away in my hand. The water was pouring in making for a four letter word event with potentially dire consequences. The immediate response was to grab a hand towel off the rack and, with the help of a large screwdriver that was nearby, stuff it into the pipe. This move certainly slowed down the flow of water but the inflow still exceeded what was being removed with the hand operated bilge pump. A frantic search located the box with the tapered wooden plugs designed to deal with just such an emergency. There were four plugs of varying sizes that, in turn, were checked against the exposed bore of the pipe outlet. Each attempt involved removing the temporary plug and a further torrent of water into the bilge. As expected Murphy's law prevailed and none of the plugs were any better than the towel arrangement.

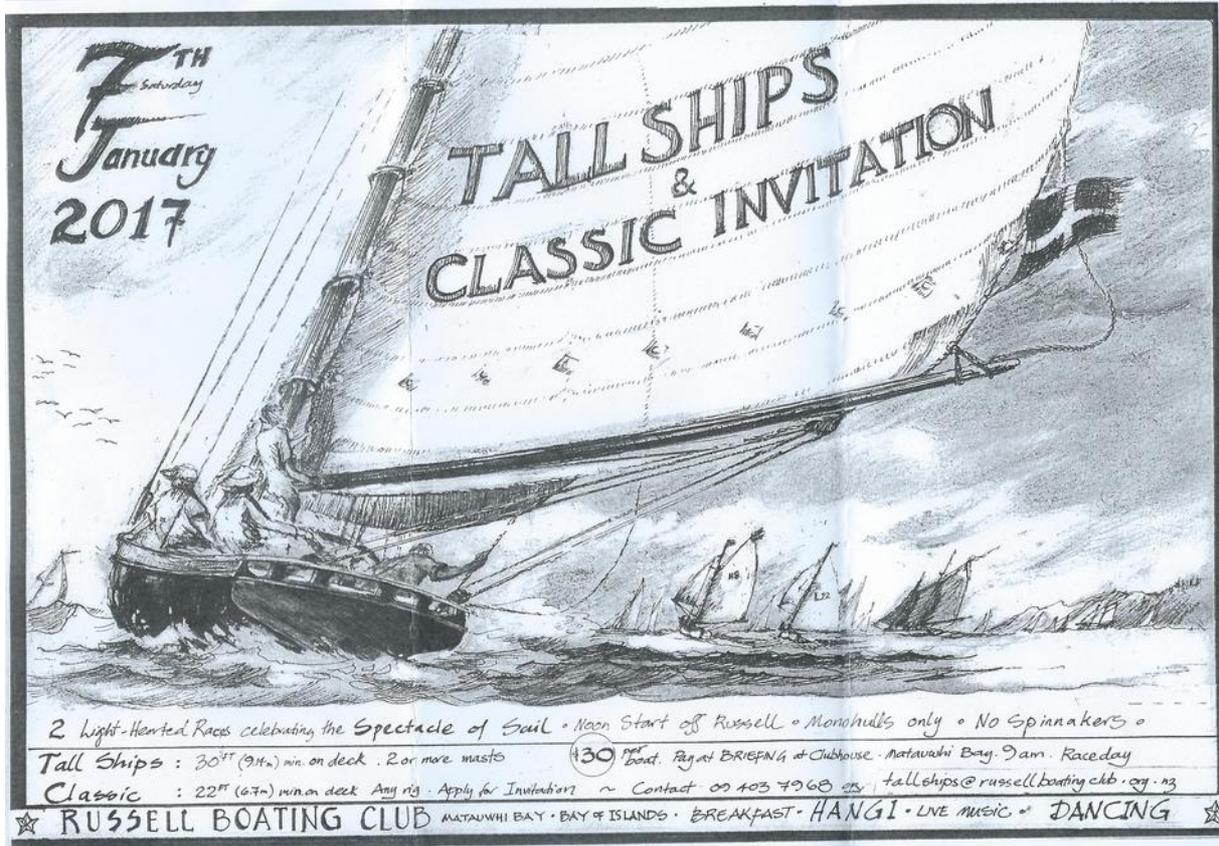
Coastguard should have been called but pumping continued while desperately rummaging through the lockers for a solution. As you will no doubt have anticipated, the answer came in the form of the long forgotten dildo wrapped in plastic that surfaced during one of the searches. A quick assessment of the item was that it was designed to fit into an orifice with dimensions similar to the seacock outlet. Another bold decision and the boarding ladder was lowered followed by a dive over the side with the dildo in hand. And, yes, a firm push and the emergency equipment was firmly in place as it was designed to be.

Back on board an inspection showed that apart from a dribble of water the immediate problem was under control. Understandably it was the end of the cruising week so after a pump out the boat returned to Westhaven and a booking on the grid together with a marine maintenance visit was arranged. While on the grid and awaiting the arrival of the engineer the marina security vessel passed by and I got a call from the skipper to report that it looked as if a strange marine creature had inserted itself into one of the outlet fittings and did I want them to remove it. Thanks but no thanks was the answer.

Interestingly two months later I meet up with a boating friend who I had told this story to. He uses Elephant Cove regularly and could not wait to tell me that while enjoying a sundowner in the anchorage recently what should floating by but a dildo. The fact that he did not rush to retrieve it could be a cause for regret if my experience was to be repeated.



2017 Russell Tall Ships Regatta - Paul Thompson



This years Russell Boating Club's Tall Ships Regatta took place on the 7th of January. It was weekend of fun filled and friendly racing. The weather was rather straight forward this year and there were some fast junks entered. Indeed junks pretty much dominated the scoreboard taking first, third and fourth places on handicap.

LC was 4th on handicap and 3rd in class. A better handicap results than our 2015 effort but not so good in her class. However we all had fun and that is what it is all about.

The Northern Advocate has a write up here: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11778665

Sadly, this year provided none of the dramatic photos or racing that we had in the 2015 Tall Ships.





Arcadia, the winner on handicap crosses the line



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