



Motueka Yacht & Cruising Club Inc
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Message from Neil Clifton - Commodore

This is normally a quiet time of the year boating wise however a lot has been happening over recent months particularly in relation to clubhouse and marina improvements – things have certainly been busier than this time last year when we were working our way through lockdown.

With the passing of the shortest day it is time to start looking forward to summer boating again.

As part of the sailing programme this year, the club will be hosting a national yachting event, the second in the club's history.

Around the club

- **New entrance sign** - if you are down at the club it will be hard to miss our flash new entrance sign. Ken Eccles has done a great job leading this project and I think members will be impressed with its presence – both the design and beautiful night lighting.
- **Haulout** – the club is fortunate in having an efficient haulout service for club members with three trailers catering for a range of boat sizes. The haulout pad area has recently been re-gravelled and levelled and a new fence erected defining the perimeter of the haulout area from the road edge.
- **Marina** – for many years now, the club has persevered with lighting and power points on the marina that were well past their 'use-by date' incurring high maintenance costs. These have now been replaced with new lighting and power points which meet all of the legal standards required of a modern marina. A consequence of this is that berth holders connecting to power will need the correct power sockets. If you are unsure of the requirements please contact Tony Bishop – 027 528 7514.



In addition, the marina decking has been painted with non-skid paint. Both the electrical improvements and painting have given the marina real lift.



- Clubhouse** – over the last couple of years the club committee has overseen a series of improvements to the clubhouse and environs making it a great place to relax and socialise. Recent developments have included new tables, seating and outdoor heating for the western deck area. Bifold doors are currently under investigation. These would connect the new enlarged deck area with the clubhouse interior creating better indoor / outdoor flow. Also under investigation is replacement of some sections of the clubhouse wall cladding that has deteriorated, particularly on the eastern and north facing walls.



Celebrating the America's Cup win at the clubhouse.

Sailing activity and the TDC Mooring Area Review

The club made a submission to the TDC Mooring Area Review drawing their attention to the fact that a proposed mooring zone in the Motueka estuary impinged on part of the estuary that has been used by the club for dinghy racing for over 50 years. We suggested an adjustment to the mooring zone and at the time of this newsletter have yet to hear the outcome.

Noelex 22 Nationals

The club is hosting the Noelex 22 nationals from 5 – 8 February next year. This will be the second national yachting event the club has hosted – the first being the Paper Tiger Nationals back in 1993. Noelex 22s and Noelex 25s make up the bulk of our club's trailer yacht fleet. Our Noelex 22 fleet can look forward to some hot competition.



The Noelex 22 is a durable class of yacht that was design in New Zealand in 1968. It has been described as the perfect all-rounder and can still hold its own in mixed fleet racing against modern designs, particularly in a good blow.

Blokes and Boats

Tony Bishop stands proudly on the foredeck of Hine Moana II, built in 1968 by Jorgensen Marine at Waikawa. Tony is in a partnership that has owned the 11.5 metre boat for about 20 years. It's a kauri, carvel construction hull, powered by a 165 turbo charged Perkins diesel. The partnership initially had the boat at Riwaka and then re-located it to our marina as one of the original marina members. Tony says that over the years they've had to do very little work on the engine but the hull and deck have been stripped back and repainted. More recently a gabbard leak has been successfully repaired - for which he is grateful to Murray Robinson.



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM date has been set for Monday 16th August at 7.30pm at the clubhouse.

Last year we understandably had a small turnout due to COVID but we are hoping for a bigger attendance this year. Please come along, enjoy the evening and support your club.