

1. **"Haumoana"** Owned by Dave and Glenys Wilson. 31' Kauri launch designed and built by Colin Wilde in 1947.



2. **"Ellen"** Owned by Helen and Grant Wallace. Length: 8 metres. Of strip plank cedar she was built 2004 from a "plug" taken off an old abandoned hull found in Kopu. She is a "Milkmaid" design by Bailey & Lowe built by Malcolm Sowman. "Ellen" is powered by a 29 HP diesel with standard straight drive.



3. **"Arapawa"** Owned by Rachel & Warwick Jamieson. Probably built by Ernie Lane around 1906 to 1915. Length: **9.2m** Used in the Sounds as a ferry to Arapawa Island. Brought to Rotoiti in 1996 by Michael & Mary Taylor, Rachel's parents, and has been in every parade since the start of these annual parades.



4. WITHDRAWN **"Carbis Bay"** Owned by Tracey Mackay and Maureen Clarkson, a 7.6 metre Launch built for the Hill family in 1986. She is a Salthouse KB760 design.



5. **"Avalon"** Owned by Keith and Karyn Larkin, built 1953, 21 foot kauri launch.



6. **"Rainbow"** Owned by Rod and Florence Prosser. Designed and built by Chaz Robinson at Ohiniamutu, a 24 foot Kauri launch. Rainbow was built in Rotorua for a family at Rainbow Point, Lake Taupo in 1930. Built of solid kauri, Rod and Florence purchased her in 2017 and bought her back to Rotorua. Being beamy for her size, she's a great lake launch and recently the outdoor cockpit has been extended to sit outside and enjoy the summer sun.#



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7. **"Relax-ay-vooo"** Owner: John Duncan, Built 1997, Length: 9m, Designed by Bruce Askew.



8. **"Windsong"** Owned by Jim & Shirleyanne Burch, a 27' Shipbuilders design, built 1960 of D/D ply construction.



9. **"Doris"** Owner: Peter Taylor. She was built in **1950** at the Deeming shipyard in Opuia for a wealthy farmer who owned land on the Purerua Peninsular in the Bay of Islands. She has spent all her life in the BOI and was used to pull barges and take supplies from Kerikeri, Opuia and Paihia. Her statistics are 24 ft long, 8 ft beam carvel hull with 1 inch kauri plank on close framing. She has a new Kobota 27 hp diesel and gearbox but apart from that, is in original condition. A friend and I motored her down from Kerikeri to Westhaven (23 hours at 6.5 knots and just as well the sea was calm!) and from there she was transported to Rotoiti.



Renovated by Tony Mitchell in 2007 with a total repaint, new roof with 2 hatches and new glass.

10. **"Manowai"** Owned by Dennis Walsh. A 32' kauri planked launch built around 1920 possibly built by Bailey & Lowe, designer unknown. She was found in disrepair in a storage shed at Hampton Downs car racing track and bought to Rotoiti for restoration. The boat restoration was carried out by Alan Craig Marine over a 2 year period and launched in 2015.



11. **"Mirabelle"** Owned by John and Carolyn Brough. Designed by Tony Mason. Built by Sutton Mason & Co. 1975. 17 feet. A three owner boat with the middle owner keeping it for 40 years. Lived most of it's life at Kinlock, Taupo and has only been used in fresh water. It is very original with its original 85hp Mercury Outboard and a new Yamaha Auxillary motor. It is based at Okere Falls, Lake Rotoiti.



12. **#"Achernar"** the brightest star in the constellation Eridanus and used to determine south. Renamed **"Betty"** by Adm."Bull" Halsey in the War years. Purchased by Don and Dianne Atkinson in August 2008.



History as told by previous owners:

1939 The only launch designed by R L Stewart a well known yacht designer for his father. Built by Collings & Bell that year in their yard in St Mary's Bay, now known as Westhaven. Plans are in the NZ Maritime Museum.

Kauri plank construction, Hull 30ft 10in, Beam 9ft 2in.

When war broke out Achernar was taken over by the Navy. In the latter part of the war Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, US 3rd Fleet, used the boat when on Rest and Recreation in Auckland renaming her Betty. Admiral Halsey despite committing what is considered one of the greatest blunders in naval history (Battle of Leyte) went on to become US Fleet Commander in 1945. After the war Achernar was shipped to the US but was dropped and broke a number of ribs enroute in Fiji. She was shipped back to NZ.

