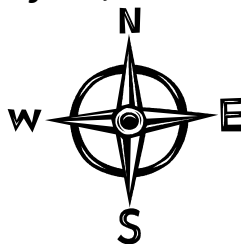


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The Pre-start

Yes dear reader it's that time again, a time for reflection, contemplation, meditation and for me to wonder where the hell the last 5 months went!! As I write, Cyclone Cook is heading southwards, largely skirting around Auckland. No doubt it too balked at the traffic congestion and high house prices of the City of Sails. Sadly, I'd be dealing with 'alternative facts' if I claimed it had been a vintage summer weather-wise. Snow fell during the Nationals in Taupo in January and cold blustery south westerly plagued the Spring. But at least the summer did come up '*Trumps*' (see what I did there?) when it mattered, especially for the 50 boats that gathered for our annual season highlight, the 40th edition of the RSA Regatta. It is worth remembering that events like this don't just happen by themselves, it takes a huge amount of behind the scenes organisational work to make it happen. So I'd like to exercise my editorial powers to formally thank Chantal and Ian for the amazing amounts of work they have put into this and other events at the club.

Many members having also been travelling the length and breadth of the country to represent our club at external regattas with great distinction and honour (well, nobody got arrested so that's a win). And we give you exclusive reports on these. So if you want to find more about what Bones really said on the start line on Race 3 of Summer Series 2, if you want to know just how many 'Hellers' precooked beef flavoured sausages Andrew Coffin ate at our summer BBQs* or if you just want to know who came first, second and third. You have come to the right place. ..Read on!

(*The correct answer is 47)

Commodore's Report

There are some special privileges that come with being the Commodore and that is being the first to read the hottest news. You should have seen this large smile I had while I was devouring all the club news and thinking what an amazing job our fantastic publicist Andrew Dare has done and what a great little club we have.

2016/17 has been another whirlwind year for our club with some fantastic events at the lagoon and at other venues, there was passion, pride, tears, celebrations, birthdays, and some great sailing, medals and trophies won. You could not count the smiles this year, there were too many. You could count the capsizes though, Sam Scott, our Health and Safety Officer did a great job tallying these up and I know everybody is on the edge of their seats to see who is the winner. But there are some numbers we can share and they even have some meaning in numerology terms.



Six
6

- Number 6 refers to earthly matters.



6 is the total of our new Optimist sails. Burnsco donated generously this year 4 new ones to the delight of our younger sailors.

Max Walker one of our ex members donated as well 6 of his old spars to the club, thanks so much Max these will be well used.

40

- Number 40 symbolizes the building of a strong foundation and is a number that represents stability and order.

The Club celebrated a big milestone this year with the 40th anniversary of our annual regatta on 5th March. It was a fantastic day with members and visitors coming from afar and in force to celebrate this big occasion. We hosted the biggest fleet in 40 years with 50 boats.



- Number 50 symbolizes the principle of multiplicity, progression and passion.

I have to thank our amazing sponsors and all our helpers for making this day so special.

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Local Board

Ian Wallace, our Club Captain and Trainer became a member 13 years ago (lucky number 13 for us!) and has been in his position for 10 years now ensuring our members can enjoy great racing and ensuring our boats and club buildings our always functional, spending many long hours in the process, we are all so thankful.

15

- Number 15 is the number of the Magic Square. Amazingly it has now been 15 years since I joined the club, 4 years on the committee in various roles and 10 years as an officer, webmaster and trainer. You do not see the time fly but you do see the club's transformation into a strong, respectable Laser club with an amazing fleet of boats and a great mix of age groups and genders.

What has not changed in all those years is the friendliness of members and it is great to see that other people making up the 15-year magic square are still here and active with the club.

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Magic square

Andrew Coffin, our fantastic Secretary and trainer; David Barker, a long time committee member and past officer always keen to help out



and Jock Bilger, a legend to aspire to with some amazing sporting achievement and still sailing at 80 this year. He always puts his hand up to help out at the RSA Regatta.

Kevin Welsh has shown his magic during his years

at the club winning a few medals and trophies since 2001.

Our other long time active members who have been with the Club **20** years or more are Jeff Coffin, who is always helping out with either training, preparing the rescue boats or putting them away and always ready to lend anybody a hand; Shaaron McKee, previous Commodore, she welcomed me with open arms on my first day at the Club and will always value her friendship.

It was great to see some of the many helping hands from members this year, Blair Park, our Vice Commodore organising a successful sausage sizzle at the Fun Day and raising \$500 for the club. He had a fantastic team consisting of Bernard, Natasha, Martin, Charlie, John and Hoon Hoon Castle, Andrew Dare, Merlin, Carla Bencivenga, Jen Wolfe, Jeff Coffin, Ian Wallace and Jye Irving. Thanks so much those funds will be well used.

I need to acknowledge the help of Paul Saunders with laser training and John Irving and Bernard with the Optimists.



Number ten symbolizes the completion of a cycle and the beginning of a new one. **10** is as well the number of fingers on both our hands and we need hands, your hands, to make sure our Club continues to grow from strength to strength.

So please lend a hand from time to time. Clean the dishes, vacuum the floor, help with getting the motor boat out, fixing a boat, taking pictures and loading them on the website, printing forms, helping on the bridge, helping with training, helping with letters, finding sponsors... It is amazing what an extra pair of hands can do and the more the merrier.



Remember this is a club run by volunteers, so by

you

The AGM is on **21st May** so please come and why not put your hand up and be part of the committee and remember you do not need to be part of the committee to help.



Shaking your hand in advance.

The new Winter season is starting and we will be having our own Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers & Challenger Playoffs at the Club starting on 28th May, so make sure you enter. Details can be found in this newsletter.

See you all soon

Chantal Grass



Club Captains Report

The season so far has been a great success with excellent numbers dropping slightly a tad recently mainly due to outside Regattas taking members away from our Club days.

