



Weiti Boating Club

BROADREACH

Edition One - 2013

## Commodore's Report

What a summer it's been so far! Last year in October I wrote about hoping for a good summer season, and I think we got it. It's been sunny and dry for so long that if you, like me, are on tank water, you will be hoping for some rain! January provided us with the usual breezy conditions but mostly fine and February was nothing short of fantastic. Let's hope March provides us with more of the same.

Our summer racing program resumed with the cruising race to Mahurangi on Auckland Anniversary Weekend. The Burnsco Great Barrier Race in early February set off in fresh conditions on the nose. Once there though I am sure it was all worth it. Well done to Miles & Sue Cross on Planet X for their line and handicap wins. The Barfoot & Thompson 2 Handed Series has concluded with the last race needed to decide the top 3 series places. The results of the last race left a series draw but Ian & Graeme Salmon on Charlatan won the series on count back. A well deserved victory for our lads! I do wish to make a special thanks to Mark Holliday of Barfoot & Thompson, Whangaparaoa. He approached me with the idea for a combined series between Gulf Harbour Yacht Club and Weiti Boating Club. Like a lot of us he was concerned at the decline in the fleet sizes and felt that the two clubs needed to share resources in order to keep competition alive. He committed to generous sponsorship if the two clubs would do it. And both clubs did. We had fleets of up to 16 boats and solid competition. The series has been such a success that the clubs plan on continuing this kind of racing in the future. Great stuff.

Commodores Weekend is just around the corner and I hope that as many of you as possible will join in and participate. Unfortunately work commitments have me in a dental conference all weekend, so I am unable to be there.

The weather is usually good, so head on up to Mahurangi. Keep in touch as, of course, it is weather dependent and if things change and Sullivans Bay isn't ideal then the back up plan may have to be put in place. So get in your launches, yachts, power boats, cars, campervans, and come on up and join in. The more the merrier!

A working bee is scheduled for 7 April and this is when we need help from you. Clubs like ours rely on volunteer help. Your involvement is what helps keep costs down. It's half a day and includes a morning tea put on by the ladies of the social committee. Many hands make light work!

The annual fishing competition is also coming up soon. I believe one year the winning fish was caught just off the mouth of the Weiti River. So you don't need to travel far to get "the big one". Have a go!

Recently I was on the patrol boat starting a race. As I motored back up the river to the club, the water was calm and warm, people were fishing off the Weiti wharf, kids were jumping into the water, laughing and having fun, and boats were coming and going. It looked picture perfect. Which of course, it is.

Best wishes,

John Stewart, Commodore

## Editors Confessional

Hinemoa went on a great voyage this summer from Waiheke to the Barrier, over to Tutukaka and then on up to the Bay of Islands in three days. The trip between the Barrier and Tutukaka was challenging. We had big seas from several directions and gradually realised we had started a story a bit like "For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost..." That about summed it up: we were a bit lost.

The smart phone was struggling in the marine environment. We knew we were somewhere between the Hen and Chicks and the Mokohinaus... looking at the chart, we realised that a new one was a bit over due. All the important bits were covered with mould and it was tricky identifying landmarks. We decided OK - back to basics - let's take a fix. Right, - no hand bearing compass. James ended up using the bulkhead mounted steering compass and making do. He ended up with a huge cocked hat but it was close enough to set a course for Tutukaka. Those who are thinking how stupid we were - we had back up. We were cruising with two other yachts but they were decidedly speck-like on the horizon, at that stage.

Lessons learnt:

Get a chartplotter

Get a handbearing compass

Don't rely on non-marine electronics for navigation.

I now realise that James wrote this, entirely to justify his recent purchases.

Kate and James Fitness.

## Oh The Irony.

They say that the definition of cruising is "Fixing things in exotic locations without the right tools or the parts to do the job". But here is an except that was sent to me recently that sums it up beautifully.

Spare parts, don't be confused. You don't actually use spare parts. You carry them to convince the installed part that it is pointless to fail, they know.

