



# REEFLINE



*December 2014*

## Commodore's Report

Hi Everyone,

My first Reefline as your new Commodore.

Welcome to new Committee members, Warren Coffey and Sandra McGill and sincere thanks to the remaining Committee for your ongoing commitment and experience.

It has been a busy couple of months for the committee, and especially for Richard, our manager. Functions nearly every weekend stretching well into the New Year, but all well planned and managed by Richard and his valuable staff. We have also held several social evenings (Avi Diva, Beat Girls, etc) and a well supported monthly Quiz competition and Music Jam evening. Well done.

Some maintenance projects have been completed, and others are still work in progress.

Those finished are:

- Kitchen: New paintjob and new fridge and freezer
- Beer system: New pumps installed. No more wastage after keg changes. (Thanks to Lion Breweries and Richard)
- Water main: Peter Clarence has been busy feeding new tube through the older pipe, successfully saving us digging up half the car park to renew old piping. Thanks Pete.
- **Trees: The Norfolk pine has been removed, and the pohutukawa's (hybrids by the way) along the street boundary, have been trimmed allowing masts to pass freely around the central sheds. I am sure the yachties are happy, and some of the power boats won't fill up with dead leaves as often. Thanks Kim.**

Thanks again to the committee, and Richard for their guiding hands.

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas, Happy New Year and safe, frequent boating with your families over the holiday period.

Matt Hipperson



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**Hours may vary slightly**  
**depending on**  
**patronage!**



Date	Bar	Restaurant
Monday, 22 December 2014	Closed	Closed
Tuesday, 23 December 2014	Closed	Closed
Wednesday, 24 December 2014	4 pm - 9 pm	Closed
Thursday, 25 December 2014	Closed	Closed
Friday, 26 December 2014	4 pm - 10 pm	Bar Snacks
Saturday, 27 December 2014	4 pm - 9 pm	Bar Snacks
Sunday, 28 December 2014	4 pm - 8 pm	Bar Snacks
Monday, 29 December 2014	Closed	Closed
Tuesday, 30 January 2014	Closed	Closed
Wednesday, 31 January 2014	4 pm - 10 pm	Bar Snacks
Thursday, 1 January 2015	Closed	Closed
Friday, 2 January 2015	4 pm - 9 pm	Bar Snacks
Saturday, 3 January 2015 Slipway	4 pm - 7 pm	Bar Snacks
Sunday, 4 January 2015	4 pm - 8 pm	Carvery
Monday, 5 January 2015	Closed	Closed
Tuesday, 6 January 2015	Closed	Closed
Wednesday, 7 January 2015	4 pm - 8 pm	Bar Snacks
Thursday, 8 January 2015	4 pm - 8 pm	Bar Snacks
Friday, 9 January 2015	4 pm - 9 pm	Bar Snacks
Saturday, 10 January 2015	4 pm - 9 pm	Bar Snacks
Sunday, 11 January 2015	12 pm—4pm	\$10.00 Lunch 12 pm - 2 pm
Sunday, 12 January 2015	4 pm - 8 pm	Carvery 6 pm - 8 pm

## Sailing

Hello Everyone.

Welcome to another season of racing and all things sailing. The early weeks of the sailing season almost always suffer from strong winds and big seas and this season start has been well served with those conditions and at the time of writing this have only managed 3 days sailing 6 races. The number of boats participating has been well down on last season but is expected to be back to a reasonable count for the Summer & Twilight series.



With the heavy seas the southern jetty has taken a fair pounding and consequently there are some repairs required to be made to strengthen and tighten the piles. Not so much a safety issue but to ensure we do not lose the jetty to a storm.

We have been very lucky with having new course rounding marks generously supplied to us by **several sponsors. They are a very distinctive orange and have the sponsor's name on them.** The feedback from the competitors is all positive. They are much easier to see being 1.8 meters tall. They self inflate when launched. A vote of thanks go to David and Todd from Seaview Sail and Rigging, Jason at Clarke Realty .Co and John Bullement Plumbing for the marker buoys and also to Bob Saunders who very kindly supplied the ballast chain for each of the marks, Again thanks guys. Please look after these sponsors when needing the services they can provide.

The Elliot 5.9 class have their Nationals happening in Napier. The Nationals will be all over by the **time this goes to press. I believe one or two of our club's boat intend to participate, we look forward to a report from them on their success (or not).** Good luck guys.