The RSA Regatta was a fantastic success with 50 Lasers taking part which is a record thanks to Chantal's efforts over the previous six months work in contacting people & past winners of the RSA trophy, plus the enormous amount of work put into writing up the history of the RSA Regatta. The feedback we have so far had on the running & organisation of the Regatta has so far been one

of congratulations on running a well organised professional Regatta.

We must also thank all those who helped on the day as they did an incredible job in making the day run like clockwork. Thank you guys & gals for your fantastic contribution on the day.

- Garth Briden & Jock Bilger on the Start boat
- Allan & Gordon Andrews on the Mark Boat
- Andrew Tozer & Alex Bolognini Rescue & Photography
- Anna Wallace, Natasha Sonck, Merlin Caskie Tower on finish line & also correlated results
- John Ritchie and Allan McKee took care of the Lamb on the spit
- Olivia Petterson, Allan McKee, Martin Sonck, Ethan Holder were on Beach trolleys
- Martin and Charlie Sonck and Olivia Petterson were exemplary parking warden.



Many members have taken part in outside Regattas which has not only lifted the Club's profile on the racing circuit but also has lifted members skill level. I encourage you all to try & go to outside events for it will up your game apart from the fact they are invariably enjoyable. Congratulations to those members who have had quite a lot of success even winning a few of these events over the Summer.

April Sail Training has now concluded, Andrew Coffin headed the laser sessions with the great help of Jeff and Paul Saunders and other helpers.

We are keen to see all the new graduates joining us on Sunday to practice their new skills.

John Irving did a fantastic job training the junior Optimists with the help of Bernard. There were always smiles and laughs during the sessions and we look forward to hearing them once more resonating on our basin in October.



Optimist trainees enjoying Samantha yummy birthday cake

Sailing Program

The sailing program for next year will be sorted this month so if you want any changes to the format please let me know & we can incorporate those into the next calendar.

Club Buildings

Recent changes:

I have with Marco's help converted one locker in the patrol boat shed to a 3-bay stacked.

What next?

- Opti shed needs to be converted to a 3-bay stack where we have 2 Lasers stored. We will need to do the same exercise to the roller door shed.
- Shed configuration next to Opti shed needs a complete overhaul so that we can easily store more boats and sections
- Club room and all sheds need repainting .

The committee is seeking funding and we will then need some hands to complete these projects, so do approach me if you are interested in helping out.



In the last several months, doors have been left improperly secured with locks not secured & alarms not engaged

I have even had members of the public ringing me to let me know that the patrol boat shed door was open as well as locker doors.



Can the last person leaving please double check all locker doors are properly locked before they leave. Our Insurance will take a very dim view if equipment is stolen & they find out the doors were improperly secured.

Those who have private boats in our shed must also make sure that if you take them out on non club days that you properly secure the doors and set the alarm when you leave.

Equipment

Thanks to all of you have reported problems with equipment as we have managed to keep everything in good repair. Most repairs to boats & equipment are due to wear & tear so thanks to everyone for taking care of the equipment. Just one thing that might help is to do with tiller extensions. They will break or bend if you hang onto them when you capsize so please let them go & hold instead onto the mainsheet.

We have sold one Laser hull for \$200.

I have received Committee approval to buy a good second hand Laser around the \$5,000 to \$6,000 dollar range to replace another bottom end boat. I think we need to keep up a replacement policy on our boats so that we can continue providing good quality boats for members to use. There will be a few boats coming up after the Masters Games to purchase.

Club House

Thanks must go to Bernard for installing the Bench along the fence which the Council has erected.

Jetty

Council have made a great job with the Jetty which now allows us to moor boats both sides & on the nose.

Thanks to you all for your help in making this a friendly family Club. If you have any ideas how we can improve the Club please let us know as all Clubs must keep on evolving with the times so we can cater for the needs of everyone enjoyment.

Ian Wallace

External events

North Harbour Masters - 13th November 2016

Pupuke Boating Club hosted the 2016 event and Shaaron McKee, Kevin Welsh, Jeff Coffin and Nigel Harford represented PLSC in the Radial division. The best finish came from Kevin Welsh with a 2nd Grand Master placing.



Shaaron described the event as a big Ouch!!

Beware photo might not be suitable to be viewed by novices to the sport!



2017 Taipa Centreboard Regatta at Taipa Sailing Club – 7th & 8th January

Once again we sent the crème de la crème of PLSC to the Far North to compete in the tropical Northland waters of the Taipa Sailing Club. These fine examples of humanity were; Ian Wallace Nigel Harford and Andrew ‘Bones’ Irving. From the photos it looks like an amazing place to sail Well done again to Nigel Harford for backing up his third placing from 2016 with another bronze medal finish in 2017.



Andrew “Bones” and Dean “Deano” Lutze on a traditional Northland sailing vessel.



Team PLSC at Taipa: Nigel, Bones, Ian and Deano.

2017 Laser Nationals at Taupo.

This year the Nationals switched to freshwater with Taupo hosting the four day event. Conditions were by most accounts ‘tricky’ with fresh gusty winds throughout and cold conditions which even brought very fresh snow to the mountains on day two.



Here is Murray Gauld’s account

Nationals - a view from the back of the fleet

So I chose to do the laser nats at Taupo. A sort of get out of Auckland, destination/location sailing thing all rolled together. Summer, late January, seven sailors from the volcano were competing.



PLSC Team - Kevin Welsh, Marco Canegallo, Ian Wallace, Murray Gauld, Ben Lutze, Kayne Jacobson and Jordan Zagonel

Most of us stayed in a fab house at Acacia Bay, organized by the fab Chantal. We could look out over the lake and see the wind/weather with delight or sorrow.



Marco cooking a yummy Italian for the hungry sailors

To the lake! Great atmosphere, crowds of lasers and laserish people, on the grass, on the beach, on the lake.

I got there for the 2nd training day, sailed etc. that all went well.

