

Manukau Yacht & Motor Boat Club

Newsletter February 2004

Greetings This newsletter: Club loses Patron; Gary Halton steps down as Commodore; National Hartley16 Champs in Thames; NZ Herald Auckland Anniversary Regatta; eulogy for a "proper gentleman"; upcoming events; updated junior training and coaching programme.

For any comments or suggestions, you can contact me (Peter Dentener) at the Club, or on ph 636-6245. Alternatively drop me a line by mail (9 Ashcroft Avenue), or email me at: peter.dentener@xtra.co.nz

Club loses Patron

It is with regret that the MYMBC records the loss, on 24 November 2003, of Graham Pullan. The Flag Officers, Committee and members extend their condolences to his wife Janet and the Pullan family.

Graham has always been interested in boats, helped further by his father's family's involvement with the Club from its early days. He sailed in his youth but did not get involved in much racing.

In the 1970s the Club sailed Flying Ants. As part of the Club's boat building programme, Graham built "Radiant" which was sailed by his sons Bruce and Ross.

He built the Club's first junior patrol boat, Waitoa, and skippered or crewed on the Club's senior patrol boat for many years.

Graham also built a Hartley16 which he named "Janet" after his wife. A carpenter by trade, Graham assisted in the building of the new Club house in the 1970s.

In his many roles, Graham has given more than 30 years of service to the Club. He was Commodore from 1973 to 1976, and President from 1983-1985. In 1999 he became a life member in recognition of his services to the MYMBC.

Recently Graham and Janet moved to Waihake but still maintained links with the Club. He even attended the 2003 AGM while not feeling well at

all. At the time of his death Graham was a Patron and Trustee of the MYMBC.

Graham was a real gentleman, loyal and dependable, and he will be sadly missed.

New Commodore

Gary Halton stepped down at Commodore at the November Committee meeting. The Committee thanked Gary for his contribution as Commodore. John Fairburn as Vice Commodore chaired the December meeting and Richard Tyson as Rear-Commodore will step in once John leaves for Tauranga (see later in this newsletter).

NZ Herald Auckland Anniversary Regatta

The MYMBC hosted the Auckland Anniversary Regatta in collaboration with a range of clubs around the Manukau Harbour. Auckland's Anniversary Regatta this year celebrated its 164th anniversary and is New Zealand's oldest sporting event and one of the world's biggest one-day regattas. A few years ago the Manukau Harbour became part of its racing programme, making it even bigger and better. According to the NZ Herald, the Regatta, featured 350 boats, 1000 competitors aged from 8 to 80, 35 classes and 10 courses on the Waitemata and Manukau Harbours.

On the Manukau, two races were sailed in light wind, attracting about 33 boats ranging from Opties, to P-class, Starlings, Sea Scout Cutters, Sunbursts, and a range of trailer sailors such as

Hartley16s and Noelex 22s. Mark Bradley (MYMBC) won both races in the Optimist class. Despite the light winds, this was an enjoyable Regatta both on and off the water.

Commodore's Corner!

My thanks to all committee and club members who helped to make the Anniversary Day Regatta such a success. Every one who had jobs did them, and those who made commitments carried them out. To assist with the day several people gave up the opportunity to race, and some even made their boats available to others. Thanks also to all the competitors and to the officials from other Manukau clubs who ran the day for the Anniversary Day Regatta Committee. Congratulations to the winners of the various divisions. The Manukau is a challenging environment where skill and local knowledge of wind and tide are essential for victory.

Parental support of our juniors was excellent and to see the fine performance of these young sailors must have provided much satisfaction to the Mums & Dads who were watching on the day. Mark Bradley, his first major regatta success, won the two Optimist races. Well-done Mark.

A charming lady who lives nearby gave the junior sailors a selection of first class stainless steel shackles and other hardware. Her father had manufactured these for his children many years ago when such products were not readily available. We thank her for this unexpected generosity.

Next year MY&MBC will support the regatta wherever tides are suitable at that time. Fair winds and a following sea.

Richard Tyson, Rear-Commodore.

Upcoming events

- **Junior learning to sail.**

For details, please contact Richard Tyson (ph. 620-4523) or Bill Bradley (ph 636-6079)

- **Upcoming races.**

March

Sunday 7	10.30	3 Races, Club Champs
Monday 15	18.00	Mid Week 4

Saturday 20	10.30	Match Racing
Sunday 21	10.30	Manukau Regatta, Waiuku
April		
Sunday 25	12.30	2 Races, Club Champs
May		
Saturday 22	19.30	Summer Prize Giving

- **Twenty fifth anniversary** of the Club house May 2004. Please pass on any suggestions for an appropriate celebration to the Committee.

OPTISAIL 2004

January 11th to 14th at The Royal Akarana Yacht Club, it was a great experience. I learned heaps and got to meet other sailors my age from other clubs. We got to go sailing for four one hour sessions every day. We had to wake up at six thirty for an hours exercise before breakfast.