Just a timely reminder that the Noalex 22 Nationals are on at the club Waitangi Weekend 5th to 8<sup>th</sup> February. I will need some commitment and help from members with the running of this event. My main concern is help with laying the course marks and other on course management duties.

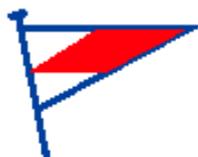
I have been lucky to have Michael Sherring supply himself, his wife and their power boat to act as committee boat for some of the club events. Thanks Mike, the sailors appreciate the change and enjoy committee boat starts.

**The Academy and it's learn to sail programme is** going from strength to strength. It was great to see such a big turnout of our junior sailors racing along with the visitors from Paremata.

Well Christmas and the New Year celebrations are just around the corner so it seems timely to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and all the best for a successful New Year. Take care out there on the water as well as on the roads.

Neil Gibbons  
Vice Commodore—Sail.





## The Boat Club Bistro Menu

(Please order your meal at the bar)

### Entrées

- Pan seared scallops in garlic butter sauce. \$9.00
- Salt n Pepper Squid mesclun salad & sweet chili \$10.00
- Garlic Bread \$6.00

### Mains \$20.00 or 2 for \$35.00

- Scotch Fillet Steak grilled to your liking.
- Terakihi, beer battered, pan fried or crumbed.
- Two tone gnocchi with sundried tomato basil chive and creamy white wine sauce.
- Rack of Lamb
- Pan Seared Scallops in garlic butter sauce
- Salt n Pepper Squid mesclun salad & sweet chili



Mains served with salad, fries or croquettes

### Platter

- Neptune Seafood Platter Selection of Fish, Squid Rings, Mussels, Prawn Cutlets & Tartare Sauce \$26.00

### Dessert

- Chocolate and pear bavoir with cream, ice cream and berry coulis \$8.00

## Summer Lunch Menu

Lunch Menu	
Garlic bread	\$6.00
Soup of the day	\$7.50
Pie salad n fries	\$10.00
Thai beef salad	\$10.00
Salt n Pepper squid salad	\$10.00
Fish and Chips	\$10.00
Open Burger with chips	\$10.00
BLT on farm bread and chips	\$10.00

## Fishing & Diving

Welcome to the beginning of the summer fishing season and to my first Reefline report.

I have heard some Snapper have been caught in the last few weeks and the **Hapuka are showing now, but it hasn't been easy fishing over the last few months, with the weather being as it has been.**

It seems Tarakihi have been the main catch for most with blue cod being in good numbers as well, which is encouraging . As the temperature warms up **along with the water temperature it won't be long before the Snapper and Kingfish return on mass.**

With Hapuka starting to show now, most fish small in size at present, I am told often the difference between catching the bigger fish is bait size and presentation. Hapuka eat whole fish and as **there is no bait station or shop down below offering nice cubed bits of bait, don't be shy on dropping whole Mackerel or Tarakihi as the bait, because they are part of Hapuka's staple diet.**

Maintenance night – with Scott Halliday from Coastal Outboards.



We were lucky to have Scott speak to us about basic motor and boat maintenance recently, with around 30 club members attending. The message we got from the evening was very clear that simple checking of your boat prior to launch is paramount for safe boating.

### Some basic maintenance we can all do .....

1. **Remove your motor propeller regularly to check you don't have any fishing line or other objects that can cause wear on the propeller seals ( saves a gearbox rebuild ) – don't forget a little grease on the shaft prior to refitting it .**
2. Check your batteries- keep them charged, a small solar panel works well and they are available from Burnsco or fishing websites .
3. Keep your fuel tank full especially over winter to save any condensation build up in the tank - add in fuel conditioner prior to long lay ups
4. Always prime the fuel bulb prior to starting your motor whether the motor is hot or cold.
5. Never start your motor without water flowing through it, this is the quickest way to destroy your water pump.

6. Use your boat regularly, if not get in and turn the steering wheel a few times to keep it free, attach the hose and run the motor, store the motor down or vertically if possible.

Commodore Matt spoke about the latest fishing rules and regulations, Jon Mayne spoke about anchoring issues and gear that helps make life easier—**don't forget to tie your anchor rope to the boat! (the other end!)**

A very worthwhile evening for both experienced and novice boaties.