Achernar had a number of owners from that time on in Auckland - Mr Seager of Seagers Engineering Takapuna, Tauranga - local Surgeon Harry Gilbert, Thames - Mr Bill Cotton, and then back north spending most of her time in the Bay of Islands, around Great Barrier, the Gulf and Mayor Island - Dr Graham and Andrea Witney.

1984 saw a major refit and a flying bridge added at the Lane Motor Boat Co in the Tamaki River.

1993 gearbox & shaft replaced, new motor was able to be lowered and moved aftwards so as to be accommodated under the rear seats in the main cabin & forward seat in the cockpit.

2008 upon purchase the flying bridge was taken off and she was restored by Mike Lowe as close as possible to her original colours and shape.

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13. **"M V Snark"** Owners: William & Caroline Main, Length: **7.8m** mullety. Originally built in **1912**, the hull was found in the mud at Tauranga by Geoff Main and rebuilt by G.Main & N.Macky in 1990. Relunched in 1992. Since then has entertained many people on Lake Rotoiti.



14. **“Mako”** Owned by Rob and Ron Steele, 28’ kauri clinker launch built by Okawa Bay Boat Builders in 1924. Formally owned by Paul Adams and acquired in early 2020 by Rob & Ron Steele of Auckland. Since owning the boat, Rob has replaced all swabs to match it's new Navy Blue hull as painted by Alan Craig, changing from White to Blue and also tidy up vanish works.



Mako, will be loved by her new family and will remain on Lake Rotoiti for the next generations.

New paint job is now navy blue.

15. **“Revenge”** Length: 36’. Built by Charles Erik Thompson and Son Aratapu in 1905 but no other details, of fine Scandinavian origins, she resided on the Kaipara Harbour for 110 years until 2015 when purchased by the current owner Michael Marston who relocated and relaunched her 1 October 2015 on Lake Rotoiti.



She is of carvel plank counter stern design, built of kauri with puriri cross floors and pohutakawa ribs and is fixed by copper nails and roves.

Built & launched at a cost of 95 pounds, she originally had a cast iron wheel “which was flaming cold on frosty mornings”. The mast is now a flag pole on a front lawn at Tinopai.

She was built as a sailing fishing boat for Morgan Bros who sold her to Edgar Brown who sold to the Fisheries Branch of the Marine Department in late 1930.

Early on she evidently had a Twigg 40hp, which the Fisheries Department replaced with a Kelvin-Ricardo 24-30hp “paraffin engine” in October 1930.

The Fisheries Department then sold her to their skipper Bunny Tilby in 1948 who then sold her to Colin McPike who sold her to Bill Pook who sold her to Bob Moyle in 1968.

Bob Moyle had Eric Williams convert her to a pleasure vessel (i.e. new cabin, bulwarks and hull work etc) which is the state she is still in today.

Bob Moyle also replaced the 4 cylinder Ford with the current 6.2 litre straight-6 Ford diesel of 150HP.

Sold by Bob Moyle in about 2012 to Fiona Johnson & Peter Cathro, who then sold to Michael Marston in 2015.

16. **“Nautilus”** Owned by Robbie & Anne Sinclair. Kauri planked vintage launch built by Lane's in Auckland **1948**. Has been on Lake Rotoiti since 1996. Before that at Tauranga. Length: **27’** Owned by Buzz Rathbone and Gus Gardner 1996 to January 2012.



17. **“Tirohia”** Owned by Nigel Donne. 1984 Marlborough 7 metre launch. Nigel bought the boat in November 2020. The boat had a brief history used in both Tauranga and Whangamata. Before that she spent most of her life on Lake Taupo.



18. **“Sir Francis”** Owned by Paul Drake, a 1916 Collings and Bell 22’ launch. Built as Fairy, and named Aloha when purchased by grandfather Drake in 1938 in Napier. So he renamed her Sir Francis. She has been owned by the Drake family ever since - that is 82 years - and today is the first time she has left Lake Taupo in all those years. She is powered by a four cylinder 1937 Universal Marine Petrol engine.



