

The Spinnaker

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Calendar

October 7

2006-07 Season Opening Day
Combined 'Bash' with WSAC

October 14

First race of the Spring Series

October 22

Old Salts reunion

November 22

First race of Twilight Series

Working Bee – September 23rd

There was an excellent turnout of members for the Working Bee, & the weather gods put on a great day to match. And what a wonderful team of workers they were. The scaffolding on the north wall of the clubhouse played host to as many as 13 people at a time, replacing the beading on the upstairs windows & applying three coats of paint to stop some pretty serious leaks around the windows. All the new building work around the downstairs balconies was also painted, as were the start box & clubhouse toilets. Many thanks to Steve Hazelwood & Resene for all the donated paint.

The clubhouse toilets are back in action again, with new lino & new facilities (*bowls, euww, too much information*). Along with all the usual work tidying up the hard stand & trailer park, there was also the unusual work when Russell Third dived on the slipway rails, apparently they were (stress on the word 'were') quite loose, but they're all ok now.

Cladding work on the east wall of the Start Box began, & committee boats Pania & Kokotahi were hauled out for a good bottom scrub, all ready for the new racing season. Add to that a good dose of gardening, a million paint brushes, a fabulous lunch provided by omni-present chef Yvonne, & all-in-all you have a very productive day. Anyone who was unable to help on the day can contact Club Captain, Matt McCullough, as there's still plenty of finishing-off jobs to be done. Anyone who hasn't contributed will be named in the next issue of the Spinnaker...nah, just kidding, we'll just frown at you lots.

A huge thank you to all those who put in the hours on the day, especially those who stuck around after lunch to finish the north wall & the toilet painting. Your work may not always be highly visible, but for the generations of yachties to come, it will be much appreciated. It's you workers who make clubs go round, give your halos a polish, you're all treasures. (Best emailed caption for the front page photos will go on the website, & what the heck, I'll buy you a drink as well.).

Alison Pritchard, on behalf of Matt McCullough, Man-of-much-hard-work-but few-words

2006/07 OPENING DAY, 7th October 2006

- 1100 hours** **Welcome and refreshments for invited guests**
- 1159 hours** **Rear Commodore to ring out Club bell**
- 1200 hours** **Official Ceremony**
 - Commodore's welcome
 - The Mayor breaks out the Club Flag
 - Cannon fired
 - Flag Officers break out Burgees
 - Blessing by Chaplain
 - Official party piped to the launch ramp
- 1300 hours** **Light luncheon served**
- 1345 hours** **Warning signal for race**
- 1400 hours** **Opening Day racing – all classes**
- 1645 hours** **Prize giving, including 2006 Winter Series**

“Opening Day kindly sponsored by Lion Nathan”

(to be followed by Mid-Winter Bash with WSAC at 1730 hours)

Sailing Academy Update

From Brent Frogley

Preparations are well in hand for the start of classes from 7th October. At the time of writing (25 September) the Junior class on Saturday mornings is almost full. The two Adult Beginners courses on Sunday mornings and Monday afternoons are approaching half full, and the Adult Intermediate course only has two registrations. The historical pattern has been a "flood" of applications during the last two weeks prior to classes commencing - so here's hoping that all our posters, phone calls, and community notice board radio advertising pays off!

The last three weeks have seen much activity with repairs, especially to the 420 hulls, being done in house, with substantial savings to the Academy and Club. A special thanks to Remy Thomassen, Rodney Adank, Grant Viggars, Ross Davies, Colin Lee and Murray Thomas, who are putting in much skill and many hours to get our boat fleet ready. Also to Neil Currie for his time in updating and refreshing our rescue boat drivers.

The LTS centreboard fleet is available for hire by Club Members, who are encouraged to take this opportunity to sail a different type of boat, or perhaps try a class of boat prior to deciding to purchase one. Hire costs are:

- Optimist \$10 a day with bond of \$100 for hires exceeding 1 day or away from Club
- Cadet \$20 a day with bond of \$250 for hires exceeding 1 day or away from Club
- Phase2/Sunburst \$25 a day with bond of \$250 for hires exceeding 1 day or away from Club
- 420 \$60 a day with bond of \$500 for hires exceeding 1 day or away from Club. 3 months prior Club membership is required for 420 hires.

