



Plimmerton Boating Club



REEFLINE



AGM Saturday 13th August

April 2011

Commodores Report April 2011

The year is racing by but things seem to be holding their own. The club is feeling the effects of the economic down turn the same as most other clubs, which means we just have to work harder to keep our heads above water.

Roger Mizzi, Peter Clarence and their power boat committee have done a great deal by running one of the most profitable fishing competitions ever, no doubt helped by the great weather. Thanks chaps, every one seemed very pleased with the weekend. Of course a weekend like this could not happen with out the assistance of many club members and staff, thanks one and all.

We have been involved with more meetings over the land swap issues. We do seem to be making progress but it does seem at times that we take two steps forward and one step back. Still I suppose as long as we keep going forward in the long run that is all that matters. I must also thank Murray Bloxham for his work in obtaining a grant to replace the outboard on the Keith Stokes.

We have set the date for the AGM which will be on **Saturday the 13th of August**. We have again decided to hold it on a Saturday this year to avoid conflict with the Relling Cup races and because last year was one of our best attended AGM's in years. So Saturday appears be suitable to more members.

As I stated last AGM, I will not be seeking re election. I think I have done my service and it is time someone else had a go. There could be several positions available on the next committee so please think about helping out and standing for some of these positions as the club does not run itself.

It is with great regret that I have to announce the death of Jock Paterson a long time and very loyal member who died after a long illness. Another member who has only recently resigned due to illness and has now also passed on was Barry Turner.

The clubs sympathies go out to both families.

I am off over seas now for an 8 week OE, something I did not achieve when I was young. So we thought we had better do it now before we grow too old.

See you on my return in July.

Anton Sutoruis



Karehana Bay 1920



Cover photo;

*Bruce Butters with the snapper that won the major prize,
a 10 day P&O Mysterious Islands Cruise.*

Hi all Power Boaties, Fishos and Divers.

What a difference in weather since my last report. The club facilities have been working overtime and it's fantastic to see so many people enjoying the club.

The diving has been superb this last month and Fishos tell me they are having great success as well.

A special thanks to club members Richard Bradley and Brice Odams for replacing the lights above the filleting station – free of charge.

The club is most grateful to members who go the extra mile to help keep the club's facilities in good order.

We have held the annual fishing competition and Roger Mizzi has a report on this. As Vice Commodore Power I'd like to thank Roger for his dedication to this event and ensuring it was a success as he not only spent a-lot of time prior to the event in organisation but was on hand for the two days carrying out a multitude of tasks including gutting a load of fish we did not sell at Saturday's auction. I don't know why but Roger has put his hand up for next year's competition as well and I have assured him I will dedicate abit more time as well to reduce his work load. Thanks again Roger.

I'd also like to thank the following people who helped immensely over the weekend or carried out other tasks before or after the event (please forgive me if I miss anyone who contributed – it is entirely unintentional), without these members offering their time we would quite simply not be able to run this competition so special thanks to the following -

Greg Buchanan, Ross and Julie Hemera, Gavin Smith, David Tresseder, Janne Booker, Matt Hipperson, Tricia Knibbs, Fran Langford, Mark Dijkma, Pat Quin, Conor Quin, Ryan Watson, Nigel Homan, Noel Comerford, Murray Bloxham and Bob Saunders – thanks guys hope to see you all again next year.

There has been a request to install a light for people returning from fishing at night, the committee has yet to look at this but any club members who may wish to contribute to this. There's a thought a large 1kw light activated by phone code could be installed by the start box, anyone with any other ideas or options please contact either Sandra or myself.

Launching of boats

Please consider other users when launching your boat and follow the basic rules

- Prepare your boat before reaching the launching area
- Use both sides of the ramp
- Do not hold other boats up unnecessarily or longer than you need to
- Park your trailer in a park that does not impede other users

Car Parking

We all need to be mindful of other users of the club, if you are not towing a trailer please park outside the club if possible especially on sailing days. Do not let your crew park in trailer parks particularly if they are not members. I know Fishos often leave early in the morning when the club is not busy but the situation changes very quickly during the day and does lead to frustration for other club members.

We may need to look at identification stickers on cars to help sort this problem.

And finally on a sad note – this morning I was advised that a long time friend and club member Jock Patterson passed away. Jock was a great club member and I for one will sadly miss his company and friendship, sincere condolences to Jill and family at this time.

Make the most of this weather as there is still good fishing and diving to be had – stay safe above and below the water.

Pete Clarence

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Hi Everybody,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter Weekend.