Before leaving on a cruise, it's good practice to hold up each part so that your boat can see that you actually have a spare. In this way "Spare Parts" are like a "Doomsday machine". As Dr. Strangelove said, "...the whole point of a Doomsday Machine is lost, if you keep it a secret.!"

Now there is a caveat to this, every once in a while you WILL have a failure for which you think you have a spare part. Mark my word- when you open the

spare box you will find the spare you had has mysteriously changed in some

way that it now doesn't quite fit. This "spare part entropy" is little understood by scientists. It's all part of the joy of cruising.

## Bugger!

So - 1.4 metres is not enough then? Ironically we were taking friends out for an introduction to sailing.

Thankfully there was plenty of help. Chris & Tracey on *Spoiler* tried to pull us off - but nearly put themselves in the same predicament. Then the start boat came past and we were successfully dragged off by the masthead. Thanks to all that came to our assistance.

We're keeping much further to the starboard side of the channel these days.



## Mooring Ring Maintenance

The works committee is progressively replacing orange mooring rings that have two apparent faults; Metal detaching and buoys sinking.

These are being replaced with the new black ones, worth in excess of \$450.00 each. Replacements are being completed as the stock arrives from the supplier. If there is an urgent requirement, please contact Louise in the office and we will endeavour to replace as soon as possible.

## Mooring Lines

A reminder that boat owners are responsible for checking their own mooring lines, to this end we need help to splice more and so propose a Splicing Night in April, date to be confirmed. Can you help us by passing on your skills to other members on this fun-filled social evening? If so, please contact Louise in the office.

## Yard

It's great to see how so many members have adopted the new practices in the yard. The run off sausages are in good use - thank you.

Under these new rules imposed on us by the council - we must collect all debris and sea life to dispose of it in the skip. It is imperative to bag this debris to prevent excessive smell emanating from the skip. Not a pleasant aroma on a hot summers day.

We also need to ensure debris does not blow onto the road. There has been a case where sandpaper disks and blue cloths have been littering the drain across the road.

All in all - a great response - and a cleaner yard to work in.

## Ode to the Cruiser

On an ancient wall in China Where a brooding Buddha blinks,  
Deeply graven is the message 'it is later than you think.'  
The clock of life is wound just once And no one has the power  
To say just when those hands will stop  
At a late or early hour.

The only time we own is now The past is just a golden link  
So come cruising now, my friends, It is later than you think.

## New Members

We'd like to welcome our new members to Weiti Boating Club.

A huge welcome to:  
Susan & Kevin Smith      Zoe

We trust you'll enjoy the club as much as we all do and we hope to see you on the water (or down at the club)

## Hot Gossip

There have been some ugly rumours going around over the summer; can anyone confirm or deny them?

- That over enthusiastic mooring on the pontoon has twice caused it to test the strength of its new poles. They are fine.
- That a trailer sailor had a good shot at moving the pole of Hinemoa's mooring (while she was on holiday). Again the pole stood fast.
- That boats have been cutting their engines at the outer channel markers and getting tows in to save on fuel costs.
- That the Law of equal and opposite force was yet again proved on the dinghy pontoon - if you push the dinghy hard enough it, in turn will push you off the pontoon. Then Archimedes Law of displacement was also proved.
- That there is a growing collection of interesting items left either on the dock or by the ramp, that people have intended to take out to their boats but have omitted to pick them up.

Actually, does it matter? The weather has been great and what a glorious time we have had so far.

## Snippets

### Members Cards

Members Cards are available upon request from the office. Please contact Louise.

### Club Keys

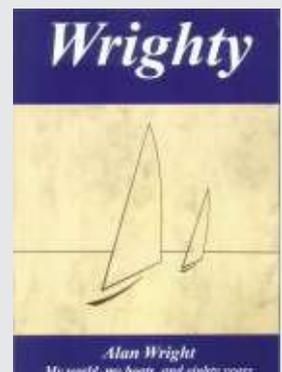
Did you know? All club members are entitled to have a club key.