### Launching Ramps

The committee is currently investigating having the Rocks repositioned by the south main pier to slow the movement of the pier occurring in storms, these rocks were positioned some years ago to protect the pier but in recent times have been moved around by the huge swells we have had **and aren't doing their job. At the same time, further strengthening measures to that pier will take place.**

### Launching Ramp Etiquette

Please make sure you prepare your boat prior to launch – either at home or in the boat park /car park at the club. There have been a number of instances of members doing their whole boat launching routine when on the ramp. This not only slows down launching traffic but you will find some of our members do get a little grumpy when that happens.

Tip: If your vehicle starts to skid and lose traction when retrieving your boat on the ramp, stop, back up a little, turn your vehicle steering wheel and try and to drive up the ramp on an angle.

**Don't forget your life Jackets, they are mandatory by law to have on every type of boat and better still....wear them!**

### Fish Filleting

Fish filleting is legally allowed on board your boat. But, you have to prove to any fisheries officer that the fish filleted was of a legal size, so if in doubt keep the carcass, or photograph the fish next to a MAF ruler.

Fish filleting is something that the PBC committee would like to see done more often when on board your ship/yacht/canoe/kayak/pleasure cruiser or power boat, as it helps keep the seagulls at bay at the filleting area of the club, the smell from overfull fin bins in the weekend away, and the best thing it lets the boat wash down facilities become more available.

Michael Sherring  
Vice Commodore—Power



A poster for a fishing competition. The background is a sunset over water with fishing rods in the foreground. The text is as follows:

**Plimmerton Boating Club 2015**  
**Fishing Competition**  
**Saturday 14th March 2015**  
**Sunday 15th March 2015**  
Briefing on Friday 13th March 7pm  
at the Plimmerton Boating Club  
Fish auction at 5.00pm on Saturday and Sunday



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Advance Electrical in Porirua has sponsored the new floodlight covering the main car park. They also sponsored the previous light which lasted about 10 years.

A big thanks to Ken Hill.

## Entertainment

Entertainment in 2014 kicked off with Rugby: the addition of a second big screen in the restaurant really lifted the turnout for our Rugby nights, thanks to Phil Lovell for the screen. Our a la carte 2 for \$35.00 menu was really popular and TJ and the staff received lots of great feedback. In the middle of the Rugby season we managed to **get a performance from NZ's Iconic Wayne Mason who wrote "Nature", voted as NZ's number one song of all time.** Wayne was backed by our old favourites, Hobnail, and the dance floor was full right from the first song.



Our 2014 Quiz series began in May, Chris Gollins and Anna Buchanan have been such a great help, with making the monthly quiz a success. We have had up to 16 teams of 6 members or less participating in the quiz which is held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Jam nights have also become really popular, with around 30-40 very talented musicians playing and singing a variety of music from all sorts of genre. Roy McGuinness, a talented musician himself, has helped with the running of this night, coordinating the various acts and bringing in talent from local music groups. Jam nights are held on the second Thursday of every month, and all are welcome to watch or join in.

Elvis was in the building in June, followed by Buddy and friends in September.



Avi Diva were very popular in September playing four fantastic sets rocking the club until well past midnight. The buffet was awesome and members were talking about the night for weeks afterward.



The Beat Girls were here recently in a sold-out performance. This well-known act was true to form and everyone had an **awesome time. We're** are still getting excellent feedback from guests.

Improvements to the clubhouse; the men's bathroom has a new floor and paint job. The kitchen has a new fridge, freezer, paint job, and we have a new hot food display unit. All of these things improve the quality of our service and members' experience at the club.

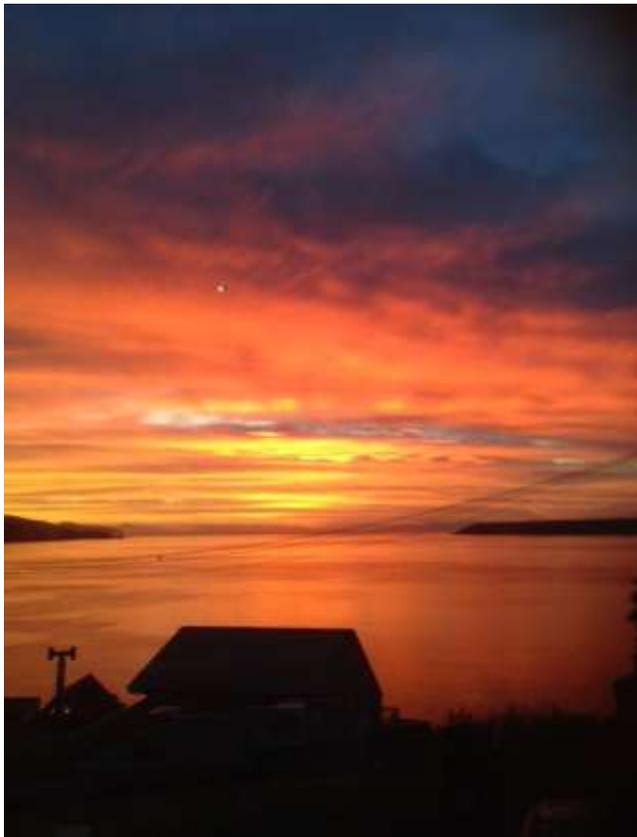
**Weddings and functions for members are an important part of the club's calendar.** Tracy and Chris recently held their wedding ceremony and reception at the club, and they were extremely happy with their experience.