Day one: WHOOSH, I sailed out to the course (way out there in the middle of the lake?) Blam blam blam .I can't race in this - skulks ashore in a wild speed reach. Finds locals who didn't even rig .feels slightly less useless.

Day two: sun shining, 10 or 12 knots, fantastic day !



Day three: Wind strong again. Freezing on beach in morning. Raced in 20 odd knots. Personally, absolutely delighted to handle this.

Day four: Last day, Sunday, wild again. I chose not to race, along with quite a few others. Then cancelled. On the road, on the wild and gusty trip north to Tokoroa, I saw three capsizes ! a little white car, a middle sized white van and a big white truck!.

For me Taupo nats was about the experience more than results. Everyone else from PLSC finished much higher up in their respective fleets. choose water, choose weather, choose sailing, choose lasers, choose life.....

2017 Auckland Anniversary Regatta

This year PLSC sent a huge contingent down to Tamaki for the Anniversary Regatta. Our team comprised of Andrew Coffin, Chantal Grass, Dario Motta, Ian Wallace, Nigel Harford and Paul Saunders (Laser Standard). Deborah Killen, Jeff Coffin, Kevin Welsh, Murray Gauld, Shaaron McKee and Taylor Farrell (Laser Radial).



This is how Aucklanders prepare for a regatta.

Here's Deb Killen with the story,

A good representation from PLSC joined in the fun. There was chop. There was wind. There were shifts and gusts. The swell made downwind quite rocky for all of us, and occasionally a death-roll and boom-first 'anti-deathroll' (mine) could be witnessed.



Photo – Will Calver

After the sailing the reports were mixed: Murray had a miserable time. Another loudly proclaimed their best sail in a long time. And the club placings? Not bad.

Laser Full Rig:

- Open (20-34yrs) - 1st Dario Motta

Laser Radial:

- Open Women (20-34yrs) - 1st Taylor Farrell
- Master (45-54yrs) - 2nd Jeff Coffin
- Grand Master (55-64yrs) - 1st Kevin Welsh



Taylor



Jeff

For me this was a difficult, character-building sail I will remember for a long time, along with the lessons I eventually learnt through it.

Snakebank Regatta at Marsden Point - 4th February

It's a bad name for a financial institute but a great name for a sailing regatta. The Snakebank regatta was held by the Marsden Point Yacht and Boat Club at One Tree Point in the Whangarei Harbour, Taylor's old club and was attended by Chantal, Ian and Deb Killen.

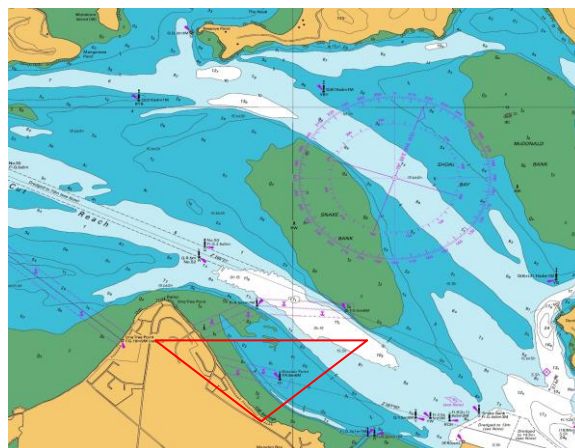


Photo - Dan Sloane

Ian grabbed 1st place for the centreboard division and Chantal came third and took home a brand new GoPro by guessing the course timing.



Ian with winnings



Map of the Snakebank regatta course

Wanganui NZ Masters Games - 3rd to 5th February

Wanganui Masters veterans Shaaron McKee and Jock Bilger headed south for this year's edition of the NZ Masters Games. Here is Shaaron with her account of the racing.

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th of February was the sailing for the North Island Masters Games in Wanganui. The games are held every second year in Wanganui and every other year in the South Island. This was my fifth time I have competed at this event as it is such a cool event held at a great little sailing club with cool people in very interesting and challenging conditions. The games have a village where you can find food and physio's, by entering you get a goodie bag and may come home with a medal. Wanganui is a great little town to hang out in before and after sailing.

This was the first year we have been blown out for two of the three days racing. Because of tides, currents, under water obstacles of logs and the occasional one floating down the river the wind threshold is probably lower.

The first day was really windy and after being cancelled due to wind I went cycling and that was a challenge in itself in high wind. Having time I decided to join in the festive occasion and march in the opening ceremony. It was fun being involved and it was funny when singing the National anthem along with classes of a Wanganui primary school, the timing was out and four Ohakea jets did a fly over. We were all then led by a bagpiper for a march through town.



Photo by New Zealand Masters Games

The second day was also cancelled, the wind was slowly creeping up. A local, his son from Christchurch and I decided to take to the water. I was cautious doing figure of eights back and forth across the river as we had no rescue craft out. After an hour, and when the father capsized I played it safe and came in. That was a fun hour of reaches. My parents had come over from Palmerston North and saw me sailing but not racing, making comment that I have always liked thrills. This was followed by a bike ride along Wanganui cycle trails before heading back to Palmerston North for the night.

Day three we finally got racing under way still in windy conditions. After all my years sailing and having gone to 3 Nationals and Jill from Napier having been to 5 Nationals this was the first time we have finally raced against each other. Enjoyed the challenge. Me beating her in the first and her beating me in the next two.



Photo by New Zealand Masters Games

Sailing were Jock and myself (Team Auckland as Jock said) other sailors were from Christchurch Manawatu, Taupo, Napier and locals in a variety of boats. All using the same marks. Including trailer sailors.

On the first race I had a good start and fought for the top mark. With Paper Tigers coming in at high speed. Not enough room on the mark for Lasers and Paper Tigers. I made a quick tack called my space and got round the mark to look over my shoulder to see a Paper Tiger doing a nose dive and a spectacular forward role. There was no camera's around to capture the moment. My placings for the day were 4th, 5th and 4th, giving me the junior master bronze medal (Junior 45 to 55 and Senior 55 and over).