Advance bookings are available for members who may wish to sail in a particular series, for example, all Club sailing Saturdays in the Spring or Summer series, or the 420 Nationals which are to be held at our Club over Easter 2007.

Please give Brent Frogley a call on 938-4680 if you are interested.

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it. - Dudley Moore

Builders of composite race yachts now offer Wellington an accessible workshop facility for repairs, refits and resprays. With a door height of five there is not even a need to come off your keel.

Recent jobs include chainplate and window replacement, and rudder repairs on 'Splash Palace' for Geoff Hurd; structural repairs and topside repaint on 'Esprit' for owners Cheryl Ferguson, Phil Bishop and Terry Steven; rudder rebuild on 'Titus Camby' for John Wood and prod installation on 'Supergroove' for Graham Rowe.

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The Black Shed

Things are generally quiet in The Black Shed just now. With the erratic winds and uncertain weather, many people have not been sailing as much as usual. The ground level in the shed is fully occupied; there have been a few boat sales but not enough to affect things. The weather forecasters have predicted a more windy-than-usual October and November. How greatly we hope for better weather after that!

The working bee seemed to go well, with a very good attendance of helpers. The Black Shed was left in peace on that day. A great deal of the work done was painting, cleaning and tidying and The Black Shed is not too bad as far as paint is concerned but will be considered for re-painting around the windows later, I think. I personally spent my day digging the dirt around the back and re-aligning a pathway to a walkway. It is so pleasant with just the sea lapping against the rocks in the reclaimed area there; and two pigeons joined me near the end of the day as they pecked at seeds and things where some grass is beginning to grow again.

Dorothy Fox

Vice Commodore's Comments

The Opening Day timetable is covered elsewhere in this issue. For those that intend to sail please watch the Start Box for Code Flag L which will denote a notice to competitors. The sign-on board giving the weather will be placed down at the bottom of the stairs, so that it is more accessible to competitors. Should you not be sailing, it would be appreciated if your vessel could be dressed for the occasion.

A briefing will be held Saturday morning of 14th October 2006. While this is not a mandatory meeting it would be an opportunity to raise any matters. Entries will then be taken for the Seasons Racing. The basis of the programme is the same as last year and is on the club's website.

At the last Mancom Meeting it was observed that a lot of members were still to pay their storage and/or subscription. I would refer those who have not paid to the Club's Constitution.

At a recent National Judges Exam four people sat the test and one will be applicable to become a Club Judge while two others sitting for the first time were not far from the pass mark of 65%. The fourth person is from a neighbour club and is applicable to apply as a National Judge. I am, therefore, wanting to have another Judges Seminar in Wellington in the near future and to that end would suggest any other people wanting to attend please email me.

Classes who wish to be represented at the pre race meetings please advise of your representative.

Let's hope that the weather plays its part in having a most successful season on and off the water.

Gary Wagstaff (garywagstaff@xtra.co.nz)

Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same. - George Bernard Shaw

Events Report

I am back from my Canadian trip, and looking forward to a successful Opening Day, and Spring Bash with the Wellington Surfcasting and Angling Club. Arrangements for both functions have been finalised and all that is required is the support of our members. Club Sub-Committee members put in many hours of voluntary work and we can show our appreciation of their hard work by supporting club functions. If you have not yet purchased your ticket for the spring bash please do so now, if not you may miss out, numbers are limited to 90 tickets between both clubs.

Mike Usher is organising the OLD SALTS FUNCTION on Labour Weekend. This is always a great 'do' so if you are an old Salt or a younger Salt, talk to Mike Usher about getting a ticket.

For some time our club rooms looked tired and were less than welcoming for our members and their guests. Its good to see this has been put to rights and our clubrooms are really looking very smart now, just in time for Opening Day.

A big thanks to the Events Committee who did a great job keeping things moving while I was absent overseas.

John Seggie
Events Officer

Letter to the Editor

I am a fairly new member of this Club and have been encouraged, and am very grateful of the help I was given, without even asking for it, just recently.

I was intending to hire the trailer boat lift because my trailer was badly in need of regalvanising. I was not only persuaded not to spend my money on the lift, which for a couple of weeks would have expensive and would have tied it up, but was offered help to take the trailer from under the boat, and when it was ready, to put it back. The first part was a little tricky with the help of a special lifting frame, however the second part was dead easy.