Richard de Groot.

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**Jam Night, Open Mic, The Boat Club Blues, call it what you like, it doesn't matter, we're Jammin' every second Thursday of every Month. PA system and 3 mics available. **All Welcome!****



SH1, Kapiti Coast

Members Discount

*Show your club membership card at Boat City for discounts on fishing gear and bait, parts and labour.*

This also benefits the Club as Boat City tally up how much each clubs' members spend which helps when we ask for sponsorship.

## Plimmerton Sailing Academy

A frustrating start to the season to say the least with the amount of cancellations we have had to make, because of the prevailing strong North Westerly winds that the Plimmerton and Kapiti Coast have been so renown for in the past.

However, in the last school holidays (*October*) we managed a very successful Learn To Sail three-day course for complete beginners. These kids have now gone on to form the basis of our Rainbow group that sails on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Our more advanced sailors form the Open and Green fleets are sailing P Class or Starlings along with a strong fleet of capable young Opti sailors. These sail on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Even with the fresh North West winds in force at present we are still managing to get these sailors on the water more than we could have last year- albeit in small groups at a time. This is the best way for us to manage the risk whilst still teaching our kids to sail in stronger winds.

For all those sailors from years gone by who like to watch from your armchair at home with a good pair of binoculars in hand, I am sure you are noticing the improvements these kids are making. The standard is starting to climb. This was evident recently when I took a small group of kids to the North Island champs in Taupo. Our sailors were exposed to large fleets where they learnt the importance of good starting techniques and sailing fast off the line. They learnt that managing that part of the race well gave them the best chance of a good placing. James Bitchener finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall in a fleet of 55 boats in his first major regatta.



Adult Learn to Sail is also underway with a keen group of six sailors enrolled and learning in Sunbursts. This group is also finding it frustrating with our current weather conditions and in what was supposed to be three days over Labour weekend and two consecutive Friday evenings, this course should have been completed within three weeks. However, we are still going because of the number of cancellations. This course will now run into Christmas to give the sailors the best opportunity for time on the water.

A new initiative has started this year where Paremata and Plimmerton combine their club sailing on a few occasions during the season. The idea is to give both clubs the opportunity to sail in **each other's waters gaining valuable experience for all sailors. Tis will in turn help our region** become strong again in centreboard sailing, encouraging good competition and fleet racing in larger numbers.

Both clubs will benefit not only strategically but also socially. We will be strong as a group and **when going to Regional and National regattas we'll go as a team while still representing our own individual clubs.** Kapiti & Titahi Bay will also form part of this plan as we move into the future, and already we are working with Kapiti in our LTS programme as they are unable to teach their kids how to sail in their own local waters because of beach conditions. By pooling our resources **together, everybody wins. Kapiti is kindly letting us use their LTS Plastic Opti's in Plimmerton** while we in return are teaching their kids how to sail, with the aim of ushering them back to Kapiti waters once they have achieved reasonable ability.

Thanks so much to all those who are working for us behind the scenes. The Sailing Academy is **alive and well and growing at a fast rate. We couldn't do it without the help of the parents and the coaches,** and Phil McDowall and Todd Olsen who stepped in for me recently and all those who have run LTS at Plimmerton in the past. You guys are the ones that have done all the ground work and have the experience that we still desperately need, so thank you for stepping in when we need you.