Shaaron McKee and Jock Bilger.

Unfortunately, Jock Bilger did not have a good day racing and retired into the first race. He will have to remember all the medals of past. It has been a pleasure having him as company and competitor for the times we have been in Wanganui.

Have totally enjoyed my time in Wanganui and may be there in two years time.

French Bay Regatta - Manukau Shield Challenge - 12th Feb

On the 12th of February, PLSC sent a team of 6 to the Wild West to compete in the yearly fixture of the Manukau Shield Challenge at French Bay. Well done to Shaaron McKee and Deb Killen who came 2nd and 3rd in the Radial division respectively.



Team PLSC- Chantal, Deb Killen, Murray Gauld, Andrew Coffin and Shaaron.

OKI 24 hour Race Lake Pupuke 11th and 12th March

The OKI race is famous for its long gruelling racing, hour after hour, lap after lap in rain hail or shine. One of the PLSC entrants this year, Andrew Coffin decided to take on an additional challenge by describing the race in haiku form. This traditional form of Japanese poetry uses structure of 5, 7 and 5 syllables for each of the three lines.

'OKI 24 Hour Race: The Perks' by Andrew Coffin

*Soaked wetsuit icy
Ominous omens of wind
Midnight changeover.*



Kayne Jacobsen blasting across the lake



How crazy do you have to be to do the OKI? This crazy.

Congrats to Kayne and Andrew for coming second Open team and Marco, Arthur and Ian for coming 3rd Masters team in the OKI.

Burnsco Hamilton Yacht Club regatta – 18th & 19th March

Ian, Chantal, Deb, Andrew and Jeff Coffin competed in the Burnsco Hamilton Yacht Club regatta on the 18th-19th of February.



In tricky light conditions Jeff placed third in the Radial division and Andrew also picked up a third placing in the standard division.

Here's Jeff story of his trials and tribulations in the Waikato..

Regatta at Hamilton Lake

Andrew and I packed all the gear into and onto the car and trailer and we were off to Hamilton. After an uneventful trip down to Hamilton Lake, we take everything out of the car and off the roof rack and trailer and set up. Andrew was in Standard rig and I was in the Radial rig.

Winds were light and coming from the least common direction, North, North-West. There were a few delays in getting the racing underway, due to the light and unsteady direction of the breeze (if you could call it that).

Day 1, Race 1:

Mediocre start, (hmm have to fix that). Then I start working the shifts, which were very kind to me. I managed to work my way through the fleet. Then before I knew where the time went we were racing to the finish line and I was at the head of the fleet. That wasn't so bad I thought.

Race 2:

Same start, a little closer to the line, almost on the windward end of the line. I tried doing what I did with the shifts as the last race. This was a disaster. Fell into holes, just as I tacked the wind would shift back, you name it and this happened. Just could not really get in sync with the wind. I did manage to drag my unwilling boat up to almost level pegging with the ladies. One was about three boat lengths to windward and a little behind, the other was about the same to leeward but ahead. All of a sudden they both went powering ahead with a nice gust each and I was just sitting there with no gust. Race over as we were heading to the last mark before the finish. A sad third.

Race 3:

This went the same as the other races except everyone got round the top mark and when I got near, the wind died and everyone sailed away. A race I would rather forget. I cannot even remember where I got it was that exciting. I do not think it was last.

That was the day, very frustrating, but enjoyable. The Hamilton Yacht Club members are a very friendly lot. Could not stay as we were travelling souls.

Day 2,

The wind today was a bit stronger and steadier, promising.

Race 4:

Decided I had better stick with the locals on the start, as they raced away on the previous two starts. My start was ok, I was holding the two ladies speed wise. They seemed to have a little higher pointing at times, which meant the after a while I was in their dirt air. So I had to tack away, then I was suddenly out of sync with the shifts and puffs. It was all I could do to hold third.

What do I do to keep up? How do I get back into the races? All of these thoughts and others were racing through my head.

Race 5:

This race I decided I would take by the scruff of the neck and work hard. All things were going to plan until the wind died where I was and other people had a filament of breeze that was not with me and sailed away. The breeze went from almost hiking to nothing half way up the first beat. Again I was so downhearted by the vagaries of this breeze I cannot remember the placing.

I must have done enough as I managed to get third place overall. Not quite what I expected after race one, but these things happen. The people made up for the sad wind conditions. Looking forward to competing against them again in the near future.

Auckland Laser Championship at Murrays Bay – 26th February

A great showing from our members with Dario winning the coveted Auckland Laser Champs trophy. Ian had a great 5th Place.



PLSC Team: Ian Wallace, Dario Motta, Shaaron McKee and Jeff Coffin



2017 Auckland Women Laser Championship – Kohimarama Yacht Club – 18th March

An account by Deborah Killen

The women's regatta had one and a half representations by PLSC when the time came. One boycotted the penalty fee, another got the dates wrong, another got married, and another seriously exacerbated an existing injury on the first race. As the only PLSC representative I can therefore tell you all how fast I flew around the course, to be cheated out of my rightful placings at the last moments. Or not.