Mooring holders are supplied keys as part of their rental, Sub-let and other members may have a key for \$20 (to cover the cost of the key).

### Wrighty

Alan Wright's book, 'Wrighty' is available from the office, at \$39.95.

Alan is speaking at Whangaparaoa Library, 2pm, 14th April 2013.



# Commodore's Weekend

16th-17th March, 2013



Yes!!! It's that time again that we have all been waiting for, another fun-filled Commodore's Weekend is nearly upon us!

All members, young and old, are welcome to join in the frivolity. It's a great weekend for the whole club to get together. Come and meet old friends and make some new ones.

This fantastic event takes place the weekend of the 16th-17th March, 2013, beginning with a cruising race start of 10am on Saturday the 16th.

We are consolidating the numbers of entrants for the cruising race, so please respond via email [weiti@xtra.co.nz](mailto:weiti@xtra.co.nz) or phone on 09 424 5905 to let us know if you are entering. Response asap would be greatly appreciated.

Come on, lets get the highest number of entrants together for this year's combined race with Gulf Harbour Yacht Club!



# Weiti Fishing Contest

23rd – 24th March 2013

Entry: All members and their guests are invited to enter. Entrance fees are: \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 16 years and under. The entrance fee covers one or both days. Entries close at 5pm Friday 22nd; please enter well in advance to assist planning. To enter, please pay the entrance fee to the manager before 5pm Friday 22nd or, as a last resort, contact the manager on 09 424 5905 before 5pm Friday 22nd or phone Mike Rowe 021 027 32842 before 5pm Friday 22nd.

Weigh in: Sunday 24th 2.30 - 3.30 pm. Fish from Saturday should be held over on ice to Sunday but they should be date marked to satisfy fishing regulations if anglers exceed their daily limit. The clubhouse bar will be open. Hot smoked fish snacks will be served if anglers donate some of their catch. BBQ sausages will be available. All members and their guests are welcome.

Prize Giving: around 4.15 pm Sunday 24th

Prizes: Heaviest Snapper; Heaviest Kahawai. Average Weight Snapper. The judge(s) may award spot prizes for other notable catches such as John Dory, Kingfish and Gurnard. If any prize category is not satisfied, prizes will be drawn by ballot on Sunday.

Contest rules: Only fish caught on a handline or rod & reel are eligible. Auckland and Kermadec Fishery Management Area



Recreational fishing rules apply.

See: [www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Recreational/Fishery+Management+Areas](http://www.fish.govt.nz/en-nz/Recreational/Fishery+Management+Areas)

Fishing Area: bounded by: Wade River, Rangī Light, Rakino, Noises, Ahaa's, Flat Rock, Maori Rock,

Mahurangi, Whangaparaoa Bay, Tiri Channel. No fishing in reserves or exclusion zones.

Tides: Saturday 10.57am low, 5.15 pm high, 2.7m. Sunday 11.49am low, 6.11 pm high, 2.8m

Weather: Each skipper and angler must review the sea conditions and the marine forecast, and exercise safe and prudent seamanship when deciding to compete and / or put to sea. Skipper responsibility shall prevail.

This year the club's Patrol Boat is available to get people out fishing.

Those members who don't have a boat and would like to participate in this competition can submit their names to Louise in the office (Ph: 09 424 5905, email: [weiti@xtra.co.nz](mailto:weiti@xtra.co.nz) or write your names on the form on the club notice board).

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## Ladies Race

14th April 2013

Ladies - this is your chance to show them what you're made of.

Get out there and have some fun. There's a great pool of prizes from Curves and Hair Scene.

Start	Tide	Height
10.00 am	10.06 am	3.1 m

### Eligibility

A woman must be at the helm for the entire race, including pre-start.

At least 50% of the crew members must be women.



### After Race Function

The prize giving will be held at the clubhouse after the race.

Hot food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Please check the club's website for the latest information. [weiti.co.nz](http://weiti.co.nz)