I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all those people that have been carrying out little maintenance jobs at the club and to all those people who volunteer their time to help the club manage and run events. I really appreciate all your help and the effort you have been putting in.

If you are interested in being part of an Inter Club Team to play darts, pool, indoor bowls and table tennis could you please contact me on 2331592 or send me an email. manager@plimmertonboatingclub.org.nz. We have a couple of clubs who want to take turns at holding these different events.

***Indonesian Dinner Plimmerton Boating Club
Saturday 28th May 2011.
\$35.00 per person.***

Menu will be emailed out and a poster will be up at the club.
So please contact me to book.

**Sandra McGill
Manager**



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Plimmerton Boating Club Annual Fishing & Diving Competition

Two days of glorious weather with record entries and a big crowd at the fish auction on Sunday the 13th of March produced a healthy profit for this annual Club fundraiser. 60 boats and 232 competitors faced off for the two days of fishing and diving rivalry. The event went smoothly for the two days and was a great result. When you are helped by a fantastic group of volunteer club members and generously supported by local and national Sponsorship its pretty hard to go wrong, especially with brilliant fishing weather and tides. The Competition was keenly contested with excellent prizes awarded on the Sunday night and generous spot prizes at the Friday's Skippers briefing and again on the Sunday. The glamour prize for the heaviest Snapper which was won by Bruce Butters is for a 10 day P & O Mysterious Islands cruise to the value of \$7,500. Entertainment by The South Coast Train Wrecks, good food and drink, capped off an excellent contest. Nearly \$8000 was raised at the fish/crayfish auctions on both days and \$9600 in entry fees plus bar takings and meals. The net proceeds will be used by the club for boating education and club maintenance. Porirua City Council, Harvey World Travel (Porirua), Hunting & Fishing (Petone), Thompson Walker, and NZ Sea adventures were among the main sponsors. Other sponsors were Wellington Fishing Charters, New World Paremata, Steve's Fishing Shop, K P Marine, Harvey Norman (Electronics Porirua), the Interislander, Helipro, Plumbing World Tawa, Mexted Motors, New Zealand Fishing News, Whittakers Chocolates, Diversified Products, Plimmerton Auto Services, The Big Salami, Caffe Vella, Colours, Motorad, The Dive Shop, Capital Fire Extinguishers, Ice Point, Hirequip, Brights Mitre10, Placemakers Porirua, Burnsco Marine, Barton Marine, BLM Contractors, Quantum Hot Water Systems and UTi MPH Carriers. "Without the generous support of our Sponsors we would not have had a competition".

Roger Mizzi



*Trevor Freeman with his prizewinning
15.47 kg Kingfish*



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2011 Fish & Dive Competition Results

Diving

Species	winner	Weight (Kg)
CRAYFISH		
average weight	ELIOT FALCONER	1.178
mystery weight	MIKE JOHNSTON	1.286
BUTTERFISH		
heaviest	JOHN BULLEYMENT	2.028
average weight	MIKE JOHNSTON	1.315
KINGFISH		
heaviest	PHIL RICH	15.590

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2011 Fish & Dive Competition Results

Junior Hook

Species	Winner	Weight (Kg)
SNAPPER		
heaviest	REECE SAUNDERS	1.725
average weight	no other snapper caught	0
GROPER/BASS		
heaviest	TROY HAMPTON	12.015
average weight	TROY HENDERSON	10.546
BLUE COD		
heaviest	DAMIAN CUTLER	1.462
average weight	SEBASTIAN de GROOT	0.867
BUTTERFISH (substituted for Kingfish) - Diving		
heaviest	JACKSON RICH	1.481
average weight	no other butterfish submitted	0
TERAKIHI		
heaviest	AMY O'HAGAN	2.151
average weight	MATT BRADLEY	1.085
KAHAWAI		
heaviest	REECE SAUNDERS	2.927
average weight	RYAN RAMSEY	2.110

Plimmerton Boating Club
2011 Fish & Dive Competition Results

Senior Hook

Species	Winner	Weight (Kg)
SNAPPER		
Heaviest	BRUCE BUTTERS	6.205
second	LEWIS KNIBBS	3.580
third	RORY ANQUETIL	3.100
GROPER/BASS		
heaviest	DARYL SIMPSON	17.830
second	RAY ALI	16.310
third	ERIC JASPERS	15.780
BLUE COD		
heaviest	MATT CLARENCE	3.080
second	BRUCE BRADEY	2.433
third	BRUCE ODAMS	2.275
KINGFISH		
heaviest	TREVOR FREEMAN	15.470
second	DAVE WOODMAN	14.435
third	CHRIS McKAY	12.580
TERAKIHI		
heaviest	JOHN KELLY	2.601
second	GREG FLEMING	2.492
third	RAY WILLIAMS	2.186
TUNA		
heaviest	DAVE WOODMAN	7.410
second	JONTY MEIN	7.330
third	MIKE SHERRING	6.875
One - Off prize		
Total weight of fish submitted	RAY ALI	116.380



*Mat Clarence and mates
with a handsome Blue Cod*

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EDITORS NOTES

This edition of REEFLINE is a celebration of another very successful Fishing Competition featuring the results, comments and thanks to sponsors and helpers of this event. Note our new PLBC Bronze sponsor - 'Wellington Fishing Charters Bait & Tackle'.