Kirsty MacDonald (PCSC), Libby Porter (KYC), Michelle Bain (TSC), Georgina Wooldridge (PBC & WBC), Helen Spencer (HYC), Heather Hourigan (POYC) and Deborah Killen (PLSC)

In all seriousness though, it was refreshing to see so many girls in the Girls Regatta we joined in on. Don't ever lose anything in lost property at Kohimarama (they have a special mountain for lost property, and you still might not find what you are looking for even after asking around), but it was sailing with girls-and-women-only which made this day special. I like to be measured by sail-size and skill-level - regardless of gender - in regattas. However, this sport is quite male-dominated. It is therefore great for us ladies to join together from clubs as far away as Ohope, and have some competitive fun... and to knock Libby off her usual 1st place! Let's keep encouraging women sailors to race

Auckland Laser Masters at Tamaki – 1st and 2nd April



PLSC Team: Nigel Harford, Ian Wallace, Jeff Coffin, Shaaron McKee, Kevin Welsh and Murray Gauld (Marco Canegallo missing)

Freshwaters Regatta at Pupuke – 8th & 9th April



PLSC Team: Jeff Coffin, Shaaron McKee and Kevin Welsh (Marco Canegallo missing)

Fun & Games at the World Masters Regatta

An account by Ian Wallace

For many weeks before the Games Marco & moi started slogging our way through traffic to reach the shores of Takapuna for a spot of fine tuning of our steeds and our boat handling skills which Marco excelled, dunking his charge into the briny so many times that I'm sure he must have thought he was a sub mariner rather than an efficient machine gliding across the green rollers at speed. Yes, moi also had one or two moments of instability but nothing comparable. Light airs were mastered as well as frisky winds up to 33 knots with fun rollers to cascade down at speed.



The day arrived when Shaaron, Jeff, Alan, Kevin, Nigel, Marco & this little fella trundled off to the waters of Torbay tucked away in a horse shoe cove protected by a gnarly reef to starboard which threatened to trash any boat that might dare do battle with its bony backbone.



PLSC Team: Shaaron McKee, Jeff Coffin, Nigel Harford, Marco Canegallo, Kevin Welsh and Ian Wallace (Alan Minson missing)

Preened steeds were unloaded into their allocated compound which meant the seven Lagooners were split up down the rows of roped off bays situated in the reserve. First job was to register & collect our measuring documents which needed completing by the measurers & signed off to say our steeds were kosher in every way. Unfortunately for some reason they got very picky with the sail numbers & country code lettering requiring many to adjust any errant digit plastered incorrectly on their beloved wings.

First day of sailing arrived to winds of 11 to 15 knots & particularly sloppy seas which required a huge amount of concentration to navigate with speed. Marco & Nigel were first off the block with the left hand side being heavily favoured for both races of the day. Next came the Grand Masters fleet which took all the rest in the standard rig. This fleet was the largest being 46 boats who crammed the line in devilish antics squeezing out this fella, making life rather difficult to say the least as I careered up the track trying to play catch up but hindered by steeds being flopped onto my nose. Frantically I was forced into taking drastic measures to find clear air taking the runs & reaches wide which paid off quite well allowing moi to navigate through those errant jockeys to retrieve some of the lost ground. Both races my starts were rather ordinary but I did recover. The Radial fleets followed us with Kevin bringing in some good steady results while Shaaron, Alan & Jeff frantically did battle with the slop.

Next race of the day was a repeat of the first but with a consistently higher average wind still favouring the left. Marco, Kevin & I finished the day with reasonable results & hope for better performances the next day

I must congratulate the race officer for his amazingly efficient laying of courses & running of the races which were fired off with great efficiency, mind he gave no quarter to those errant jockeys & their lively steeds as he used the

U flag & Black flag to bring the blighters into line. Through the five days of competition a few came under his gaze but particularly on the last day of racing which saw many of those overzealous cycloptic jockeys banished to the lines much to their dismay. Marco managed to be a naughty boy with an OCS to his credit on I think the third day.



198136 - Marco Canegallo - Photo by CMGSPORT

Second day of racing saw a spot more wind in the 15 to 17 knot range which allowed some really good surfing opportunities off the wind but alas my steed suffered a breakage up the first leg sending this blaggard screaming into shore for urgent repairs. With many hands holding my crippled steed, rope was taken to the errant fitting & back to the track I gallivanted in plenty of time for the next start. From memory that was my best performance for the series. Bit of a shame as I slipped from second to third.

Day three was delayed till quite late only seeing one race held for all fleets in some very trying sloppy conditions which saw moi struggling while the other Lagooners relished the lighter winds

picking up some good results.



Day 3 - Kevin Welsh - Photo Kevin Clarke

Fourth day again was delayed but the Race Officer in his efficient style slapped in three races for the Standard fleets & two for the Radials. Mind what I did see of the Radial starts they were so exuberant that general recalls were common in both the races of the day. Oh, yes I nearly forgot, this blighter was pinged for rocking, did his 720 in grand style but alas the jury boat did not agree that he finished on the same tack as he started which meant he was disqualified from the race for not completing the penalty. That was game over as with a huge penalty added to my score I had no chance of retrieving the situation. Jeff came off the water fizzing with jubilation at his days efforts on the water having managed a couple of respectable results.

Fifth day dawned with great winds & excited jockeys tenderly preening their beloved steeds for the last day of battle. The chatter through the park was urgent with a touch of bravado as they trundled their beloved steed down to the water's edge for the last chance to get onto the podium. Out we skipped to the start. Bang on the gong race 9 was underway for all fleets. The first flight was away without a hitch & hardly a whimper but our blaggards were just a tad too eager & boisterous & were called back for another bash on the start line. Now this was more my sort of winds with the right heavily biased. Race ten for us meant three chaotic starts as those wild eyed jockeys pounced on the line pushing their charges

across a tad too early. We had a clean start at the fourth attempt. Marco had a great day with a couple of very useful results as did Kevin.

Thus ended the Lagooners campaign in the World Masters Games. Although we did not quite come away with any medals we did hold up our end with some reasonable results which considering the quality of the fleets was a great effort. Many friends were made & old acquaintances met.

Congratulations Lagooners, you put in a great showing & certainly came away with more skills than you entered the competition. For many this was the first World event you have entered & yes they are all quite ferocious on the line.

PLSC in the news

We were in the news on 5th January. Jock Bilger was "caught up in a media frenzy when he went for a sail! Poly Powrie announced her retirement outside PLSC Club with lagoon in background. In Jock's words. "Good on her choosing NZs PREMIER sailing club for the occasion!!! "



Powrie announced her retirement from Olympic yachting, after winning gold in London and silver at the 2016 Rio Games. Source: 1 NEWS

Club News

PLSC Christmas dinner - 20th November

The PLSC 2016 Christmas dinner was held at Waipuna lodge on the shores of the lagoon. A large number of PLSC members, friends and family were in attendance to celebrate together and toast another successful year of sailing.