19. **“Diana”** Bob & Jane Smith. Length **28 feet**. 1936 Carvel built Vintage Launch designed by John Atkins and built by Renovations, CT Marine. Diana has had a major refurbish and was relaunched in September 2008.



20. **“Maggie”** Owned by John Mace and Kaye Lillico. Designed and built by Roy Parris 1982, she is an 18’6” kauri clinker launch.



21. **“Elva”** Owners; Grant & Gillian Cossey. Built by Collings and Bell in **1911**, vintage kauri launch, Elva was displayed at the 1912 Auckland Boat Show. The name originates from one of Mr. Collings three daughters. Owned by Hugh Preston, she was used around Auckland, Kawau and Great Barriers Islands. Elva was purchased from north of Auckland by Malcolm Pearce in 2002 in need of a coat of paint and a bit of normal boat type maintenance. Purchased in 2004 by Grant Cossey and Nigel Brock. Length: 22 feet, **6.6m**.



22. **"Solent"** Owned by Dave and Chris Ede
6.6m Vintage Launch previously owned by Graeme & Joan MacDonald.



23. **"Kotuku"** Owned by Noel & Colleen Nicholson
Kotuku is a 28 foot double skin kauri launch built by Robinson Brothers Boat Builders in Rotorua in 1923. She has a beam of 8'6" and a draft of 2 ft. Her early uses were varied and interesting, she operated as a tourist launch out of Okawa Bay and was used for lake weed spraying around Rotoiti.



Kotuku was purchased by Jack Bloomfield of Auckland sometime around the 1930's. She remained in the Bloomfield family of Gisborne Point for 3 generations.

Kotuku was originally powered by an Ailsa Craig Marine Engine that required cranking to start. She was re-powered and had a major refit when the cabin was altered in the 1950s.

A Grey Marine 6 cylinder engine was installed at that time and for a long period of time she was housed, maintained and serviced by a Mr Harris at Otaramarae.

In the 1970s she was sunk in her boatshed when youths tampered with the water intake, but was refloated without permanent damage.

During a refit in the 1980s she had a Volvo Penta 140HP motor installed and had a major upgrade of her propeller shaft and rudder.

March 2005 she was taken to Tony Mitchell's boat building yard at Otaramarae, Lake Rotoiti where she was given a complete refit before her re-launching in October 2005. Previous owners were Alec & Verene Buchanan

24. **"Richmond Rose"** Owned by Sir Douglas Graham, the 26' kauri planked, Logan vintage launch is thought to have been built around 1908. The shoal-draft launch is powered with a 9.9hp four stroke outboard motor through a well near the transom which pushes her up to nine knots.



25. **"Princess"** Owners: Allan and Ronda Clark. Length: 6.9 metres. Beam: 1.85 metres. Draft: 550 mm

She was built by Allan Clark mainly with Fijian Kauri and plywood. The hull being two layers of diagonal plywood strips over stringers and frames then fibre glassed.

She was painted by Gloss Boats Ltd at Westhaven.

The engine is a 30 hp Kubota diesel with a twindisk marine gearbox supplied by Chris Moon Engines Ltd of Avondale.



26. **"Sambuca"** Owned by Buzz & Patsy Rathbone. 24' launch designed and built in 1957 by Tony Mason. Built of cedar plank and fibreglassed. Interior wood of mahogany. Powered by a new 220hp Mercruiser inboard outdrive. Brought from Tauranga – previous owner was Bill Mitchinson.



27. **"Caravel"** Owner: Richard Stevens. Built: 1962. Length: 6.1m. Built by the late Norm Keen for the late Chip Stevens of Hauparu Bay. Kauri planked (carvel) construction with teak decks and mahogany cabin. Powered by original 75 hp Volvo Penta BB70 petrol engine (approx 1700 hours from new). Caravel was styled after the Thames police launches of the 1950's and design criteria included that the engine was not to encroach on cabin space, she had to accommodate guests in the cockpit or in the cabin (sitting headroom) without undue changes in trim and her dimensions were limited by the existing shed and cradle. Norm, a master craftsman, created this beautiful example of traditional boat building at his boat yard in Okawa Bay during the winter of 1962. She was launched on Christmas Eve and has been a familiar sight on the Lake ever since. **Launch, Merit Award, 2005 Parade.**