Other activities including sailing have also had a very a successful summer with a number of events and hotly contested racing. The Annual Wellington Schools Championship Regatta was held on 3rd march with a fleet of about 30 boats from the regions schools. Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students were all involved. Optimists were the biggest class with very good competition. Many thanks to all those who helped run this event.

The Wellington Trailer Yacht Championship which included the Round Mana Races was a great event held in some exciting conditions on the 26th & 27th March. The 2nd Round Mana race was a shortened course to inside the North End of Mana. On Sunday, the 5th and last race of the series was abandoned as a substantial rain storm suddenly swept out of the South West after some monumental broadsides of thunder and lightening. The yachts had been sitting virtually becalmed at the end of the 2nd race of the day when the wind came piping through to about 25 knots. Visibility was reduced to a few meters as rain sheeted down in cloud burst magnitude. Nobody waited around for cancellation signals, which wouldnt have been visible anyway. "Point in the general direction of the shore and go for it" was the plan that most boats adopted and happily all made it without incident. It was a great bit of theatrical action from mother nature, and a reminder of the forces we can be subject to when out on the sea.

The Plimmerton Regatta on 3rd April got one race away in strong Northerlies but race two was cancelled. Overall there has been good racing during the season with plenty of wind which seems to suit the Nolex22's of which we now have around 10 yachts in the fleet. Boats new to our fleet this season include 'Antidote'- Andy Robertshaw & Andrew Kiddle, 'Nemo'- Pat Quin, and 'Double Dark'- Grant Ransom.

After a number of applications to various Foundations, we have had some very pleasing success with a \$15,000 grant from the Mana Community Grants Foundation towards a new replacement motor for 'Keith Stokes' our main support boat. At this point we are also awaiting the result of another funding application towards a new motor for 'Graffiti Removals' our 3.4metre Naiad support boat. A team is now working on obtaining the best deal and we hope to have these replacement motors installed over the winter and ready for next season.

Finally I think it is good to acknowledge the work of our retiring Commodore Anton Sutorius who has made major contribution to the running of Plimmerton Boating Club over many decades as well as in his recent term as Commodore. The people who take on the these responsibilities are to be valued for the time and effort they put in, and Anton has certainly put in a solid effort for the club over the years. Thanks Anton, and we hope you can now enjoy a quieter life and a great OE.

SAILING REPORT

Hi All

Thinking back, we have had mixed weather over the past spring and summer. For the first time we did not get all the twilight races completed and when we did, it was not always pleasant racing. We also dropped 3 or 4 days of summer racing, although we did manage to catch up with two races on later days.

There was some damage done to boats this series. Elliot Ness was just cruising between races when her mast separated into three pieces; not the nicest thing to happen and luckily her sails were not damaged. I know of at least two booms damaged, along with minor damage to other boats.

As of writing this article, there is still an outstanding protest, so I am unable to release any results for the summer series. As soon as I know it is cleared I will post results via email.

Still to be ratified by the Noelex 22 Association AGM is for the North Island N22 Champs to be held at Plimmerton in January 2012 and the N22 Nationals in 2013. I will be looking for help to organise the N22 2012 Champs, so volunteers please. Still to be confirmed is the **prize giving to be held on Sunday 24th July**. There will be a buffet dinner to follow with the power boaties and other guests included.

Mark has decided to retire from doing the rescue boat and course setup, so we need at least two, preferably three volunteers (in case of sickness) to take over his job. I would like to extend my thanks to Mark for his help over the last ten years in sometimes trying conditions.

That's all I have for now...

