



Summer club events

Monthly happy hours

Our monthly happy hours restarted in October and continue to be a popular social meeting for members at the clubhouse on Pohutukawa Ave. These are held every second Saturday of the month and are strictly BYO including use of our barbecue.



Some of our regular happy hour attendees with visitors from Perth.

Anniversary day picnic drama

Our decision to postpone the planned summer picnic from Auckland Anniversary weekend to Waitangi weekend proved fully justified by the weather and its effect on our site across the other side of Rocky Bay.



The photo shows the effect of the Anniversary weekend storm on our normal site for the picnic. This tree fell the night prior and right on the spot where our barbecue and toilet are normally located.

Waitangi weekend picnic

In the event the summer picnic went well located at Mary Wilson reserve. Attendance was good and it was good to see old faces plus welcome a lot of our new members.



Fishing Competition underway

Our year long fishing competition is well underway but the leading fish so far is a mere 43 cms. We know there will be bigger ones out there soon so come on, amateurs, pay your entry fee of \$25 and get dangling. First prize is \$150.



Pay the entry fee to Rocky Bay Cruising Club ASB **12-3114-0065789-00** and reference Fishing Comp. The photo show how to present an entry, that is, by a tape measure showing length from the V in the tail to the tip of the nose. Using a measure enables you to release the fish live back into the sea if you want. Only fish caught within sight of Koi Island can be entered.

Boat haulage

Service to members

Our haul out facility on Pohutukawa Ave can handle launches and yachts up to 9 tonnes. We also have water blasting and power supply to enable low cost maintenance and repairs

Contact Slipmaster John Laurent on 0274 505505 or johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz

Mooring users and kayakers

Book your November mooring inspection

Now is the time to contact Mark Stratton for Tidal Engineering in November. We also have no extra spaces to store kayaks on the shed deck at the moment.

Contact Mark Stratton on 027 285 4114 or mecstratton@hotmail.com

New caps available now

New styles popular @ \$35 each



Contact Robyn Southwood on rhmcc762@gmail.com

Boating tips from Captain V. How to fathom nautical measurements

We have as mariners a traditional language and culture and this is most prevalent in navigation. The following units all have their place in measuring and navigating.

- **Fathom:** 6 feet or 1.85 meters
- **Shackle:** is a unit of length equal to 15 fathoms, 90 feet, or 27.432 meters, is used to measure anchor chain. In my own yacht I normally run one shackle of anchor warp and chain as a minimum.
- **Cable:** A unit of length equal to 0.1 nautical mile, which is 10 shackles or 185.2 meters.
- **Nautical mile:** 10 cables or 1853 meters
- **Knots :** our traditional speed measurement, 1knot is 1853 meters per hours or 1.83 kilometers per hour
- **Degrees:** 1 degree of latitude is 60 nautical miles

Coming events to note

(Please note, entry to events from this date on can only be made available to fully paid up members)

End of summer picnic

To be held at Whakanewha regional park on Saturday, 21 March, 11am to 3pm. This is bring your own food and drink and is proving very popular

Half day fishing competition

Date set for 4 April 6am to 2pm. Enrolment at ramp in Rocky Bay from 6,00am. Entry \$10 per fisherman or woman, \$5 under 15 years. A range of prizes plus a BBQ and presentation starting at 2.00pm. Goodies bag for every participant.

Mid winter dinner

We are pleased to confirm the time and date for this event being 30th May 5pm to 9pm. \$15 per head with maximum of 35 people. This will be at the Stockman's residence in Woodside Bay again and will feature a main course provided by our hosts. In addition, please bring finger foods and your own liquid refreshments.

This event was over subscribed last year so I suggest get in quick!

Sign up with John Laurent at johnlaurent@extra.co.nz
Payment to ASB - Waiheke Island Rocky Bay
Memorial Cruising Club 12-3114-0065789-00

Note: A sponsor of our club.

Brad Atkinson of Buildit has been a big supporter over the years applying his excellent building skills.



A gentle day in the bay.....



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