Andrew, Tracy and Maree Coffin.



Merlin Caskie. The arch nemesis of any dessert buffet.

Burnsco PLSC Sausage sizzle - 26th November

Great day. A big thank you needs to go to Blair, Merlin, Andrew Dare and Bernard and family for manning the sizzle. The club made \$100 profit and they had a great time spending the day in the sun chatting to people, selling sausages and some of Bernard's fabulous Belgium fries.



Andrew Dare and Bernard Sonck looking the part

Panmure Xmas Parade and Festival - 3rd December



Sam Harford and Martin Sonck showing the crowds how to be pirates.

New jetty and fencing

Even the least observant of you will have noticed by now that we now have a brand new jetty to replace the rather wobbly worn out structure that the patrol boat was tied too. The wooden rail around the club house has also been replaced by a palisade style wooden fence. You have probably also noticed the slightly unusual uneven palings. These are not because somebody with poor DIY skills built it, but are instead a design feature meant to mimic the palisade fences of Maori Pa sites that existed in the area.



Our brand new jetty

Working Bee

In preparation for the big 40th Anniversary RSA Regatta weekend, a Working Bee was held on the 26th of February. With such a big turnout for the regatta it was important to get things as ship shape as possible. Many thanks to all those who shovelled, swept and hosed and cleaned; Andrew Coffin, Chantal, Andrew Dare, Blair and Jen, Merlin, Clive and Jason Ma. Big thanks also to a Panmure local, Teirei, who helped us out with the mud shovelling.



The 40th edition of the RSA Regatta

The day started with a gentle breeze of 9 to 14 knots from the South West and as light drizzle from the irrigators to keep those keen gardeners smiling but once the creator in the sky slunk over the horizon, clouds were burned off to be replaced by a glorious sun. One by one 50 expectant jockeys and their steeds coming as far as the UK, Taipa, Port Ohope, Hamilton, Lake Ngaroto and the four corners of Auckland descended on the Lagoon to do battle on the water. Boats were unloaded, carefully dressed in all their finery and preened for the event. Jockeys were briefed by Garth Briden our Race Officer as to the course and the rules of the event before they mounted their steeds for the battles ahead for they not only have a chess game to play but also the vagaries of old Huey which at a stroke can turn the best laid plans to dust in a bewildering instant..



Race briefing

Horn goes, class flag raised and the countdown has begun for all those expectant jockeys, flags drop and with a frantic rush those steeds are flogged into a gallop around one of the most challenging tight courses. Mark rounding's were a test of skill and nerve as the cycloptic hoard of boats converged on each mark of the course. For the unwary there was only carnage in store or at the very least been squeezed out of contention as warning cries were sounded and rules quoted in no uncertain terms.



Drones eye view of the fleet

Thus five races flew by with very few protests which is a credit to the good humour that the participants had brought to the battles that raged all day but also to the quality of sailors that took part in the fortieth Anniversary of the RSA Regatta. Previous winners of the regatta were battling to win back the coveted RSA trophy, it was Dan Slater from Watakere Boating Club who won the day with some tight racing between Rohan Lord (RSA Winner 1987 and 1989) from Pupuke and Takapuna Boating Clubs and Josh Armit from Murrys Bay Yacht Club.



Dan Slater in the lead

In the Radial fleet Jeff Coffin (RSA winner 2006, 2007 and 2008) from Panmure Lagoon Sailing Club won the day, Helen Spencer from Hamilton and Tauranga Yacht Clubs was second Radial and first woman and Bridget Gordon from Hamilton Yacht Club was third Radial and second Woman.

In the 4.7 fleet, Thomas Harley from Taipa Sailing Club won the day and was 1st Junior.

Thus ended, a fantastic day of sailing on the waters of the Lagoon. There were 22 years of past RSA winners present at the regatta to celebrate

the occasion, candles were blown on a celebratory RSA birthday cake by Doug Bates (1986 RSA winner) who was to celebrate his 89th birthday a few days later.



RSA Previous winners - From left to right: John Dowsett (RSA Winner 2002), Phil Wild (RSA Winner 1996), Dario Motta (RSA Winner 2012, 2013, 2014), Doug Bates (RSA Winner 1986), Luuk Van Basten Batenburg (RSA Winner 2003, 2010 and 2011), Dan Slater (present 2017 RSA Winner), Rohan Lord (RSA Winner 1987, 1989), Andrew Child (RSA Winner 2016), Paul Page (RSA Winner 1980, 1991, 1994, 1999, 2009) and Jeff Coffin (RSA Winner 2006, 2007, 2008). Missing Kevin Welsh (RSA winner 2001 and 2004)

Ravenous sailors were greeted with a feast of lamb and other mouth watering delicacies before the prize giving. We have to thank all our helpers and our fantastic sponsors for supporting this great event and providing fantastic prizes to the successful Jockeys: Auckland Seaplanes, Boating NZ, Burnsco, CRC, Flyajet, Jackson Electrical, Joy Adams, Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, New Zealand Maritime Museum, NZSailing.net, Predictwind, Red Carpet Tours, RSA, Sugarcraft, Survitec Group, Tenob Marine products, The Water Shed, Waipuna, Wettie and YMCA.



