

RIPPLE



COMMODORES LOG, OF THE LAKE ROTOITI CLASSIC & WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION

AHOY,

Welcome to the second edition of Ripple. Planning is well underway for the 30th Parade Celebrations over Waitangi Weekend 2027 with our Annual Parade scheduled for SUNDAY 7th February, 2027 - so put a ring around that date on your calendar.

I'd like to thank Rod Prosser, Colouring in Department, for designing our fabulous 30th Parade logo, I think you'll all agree it looks pretty smart.

I note that our Facebook page has 979 followers, so we are certainly growing our reach and connections with likeminded classic boat folks.

This issue introduces Ian Sneddon one of our new committee members, details our new Brokerage Service, registrations are open for a Seagull Workshop, a callout for those interested in attending a VHF Radio course and kicks off our summer Okere Falls Store Tuesday coffee catchups and don't forget our Spring Into Summer BBQ at the Hot Pools later in November.

Coming Events

Tues 6th October Coffee & Company 1000 Okere Falls Store

Now that were past winter we will be starting our regular monthly coffee catchups on the first Tuesday of the month at the Okere Falls Store.

Sun 15th November Seagull Workshop 1000-1500 10 Marino Road Ngapuna

Workshop to be run by Chris Croul of Simply Seagulls to repair and get some of our Seagull up and running.

Limited to the 10 entries, so get your registration in quick.

Link for booking: <https://form.jotform.com/262601031068850>

Sun 29th November Spring into Summer BBQ 0900-1100 Lake Rotoiti Hot Pools

Summer is just around the corner and its time to get you boat out on the water and catch up with the crew. We have exclusive access to the pools for two hours, giving us the perfect chance to enjoy a relaxing soak followed by a delicious catered BBQ breakfast. We welcome all classes of boats at this event. Link for booking: <https://form.jotform.com/242941495269872>

Sat 2nd January New Year Picnic 1100-1300 Lake Rotoiti Cruise

Sun 3rd January Dinghy Day 1000-1400 Wairau Bay

Festival of Boating 30th Celebration Events February 2027

Link for Booking: <https://form.jotform.com/253006886853869>

Friday 5th 1600 hrs Peter Mitchell is organising a **Classic Boat Display on the Village Green** at the Rotorua Lakefront, This is a great opportunity to check out the boats up close and talk to their owners, then slide across the road to Eat Street for dinner.

If you'd be interested to display your boat please get in touch with Peter Mitchell ASAP.

A BIG THANK YOU to Shaun Vennell Quality Print Taupo who has again kindly offered to sponsor & print window cards on A3 plastic sheeting, so they stand the test of time and water, for the display boats.

Saturday 6th Shakedown Day on Rotoiti

I encourage you to join with your friends and across the various boat classes and get out on the water for an informal leisurely day. I will be joining the Albatross guys for our 3rd All Albatross Day - we meet for coffee at 10am, have a spin on the lake and arrive with our picnic lunches at an arranged spot for lunch, a great way to get into the celebrations weekend. Who can put their hand up to be a Captain & organise a Class Group? You simply need to arrange a meet up time & location and a picnic spot for lunch. We envisage Launches, Wooden Quick Craft, Retro Boats, Dinghy's, Albatross's will form flotilla to have a relaxed social day on the lake.

Please contact commodore@woodenboatparade.co.nz if you want to assist organising a group.

30th Parade Celebration Dinner

Saturday 6th Feb 1700 hrs we will be joining together for a formal **30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**, with a guest speaker, beautiful buffet and music to be enjoyed, at the Distinction Hotel, located at the corner of Fenton & Sala Streets.

Unfortunately, we have been advised that accommodation at the Distinction Hotel is now booked out over the weekend.

This very special occasion and we hope that even if you're not on the water for the 30th Annual Parade that you will make the effort to join us for dinner and refresh memories of days on the lake and renew friendships.

The Committee resolved to extend a Special Invitation to our Life Members and Past Commodores to acknowledge their longstanding support of the Association, it will be great to have them celebrate this occasion with us.

The Captains Briefing for the 30th Parade, 1730 hours Saturday 6th February at the Distinction Hotel, please attend so you are clear on the parade details, you're welcome to attend the social time even if you are not dining.

Sunday 7th February 2027 1100 hours 30th Annual Parade Assemble from 1000 Okere Arm

The change of day is to allow members to travel either side of the event because Monday is the Waitangi Day public holiday. Postponement days will be Monday 8th February.

Post the parade we will again be having a Stand up function at the Ramada on the Ohau Channel. We have booked the Tim Armstrong Band to provide live music so get ready to dance the evening away.

Monday 8th (weather permitting) we will have another lake day with an **In-Side-Out Cruise** to hunt the bouys around the lake, which runs several different courses for differing classes of craft. Details TBC, the event will conclude at Wairau Bay at 1300 with a BYO Picnic - again if you just want to run down the lake for a picnic with friends family and like minded boaties then you're more than welcome.

We already have confirmation that a number of boats will be travelling up from the South Island to join us which is exciting. I'm hoping you will all make the effort to get your boats on the water and make this a really special celebration of our 30th Annual Parade.