On one of the sailing sessions we got to have lunch out in our boats. We had to get into "irons" so we wouldn't keep moving, not having to go ashore for lunch meant an extra session out sailing and that was fun.

Sailing across the harbour from The Akarana Club to Devonport was a highlight. It took only about 15 minutes as the wind was just right, about 10 knots. It felt more like flying than sailing.

Mark Bradley was with me at Opti sail and it was good having someone there that I knew especially from my own club. It was also a buzz having my own boat to sail every day and learning how to sail it and look after it. (I bought Marks old Opti).

Participating in Opti sail 2004 has given me a lot more confidence on the water and I am looking forward to trying out my new skills at the club over the remainder of the season.

Herangi Nock

Farewell to John Fairburn

John Fairburn and family fare welled Auckland mid January in exchange for a lifestyle in Tauranga. John has made a major contribution to the Club in the past few years. Not only did he drive and maintain the patrol boat, he was also instrumental in grant applications, and the Junior Learning to Sail programme. Keith Vazey and

Dick Tyson, on behalf of the MYMBC, acknowledged John and Denise's contribution on 9 January and presented John with a framed photo collage of his many activities with the Club. We wish them all the best in Tauranga.

Eulogy for a "true gentleman"

The Auckland District Law Society recently placed an obituary to Richard Hampson (past MYMBC Treasurer, and active sailor) on their web site. A few edited snippets from their eulogy that we can all associate with:

Richard Hampson was "as unorthodox as he was nice". About his time in Vanuatu (then New Hebrides): "...really a most unusual and respected lawyer..."; and "...everyone liked him, including the French...".

Richard also acted as a Condominium magistrate and a judge of the Joint Court. "...He made a success of those politically uncertain days by his unshakeable politeness and patience...".

"..Legal friends in Kerikeri remember him for his dignity and courtesy – a proper gentleman, someone said.

Please check their site for the full eulogy (www.adsls.org/news/archive2/issueno36/septnews16.asp).

National Hartley Champs at Thames

Three Club boats and crew competed mid January at the National Hartley16 champs in Thames. JK was sailed by Keith Vazey and Steve Pocock; Shoestring by Gary Halton and David Kernot, and Betty Boop by Craig Canute and Jarreth Insley.

Nine races were sailed over 3 days in very light weather conditions. Keith Vazey and Steve Pocock sailed "JK" to a creditable 3rd place on handicap. Keith Vazey commented that the Champs were very well run.

Club Access controlled by gate

Following placing low wooden posts along the grass verge at Kiwi Esplanade to stop car traffic

on the grass, the Council has recently installed gates on the road to the MYMBC and ramps to control car traffic after hours. These gates will be controlled by a security firm. Gates will be closed from 9pm-7am during summer, and 7pm-7am during winter. The Club has keys to the gate for "controlled" access outside the above hours.

Racing

Our new racing season is on its way. A reminder that racing fees are \$5 for seniors and \$2 for juniors, per race day (regardless of the number of races on that day). Please make sure that you pay the fee and fill in the race form **before** the start of the race.

Of interest?

If you are interested in second hand sails, the following may be of use. The MYMBC recently received the Summer brochure from Sailbrokers. Contact them by phone (ph 3096519) or email (info@sailbrokers.co.nz)

Club members will receive a discount at Mt Smart Marine (Beaumont Street) when showing their current membership card. We negotiated this when we purchased a large number of items for the patrol boat. Similarly, discount is available at Takapuna Boat Bits (and possibly other places when you ask for it!).

Please note that the MYMBC does not endorse any of the companies or products mentioned in the newsletter.

Quick recovery to Stu

Stuart Waugh found out to his detriment that mowing the lawn can be hazardous. As a result, he is in hospital with broken bones and a lacerated toe. We wish him a speedy recovery!

MYMBC subs overdue?

As per February 2004, several subs were still outstanding. Please note that Club subs were due in October 2003. If you have not paid yet, please do so now to support your Club. Unpaid subs may result in no further newsletters.

MY&MBC Junior Training & Coaching Program 2003/20004

Levels 1 & 2 Training

Date	Start	Tide	Height	Event
March				
Sat.6	10.00	11.24	4.0	Training on the water.
Sun.7	10.00	12.02	4.2	Racing Club Champs.
Sat.20	09.00	11.20	4.1	Training on the water.
Sat.20	10.30	11.20	4.1	Match racing option.
END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING				
Sun.21	10.30	11.00	4.2	Manukau Regatta Waiuku.
April				
Sat.24	12.00	13.14	3.8	Training on the water.
Sun.25 (Anzac Day)	12.30	13.52	3.7	Racing Club Champs.

Ahoy!

All Juniors & their Parents.

We will be commencing training on Saturday 6th of March as detailed above.

The racing programme still follows the Senior racing calendar, for those who wish to compete.

Arrangements can be made for those of you who wish to enter the Manukau regatta at Waiuku on Sunday 21st.

Remember to bring your own lunch on training days.

Best of luck!

From the Training Team.