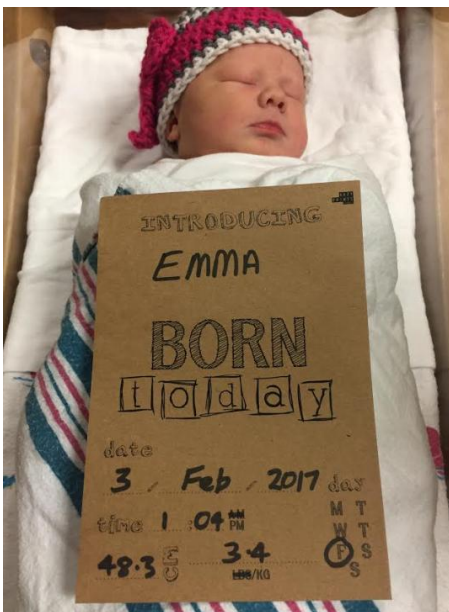
Our member's Milestones

Our future Members

Marco and Federica Canegallo and family were handed the most special Christmas day present, a lovely present called Arianna.



We would like to congratulate David and Celina Barker on their new beautiful arrival, Emma.



The Weddings

Love is definitely in the air at the lagoon. We would like to congratulate Nick Anderson and Carol Petrie and Annie and Karl Wills on their special day.

Annie Mills to Annie Wills!

Annie took the plunge and married fiancé Karl Wills in early March. They tied the knot in town and then set sail for the iconic Auckland landmark- Rangitoto for the reception. Karl is a freelance cartoonist by trade and sent a very cool cartoon in the guest's thank-you cards.

Here's Annie description of her big day.



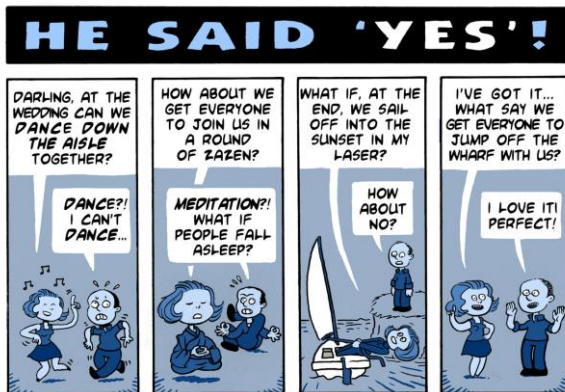
Annie and Karl Wills.

On Friday, March 3rd, Karl and I got married at the registry office in town. After that we jumped on a sea shuttle and headed over to Islington Bay, Rangitoto Island to get ready for our reception which was being held the next day. To everyone's relief, the weather on Saturday morning was calm and reasonably clear. An army of friends and family members helped clean the Stone Hall (an old community hall from the 1920s with no power or running water but loads of rustic atmosphere...) and set up for the afternoon tea. Many metres of bunting later, and with the help of a barge, a ferry, a private launch, and a hard-working sea shuttle, our guests arrived and we started the celebrations. I found out afterwards that the lovely hospitality staff had been hired, via our caterer, from our own PLSC Blair's company! They did a marvellous job. We finished

with a massed jump off the Islington Bay wharf - it was a perfect afternoon!



About to take the plunge..!



Not every wedding has its own cartoon strip!

New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members to the PLSC family.

- Arkadi Kravtchouk
- Clive Wright
- Jason Ma
- Mark Gardiner
- Rob Croft

New Fleet

First Aeros to race in NZ were on our waters on 26th February. Marco and Clive had a great time racing these new dinghies.



Aero Team: Marco Canegallo and Clive Wright

Final Club Race Results

For full and up to date details of race results please go to our club results page <http://www.plsc.org.nz/> and come to our prizegiving on 21st May to see who will be the winner of the coveted capsized trophy....



Will it be Deborah she has the perseverance, Clive, he certainly has style, it could be Andrew Coffin his sail touched the water.





Taylor would definitely win the most acrobatic capsizes unfortunately there is no photo to share only a witness statement that cannot be disputed.

Well you will all have to wait to the 21st May to know the result.

King and Queen of the River Regatta

1 st Paul Page	<u>B Fleet</u>
2 nd Kayne Jacobsen	1 st Paul Saunders
3 rd Mark McIntosh	<u>Queen of the river</u>
(Port Ohope)	1 st Chantal Grass



John Castle thrilled to have won the sail at the King and Queen of the River Regatta

Mark Foy series

1 st Blair Park
2 nd Andrew Irving
3 rd Deb Killen

River Race

1 st Paul Page
2 nd Andrew Coffin
3 rd Marco Canegallo

Club Champs

1 st Marco Canegallo
2 nd Ian Wallace
3 rd Blair Park

Early Bird Series

1 st Marco Canegallo
2 nd Ian Wallace
3 rd Andrew Coffin

Sprint Races

1 st Andrew Coffin
2 nd Blair Park
3 rd Sam Scott

Summer Series

A Fleet

1 st Andrew Coffin
2 nd Marco Canegallo
3 rd Nigel Harford

B Fleet

1 st Ryan MacVeigh
2 nd Jonathan Holder
3 rd James Gasson

Wednesday/Friday Night races

A Fleet

1 st Jeff Coffin
2 nd Paul Page
3 rd Ian Wallace

B Fleet

1 st Mark Heseltine

Easter Bunny Regatta

1 st Andrew Coffin
2 nd Ian Wallace
3 rd Blair Park

Closing Regatta

1 st Ian Wallace
2 nd Andrew Irving
3 rd Bernard Sonck

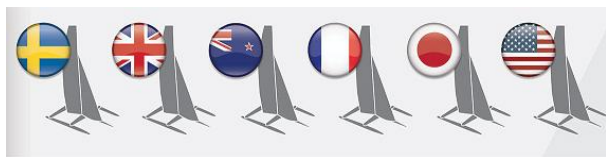


Closing Regatta



Upcoming Events

Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers & Challenger Playoffs - PLSC style.



Following our normal scheduled race series between 28th May and 18th June, we will be holding after the 3rd race or after the river race, our own Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers & Challenger Playoffs. So please let the race officer on the day know if you are participating in the Cup and under which colours you will be sailing. Several sailors can sail under the same colours only if all colours have been selected.