"Caravel" features as the cover story in "Boating NZ" February 2015

28. **"Emperor"** was built in 1932 Length: 7.6m. Designer: Charles Bailey
Owner: Alan Griffiths. Entered and skippered by Jason Griffiths.
Built in Auckland in 1932 for use on Lake Rotorua. This kauri boat spent its first 15 years on Lake Rotorua before being sold to R. Deare in 1947 for use on Lake Rotoiti. At that time the cabin was modernised and a new Morris Commodore 6 cylinder petrol engine was fitted by the then well known Ian Harris, boat repairer, Otaramarae. The present owner purchased the boat in 1996 from Ian Steele. A light weight diesel has replaced the mighty "Morris" which was donated to the Maritime Museum at Paeroa.



29. **"EM"** Owned by Stephen Knowles. 28' Kauri launch designed and built by Robertson in 1970.



30. **"Cappy"** was built in 1953.

Designed and built by Baileys, Length: 8.5m.

Spent early life at Paremata - owned by Mr. Roberts in early 1960's. In early 1980's sold to Mr. Pain and became neglected.

A local boat builder Brian Billings was next owner and in 1986 she was relaunched in river at Mana after being

completely rebuilt in a shed at Craters Edge. Cappy spent

short time at Napier before going to Waikawa where, after owner's financial troubles,

she was sold to Ron Spinks of Christchurch in 1988. At Ron's funeral 3-4 years later

the story was told of how he, with his mate, his lunch box and a big bottle of gin, had

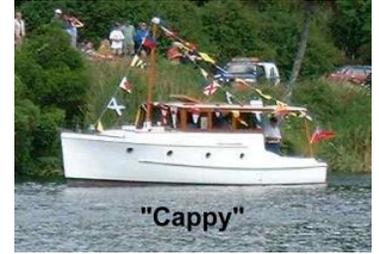
motored "Cappy" to Lyttleton. Purchased by Kevin Wild in 1992 she was altered to

make her more comfortable. With her wood burning stove worth its weight in gold

during Lyttleton winters, she was always the boat for socialising. Owned by John

Anderson since 1998, she was refitted at Peter Marks yard in Tauranga. Now kept at

Otaramarae.



31. **"Lady Beth"** Owned by Ted Taiatini, Chris & Simon Moore. Built 1920. Wooden planked, Length 23ft. Her first service was in

Whakatane as a picnic and tour boat, then off to Napier

to do the same. Next she moved to Taupo. She came to

Rootiti about 40yrs ago. Previously named Hidden

Agenda and owned by Rhys & Cath Van Sitter,

managers of the Manupirua Hot Pools. Earlier lake

owners are the Ruebes and the Camerons.

She has spent about 20 months at Alan Craigs boatbuilding Shed and been

transformed into her new configuration. Her inboard has been replaced by a 9.9hp

outboard in a concealed well. The glass house is made of teak and a teak bowspit and

duckboard were fitted with stainless anchor and remote windlass. During restoration

is was noted she originally had 2 portholes each side, not just the 1. So stainless ones

were imported from Italy. The wheel is from Ian Harris. Ted completed the engine

and electrical installations. Still some refinements to be done on the inside. . Named

after Chris & Simon's mother who was born the same year the launch was and loved

the lake since coming on her honeymoon in 1942.



32. **"Louise"** Owned by Glenn & Michaela Baker, 31' Kauri launch built in 1991 by Calvin Berriman, designed by Bruce Askew.



33. **"Dalmatinka"** Owned by David Eagle. A 1980 Hartley. She was built in Tauranga for two brothers and launched in about 1980, David is the fourth owner and have had her for about 7 months. He had been looking for a classic wooden trailer launch for quite some time. She is a Hartley Marksman, approx 7 meters and was strengthened over and above original plans. She weighs around three ton on the trailer and is powered by a 130hp Volvo diesel driving through a Volvo 280 stern leg. Cruise speed around 16 to 18 knots, top speed around 27 knots. Sleeps four, has a small head and a small galley. Handles like a dream. Going to start some painting over winter.