



**Classic Yacht Association Boat Owners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron**

In the absence of the Chair, Jason Prew (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting and welcomed the 18 members present.

Launch & Social Events:

Jason introduced Nathan Herbert, Launch Captain who gave a debrief on the launch activities noting:

- the Riverhead outings were well attended by car and launches
- Waitangi Day picnic had been successful despite the weather
- Cake Day at Islington Bay had been disappointing as members didn't go ashore. It was suggested raft-ups be encouraged and publicised for the 2020 event.

2019-20 proposed events to include: Riverhead, a Christmas Cruise to Gt Barrier and yard visits.

Yachting Events:

The new venues of Rocky Bay and Kennedy Bay were popular events despite the weather issues at Rocky Bay.

Suggestions were forwarded:

- Kennedy Bay start line to be moved 200-300m to the east and Andy Ball commented on the reason for the delayed start. The issues of the start flags not being clearly visible and VHF communications difficult as so many Clubs were using the channel to be rectified for next season.
- Derek Brandt requested the start time be put forward to 1100hrs to give yachts from outlying marinas reasonable time to get to the start line. Andy will advise host clubs for 2019-20 season.
- Rocky Bay, an alternate plan be put in place should the weather be from the South again and transport to the venue be arranged.
- Patio Bay: it was noted that a 'rain date' has been put in place for 2019 with the first weekend being 30 Nov/1 Dec and the 'rain date' being 7/8 December.
- Chad Thompson suggested a 3 day Rally around the Gulf similar to the Devonport Yacht Club event. He also queried the lack of discards in the Series racing. Joyce advised it had been put in place to encourage dwindling number of entries but it would be reviewed for the A Classic Division given the increase in the number of entries.
Chad also commented on how well the separate starts for the A Classic Division for the gaff-rigged yachts had worked.

General Business:

Ian Cook commented on the race calendar and the number of races included. He suggested an overfull calendar reduces participation and a focus should be on key events.

James Buttle commented on his dislike of harbour racing but as Ian pointed out it was important to continue to support harbour racing to retain the rights to sail in the harbour.

It was agreed there was a need to support both areas of racing.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.38pm