Event	Day
Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifier - Day 1 After Winter Series 4	Sun, 28 May, 07:00 Rig – 08:00 Start
Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifier - Day 2 After Mark Foy Series 1	Sun, 4 June, 13:30 Rig – 14:30 Start
Louis Vuitton America's Cup Challenger Playoffs Semi-finals - After Mad Hatter Regatta	Sun, 11 June, 07:00 Rig – 08:00 Start
Louis Vuitton America's Cup Challenger Playoffs Finals and America's Cup final– After River Race Series 1	Sun, 18 June, 11:30 Rig – 12:30 Start

RACE DAY ONE

- 1st - 10 points
- 2nd - 9 points
- 3rd - 8 points
- 4th - 7 points
- 5th - 6 points
- 6th - 5 points

RACE DAY TWO

- 1st - 20 points
- 2nd - 18 points
- 3rd - 16 points
- 4th - 14 points
- 5th - 12 points
- 6th - 10 points

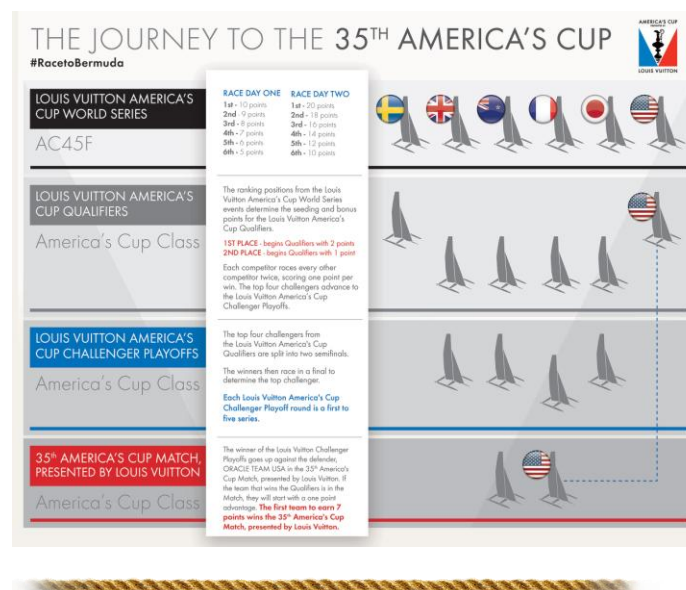
The ranking positions from the PLSC Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series events determine the seeding and bonus points for the PLSC Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers.

1ST PLACE – begins Qualifiers with 2 points

2ND PLACE – begins Qualifier with 1 point

Each Competitor races every other competitor twice, scoring one point per win. The top four challengers advance to the PLSC Louis Vuitton America's Cup Challenger Playoffs. The top four challengers from the PLSC Louis Vuitton America's Cup are split into 2 semifinals. The winners then race in a final to determine the top challenger. Each Louis Vuitton America's Cup Playoff round is a first to five series.

The winner of the Louis Vuitton Challenger Playoffs goes up against the winner of the Kaiahiku Trophy in the 1st PLSC America's Cup Match. If the boat that wins the Qualifier is in the match, they will start with a one point advantage. The first boat to earn 7 points wins the 1st PLSC America's Cup presented by none other than your Commodore.



Estuary Art and Ecology Prize 2017



Saturday 10 June 2017 2:00pm – 5:00pm at the Malcolm Smith Gallery, Uxbridge Arts and Culture, 35 Uxbridge Road, Mellons Bay, Auckland

The only contemporary art prize in Aotearoa New Zealand with ecology at its core. Join Uxbridge Arts and Culture for the presentation of prizes for this year's Awards and a look at the exhibition of finalists.

First Place: \$5,000, Second Place: \$2,000, 2 x Merit: \$150 Gordon Harris Gift Voucher

Visitors are encouraged to vote for the People's Choice Award, valued at \$1,000.

Exhibition opens at 2.00pm, formalities to begin at 2.30pm.

Patrol Boat & OD Training – 17th June

This course is very useful and will allow you to help out on the water at the club and operate one of the 3 safety boats. In the course Ian will cover Safety procedures on & off the water, VHF Operation, using motors, boat launching, motor care and you will be doing some practical exercises such as retrieving buoys, coming alongside another boat safely. Please register your interest quickly by contacting Ian.

Estuary Clean-Up

Saturday 24 June 2017 11:00am – 2:00pm



Rain or shine! Join us for a clean-up of the Tamaki Estuary with the Tamaki Estuary Protection Society, it will be hosted at our club.

This has now become an annual event following the success of last year's clean up. Gloves, rubbish bags and refreshments provided. Please wear closed footwear or gumboots.

It will be a fun event (mud could be involved!) and we will be cleaning up our basin at the same time, so do book this day in your calendars.

Upcoming Laser Events

Date	Event	Venue
2017		
3-4 June	Port Ohope Queen's Birthday Regatta	Port Ohope
12 Nov	North Harbour Masters	Pupuke Boating Club
25 th & 26 th Nov	North Island Laser Champs	Napier Sailing Club
2018		
17 th to 21 st January	NZ Laser Nationals	Naval Point
22 nd April	RSA Regatta	PLSC

Boat Naming competition



It has been proven that if a parent names his child, he will be a much better parent unless he calls his child Laser Standard. Parents who name children tend to take greater care of their offspring so we will be trialling this concept on our Club lasers.



We are looking for the best 18 names to name our club lasers. Be creative, put in your entry to our publicist. You can either enter 18 names or a single name. If one of your names has been selected, you will be receiving a CRC product.

Finishing Gun

Well it's about time to head for shore and wrap up another edition of the PLSC newsletter. Thanks for reading and extra thanks for all those who contributed stories about regattas, weddings and other important events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors, The Mt Wellington Foundation Ltd, Half Moon Bay Marina and Burnsco Marine in Mt Wellington for their support of our club. And of course thanks to you all of you for making PLSC such an enjoyable place to sail.

See you on the water, take care...

Andrew D.