I am most grateful for Gary's help, which not only taught me how to do the work but also that there are people in the Club who give willing of their time and expertise. I am passing on this information because it shows the great attitude in the Club and should encourage others to do likewise.

Andrew Hyder

Sponsorship Update

Many thanks to Murray Thomas, our one-man-sponsorship-band. After a couple of quiet years on the sponsorship front, Murray has been putting in the time to re-activate this crucial part of club activity. Already we are grateful to the Eastern Suburbs Sports Trust, who are providing funds for First Aid Training for many of our club volunteers, & to Microsoft New Zealand, for providing assistance with recent upgrades to the club computer systems.

OLD SALTS REUNION

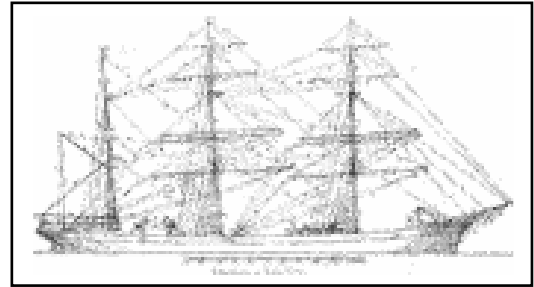
Labour Weekend Sunday, October 22nd, 1400 hours
(friends, non-members and not-so-old-salts welcome)

Tickets \$20 includes buffet tea, your first drink free & numbered tickets go into raffle. Talks are to be arranged

For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance with either Mike or the club on the phone numbers below.

To book tickets

call the club 939-4167
or Mike 027-240-5109



Harvest Portable Intruder Alarm.....Proposed Security Solution

Being a new member has been good by receiving welcomed advice, however I was concerned about one piece of advice. A number of members had told me that I shouldn't leave my outboard on the back of my boat. Even though we do have security firms who patrol the area it doesn't seem to stop things going missing i.e. props, motors and boat parts etcWhich got me thinking.

The ideal situation was to have a secure enclosure, however the next best option would be to catch the perpetrators by using a suitable alarm that would advise me immediately when someone tried to break into my boat or try to steal my outboard. All which led me to investigate what was available here and overseas. We have a local company who have what I believe a very good product. There is an information sheet posted at the club.

The Alarm comes in two styles...one with a sensor on a box...the smallest type. The other is disguised in a light fitting. The concept is simple, the alarm is fitted with a cellphone and has a number of circuits for connections for example :

1. Connection to a breaker switch ...i.e. hatch, locker, door etc
2. Trip switch ...trip wire
3. Breaker wirea cable if cut or broken e.g. attached to motor or prop
4. Built in Movement sensor...detects movement

The cost: \$950....I realise this is not cheap.

However this could also be an opportunity to reduce your insurance payments.

This price could also be reduced if we purchase 10 or more.

For all those interested please contact me personally.

David Wilcock
04 9391388 work, 027 424 4083 mobile



Your guide to salty language

Boom - 1. Laterally mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibing to shift crew members to a fixed, horizontal position. 2. The sound produced when an alcohol stove is used to convert a boat into a liquid asset.

Crew - Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down corners of charts & anchor cushions in place and dampen sudden movements of the boom.

Deck lines - There are any number of these. Among the most common are "Do you sail here often?", "How did you get interested in sailing?", "Here, let me help you with that", "Would you like a cushion/cocktail?", and "Want to take the tiller/wheel?"

Fish - Any living creature that does not call the CoastGuard when faced with the prospect of being submerged for more than one minute.

Propeller - Underwater winch designed to wind up at high speed any lines or painters left hanging over the stern.

Shower - Due to restricted space, limited water supplies and the difficulty of generating hot water, showers on board ships are quite different from those taken ashore. Although there is no substitute for direct experience, a rough idea of a shipboard shower can be obtained by standing naked for two minutes in a closet with a large, wet dog.

Zephyr - Warm, pleasant breezes. Named after the mythical Greek god of wishful thinking, false hopes and unreliable forecasts.

And now for a few more full-colour, action-packed, designed-to-make-those-of-you-who-didn't-turn-up-to-help-feel-guilty, photos of the super-productive Working Bee.



Just once, I wish we would encounter an alien menace that wasn't immune to bullets. - [Unknown](#)

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