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Ave  
Rocky Bay  
Waiheke Is.

# Rocky Bay Memorial Cruising Club

Newsletter November 2023



## Coming events

### Keep Saturday 27 January 2024 free for club picnic

We are planning our first social event for 2024 for Saturday 27 January at a venue yet to be determined. We are keen to invite non boat owning members to cruise as crew or passengers on members' boats as an on the water experience. Keep this date clear and watch for emails advising time, place, boat departure arrangements etc. We will have the barbecue going and toilet facilities available at our destination. Travel by your own vehicle will also be an option for landlubbers.

Photo by Peter Rees Photography



### Happy hours proceeding well

Next clubhouse happy hour will be 4.00pm Saturday 9 December.



Our happy hours are from 4pm every second Saturday of the month and are proving very popular. The photo shows a band of members enjoying the socializing with BYO and the barbecue for your own sausages.

A visitor from Koi Island even showed up and helped clean up afterwards.

#### **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 Mike Lane on 027 456419**

#### **Attention mooring owners**

Plan for 2024/rent your spot?

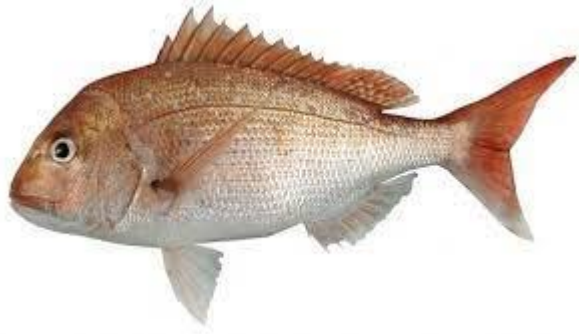
Our Moorings Coordinator will be contacting owners to be put on the list for Tidal Moorings Ltd to certify in April/May next year. Additionally if you have a vacant mooring you can rent it over summer  
**Contact Mark Stratton on 027 2854114**

#### **Slow down please**

Observe 5 knot limit

A reminder that the speed limit in any mooring area is 5 knots. With summer coming there will be people swimming in the bay. Take care





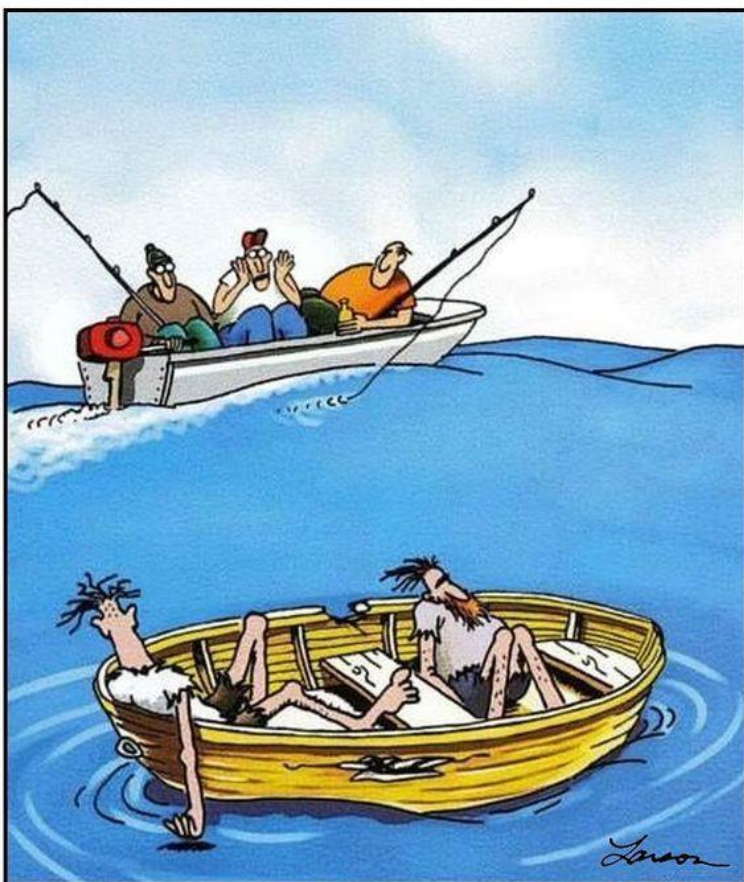
## Fishing Competition begins

The annual fishing competition is underway. This runs for a year from 11 November. Prizes are awarded on length of snapper which must be caught within sight of Koi Island. To enter pay \$25 to the club account and designate the payment "Fishing Comp". Account is **Rocky Bay Memorial Cruising Club ASB - Waiheke Island** 12-3114-0065789-00. To enter a fish take a photo of the fish next to a measuring device such as a tape measure. You are then free to release the fish. Email your photo to [johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz)

## We want to hear from you.

The newsletter editor is keen to publish stories from members about their experiences on the water. Contact editor John Laurent on [johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnlaurent@xtra.co.nz)

## Joke department



"You boys got a bottle opener???"

## Clean up coming to shed!

Attention anyone who has left or stored stuff in the shed. The committee is shortly to conduct a thorough clean out and any unused or abandoned gear will be disposed of. Our advice if you have left gear behind other than your allocated dinghy is to rescue it now. The only things we allow dinghy owners to store in the shed are oars and pumps for inflatables

## Tide clock installed at boat shed

Titus Heydenrijk with his home built tide clock installed at the boat shed. This device runs on the lunar clock and automatically shows the next high and low tide times. Clever!



## 2023 AGM

### A productive year and a renewed committee

Commodore Steve McElligott reviewed the progress made by the club during 2023. He expressed his appreciation to Mark Stratton, Brad Atkinson, Archie Reynor and Titus Heydenrijk for the work done on repairing the slipway and jetty platform. Also noted were the steady growth in member numbers. Steve announced that he was retiring from the position of Commodore after seven years in the role. Thank you Steve for your service.

Treasurer Mike Boston confirmed that the bills for the large repair jobs had all been paid and that the club still has a good reserve to meet future contingencies. The meeting agreed to raise fees for haul out services which are still cheaper than any other haul out facility in Auckland. Subs are still the same as last year.

The new committee was elected:

- Commodore: John Laurent.
- Treasurer: Mike Boston
- Slipmaster: Mike Lane
- Titus Heydenrijk
- Arche Reyner
- Vice Commodore: Mark Stratton
- Secretary: Robyn Southwood
- Brad Atkinson
- Clive Lonergan
- Steve McElligott