Warren & Carol

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## Coming Events

Saturday 31 January	2015 Club Picnic
Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 February	<b>Noelx 22 National's</b>
Thursday 12 February 2015	Jam Night
Thursday 26 February 2015	Quiz Night
Friday 13 - Sunday 15 March	Fishing Competition



**PBC Club Picnic: All Welcome**

**Saturday!**  
**31 January 2015**

- As many boats as possible on the water
- Assemble at the club at 12:00 noon and club members will ferry Plimmerton Community guests to Shelley Bay (just across the bay).
- B.Y.O. BBQ and bevs on beach.
- Water fun and play.
- 3 legged race, egg and spoon race, tug of war etc.
- BYO Dinghy rowing race for kids and adults
- 3:00 safe journey back to the club.
- **6:00pm BBQ at the club, \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 kids up to 13.**

The poster features a colorful illustration of a beach scene with people sunbathing, playing, and sailing. A red car is parked on the beach, and a white sailboat is visible in the water.

## Solo Duo Tramp—Pencarrow Lakes 25th October 2014

**It's a fine sunny dawning to the labour weekends Saturday** so conditions are perfect for the execution of my long awaited plan of combining a mountain bike ride with a tramping circumnavigation of Lake Kohan-gapiripiri, located in the East Harbour Regional Park.

After attaching my bike to my now deceased red Corolla, I head for Eastbourne and the start at Burtons Gate which is the entry point to the gravelled coast road south and is to **be the biking leg. It's about 9:30am and there's is a gentle Southerly** head wind as I travel the 7km road journey to the start of the lake tramp. On the way I feel a momentary pang of nostalgia as I pass a lone surfer enjoying a left point break pushing in from the large Southerly swell rolling into the Wellington harbour entrance.



Approaching the start of the walking phase I pass the beach level Pencarrow lighthouse and look up to the adjacent original on the hilltop which was made in redundant 1935 in making way for the Baring head lighthouse further south.

I then round Pencarrow head and after concealing my bike and a quick squiz at the information board, I begin **the walking leg. It's just on 10am** and now the warm morning sun and surroundings have really installed that feel good appreciation for the great outdoors.

After a small walk on flat gravel road I get the first view of the lake expanse heading inland to distance wetlands at its headwaters. I also come across a ewe and its twin lambs a little further on, which also adds to the spring flavour of the day.

Further around again I encounter a branch in the track which leads left up to the hill to the top Pencarrow lighthouse and right to follow the lake edge. I decide to detour for the side trip to the light house and it was well worth it.



On the way up I pause to read the information plaques divulging the intriguing history of the lighthouse. The view from the lighthouse area gives an excellent panorama of the harbour entrance and Wellington beyond to the West. On a slight rotation to the left the expanse of Cook Strait with the South Island shows up clearly and view to the East shows part of the lake with Baring head in the distance.

After a snack and a swig from my electrolyte filled bottle I head back down to the junction and turn inland to continue the round trip of the lake.

The circuit track around the lake is not all at the lake edge so near the top of the western side of the track I spy another detour labelled Lake Kohangapiripiri lookout.

I take that and after a short grunty climb I arrive and take a couple of snaps of the lake facing east. I then head back down and continue inland again until I encounter the vast wetlands at the head of the lake. Crossing a boardwalk over the wetlands I enter the eastern side of the lake and begin a steep climb to finally reach the eastern side lookout.



The view from here rivals or even betters that from the lighthouse.

It is much more elevated for a start and looking west towards Wellington gives a vista of all of



the former plus some. The view to the east gives a part glimpse Lake Kohangatera **which is Lake Kohangapiripiri's** sister lake.

After a small snack and a drink the rest of the circuit is a steep downhill section at the end of which I retrieve my bike and head back to Burtons gate and the car ride home.

In summary – An excellent days outing with the round trip taking me just over 3 hours .. Plenty of time to complete and be in time for the 4 pm session at the club.

If anybody is contemplating walking this circuit then I would suggest you enter the park from the Wanui coast road entrance as the distance along the coast road to the circuit start is considerably shorter than from the Eastbourne entrance.

Also be sure to take in the information made available by the heritage trust into the history of the Pencarrow lighthouses as it makes for some really interesting reading.

Bruce Bradey





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The NZ Community Trust

The Mana Community Grants Foundation

*Provided most of the funding to replace the clubhouse roof.*

The Infinity Foundation

*Provided most of the funding to purchase three Sunburst yachts and associated items for Learn to Sail training.*

**We owe a very big "Thank you!" to these organisations.**

Their funding has helped the club catch up on critical maintenance and expand Learn to Sail classes for the community.