SEAGULL WORKSHOP

SIMPLY  SEAGULLS



Chris Croul of Simply Seagull's has offered to tutor a Practical Workshop on all things Seagull and Ross Birchall @ Birchall & Maunder has kindly offered space in his workshop for us, this is an opportunity to learn the operational and maintenance detail about Seagull engines.

The Lake Rotoiti Classic & Wooden Boat Association has a number of seagull engines that have been donated to the association over the years and its time they were on the water...

We are offering to members the opportunity to have one of these engines for the princely sum of \$50 to complete the workshop to get your engine running sweetly under expert guidance from Chris.

The complete deal will be a \$50 charge for an engine for the engine & attendance of the workshop. Note that any repair parts required will be at your own cost.

We don't expect that there will be much required beyond some small parts [we will check prior to the best of our ability to make sure there are no major issues with the engines], we want you to leave with a running engine and the skills to keep it going.

You will leave the day with some useful skills, and a sweetly running stunning piece of British engineering to take away with you.

There are a few provisos...

- 1: That you are a LRC&WBA member; &
- 2: That you agree bring your engine & a dinghy to Dinghy Day Sun 3rd January 2027:&
- 3: If in the future, you no longer want to run the engine, it comes back to the LRC&WBA.

Date: 15th November

Time: 1000 -1500

Location: Birchall & Maunder 10 Marino Road, Ngapuna

Link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/262601031068850>

We are working on having a sandwich lunch provided, see registration form. Tea & Coffee provided

PS: If you have your own engine & it needs some TLC you'll also be able to bring it to the workshop & get it running sweetly for a \$20 donation to the Association.

Seagull Toolkit

It will greatly assist the running of the workshop if you can dig into your toolbox and assemble the following tools, of course then this will be the toolkit that you carry to service your engine.

1/4" W spanner/socket or 5/16 BS -for head and gearbox pinch bolts

3/16"W or 1/4 BS -for crankcase

1/8W -for carb pinch bolt

Large flat blade screwdriver for gearbox

Hand style impact with flat blade

Hammer

Pliers for split pins

Points file

VHF Radio Course

Having two sources of communication from water craft is recommended by CoastGuard. If you don't have a current operators licence, own a VHF radio or have one installed in your boat, or are contemplating getting a VHF radio then this is the opportunity to get up to speed as an approved operator. It is a legal requirement for all users of VHF radios to be Licensed Operators under maritime regulations.

I recently completed this course, it was easy and covered all the legal & practical requirements and added another layer of safety to my boating.

If you are interested in getting a VHF Radio Operators Licence, I am arranging a course thru CoastGuard, to be run by John Ferguson, who tutors a simple one day 6-hour course, concluding with a simple multi-choice test. Successful completion gives you a life-time VHF Operators Certification and the ability to apply to CoastGuard for a Registered CallSign for your boat.

The course will be arranged to run on a Sunday commencing at 10am (Date & Rotorua locality,TBA) and will need 15 persons to be a viable proposition. The cost is \$100 per head, significantly cheaper than the alternative online course.

Link for registering interest of attendance: <https://form.jotform.com/262627950213860>

Wairau Bay Picnic Tables

Your committee has just accepted a quote from Tasso Engineering - with a substantive discount THANK YOU Taslo - to repair the damaged (remember a tree fell on one) and to manufacture 3 new tables for Wairau Bay. We will arrange to get these installed ASAP once they are constructed. We will place two near the shore and two further back from the beach.

If you're able to offer assistance with the installation please get in contact with-
Warrick Jamieson 027 281 2802

Boat Brokerage Service

After much discussion the Committee has resolved to allow our Web and Facebook pages to include an electronic Boat Brokerage Service.

The Brokerage will allow boat listings by submitting a listing request to either our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RotoitiBoatClub> or web page <https://woodenboatparade.co.nz> and by agreeing to simple the Terms & Conditions. There will be a small charge of \$90 per listing with funds being used to support the association.

Introducing - Ian Sneddon

Ian Sneddon joined the committee following the AGM in June. We welcome him aboard and with his enthusiasm for all things Rotoiti and the wooden boat fraternity, I'm sure he will be an asset to our association.

Ian spent his working life in Auckland and purchased a bach in Otaramarae 8 years ago and subsequently a house in Whangamoa Drive 3 years ago to live permanently at the lake.

His interest in all things lake related lead him to ownership of a classic wooden boat Nautilus, to enable him to enjoy all that Lake Rotoiti has to offer.



Wooden boats require love and lots of attention so when he's not occupied with the boat upkeep Ian can be found fishing, socialising and enjoying the hot pools or cruising in Nautilus. Ian is a keen golfer and enjoys a round or two on his days off.

Compulsory Wearing of Life Jackets - for all our on water events!

National MP Dr Shane Reti's Maritime Transport (Lifejackets on Recreational Craft) Amendment Bill passed its third reading in Parliament Wednesday 2nd September 2027, with unanimous support across the House.

The bill makes **wearing a properly fitted lifejacket mandatory for all occupants on recreational boats six metres or less in length while the vessel is underway**, introducing a blanket nationwide rule to replace the current patchwork of regional council bylaws.

Captains and Crew Volunteers Required

To help make our events possible and as the event list increases we are looking for volunteers to assist as Captains (beside the committee) and Crew to come onboard.

Click link to volunteer your help: <https://form.jotform.com/261380824588870>

Well that's it for this issue.

Cu on the water soon.

Regards Alan

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