Regards

Kevin Beech

Vice Commodore Sail



Winter Racing 2011

Wed 13-Apr-11	Registration and Introduction to Winter Racing 2011 at Plimmerton Boat Club (7:30pm)					
Wed 4-May-11	Winter Racing 2011 rules night at Plimmerton Boating Club (7:30pm)					
Race Date	Briefing	Race Start	High Tide	Height	Race	Race day type
08-May-11	0:00	11:00	12:40	3.0	Race 1	Standard
22-May-11	0:00	11:00	13:04	3.0	Race 2 / 3	Back to Back
05-Jun-11			11:43	3.2	Queens Birthday	
19-Jun-11	0:00	10:00	11:54	3.2	Race 4 / 5	Back to Back
03-Jul-11	0:00	9:30	10:44	3.3	Race 6	Standard
17-Jul-11	0:00	9:30	10:49	3.3	Race 7	Standard
21-Aug-11	0:00	12:00	14:02	2.8	Race 8/9	Back to Back
04-Sep-11	0:00	12:00	14:02	3.1	Race 10	Standard
18-Sep-11	0:00	11:00	12:39	3.0		Reserve Day
25-Sep-11	Prize giving day					



Trailer yachts emerge after the rain storm on 27th March



Optimist Class race start at the Schools Championships 3rd March



Tidy up time after the last Schools Championship race

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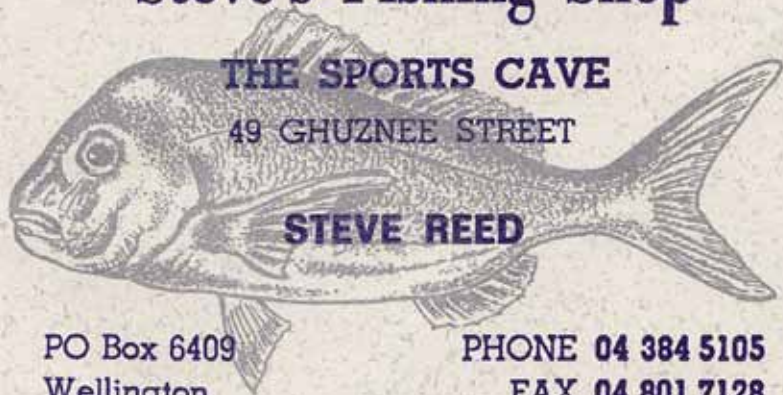


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Mana Island Pigeon Post April:

It has been a busy couple of months on the island since our last update, beginning with a month-long 'Bioblitz', and finishing with the completion of bird breeding for the season, a second shore plover transfer to the island, and some interesting lizard and seabird monitoring.

The Bioblitz organised for February/March has heralded around 1,500 different plants and animals locally so far, with three new crustacean-type species discovered. Some specimens collected are still being identified and so the total will be added to over time. It was interesting hosting the scientists on the island, having them examine the island for species that hadn't been surveyed for before. It creates a small snapshot in time that can be compared with surveys in the future.

The birds on the island have finished nesting and brooding their chicks for the season, and it has been a successful year, with good numbers of takahe chicks and shore plover on the island. We currently have six takahe chicks at present, most have their full plumage (blue-green feathers) but still have the black beak of a youngster, rather than the bright red beak of slightly older birds and adults. Some pairs are beginning to venture out onto tracks around the island, and the adults have finished their feather moult for the autumn and are resplendent in a new coat of blue, aqua, and green feathers. We have eleven island-bred shore plover chicks from this year too, all have been colour-banded and the odd one has been spotted on the Plimmerton foreshore, feeding along the tidal platform at low tide.

The second transfer of young shore plover occurred in March, with another 17 juvenile birds being released from the aviary in perfect settled conditions. This is the fifth year of transfers of this critically endangered bird, and so far the signs are all good for shore plover becoming long term, permanent residents of Mana Island. We currently have a population of nearly 50 birds, both juvenile and adult.

The summer lizard monitoring projects on Mana are also drawing to a close, with surveys of Duvacel's gecko and McGregor's skink occurring over that last few months. Results indicate healthy numbers of both species, particularly McGregor's skink, which 'hung in' through the habitat destruction and mouse plagues of the past. The lizard numbers have really taken off since mice were eradicated from Mana in 1990, with healthy populations of these large McGregor's skinks now found across the breadth and width of the island. The lizard populations on Mana are very important locally and nationally – many of the seven species here are on the threatened species list.

Seabird conservation is another big part of Mana Island, and recently a census of the sooty shearwater (muttonbird/titi) was undertaken. There is a steadily increasing population of these birds on Mana, and this year's census confirmed that this population is in good health, with around 80 new chicks banded.

Well, that's it from us islanders, see you out there.

Sue Caldwell



*A McGregor's skink
on Mana Island*

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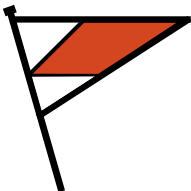
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