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## Action-packed Anniversary Regatta

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by Alan Houghton*

In keeping with the stunning summer that we have all been experiencing, this year's 175th Anniversary Weekend just rocked.

Whether you made the trip to the Mahurangi Regatta, the dance at Kawau Boating Club, or Monday's Auckland Anniversary Regatta (some did all), it was one of the best weekends that most can remember.

I'll let the photos tell the story.



*Top: Sunset at Scott's Landing (Mark Lever Photo). Left: CYA launch parade at Mahurangi. Waitangi and Frances joust for position in the pre-start.*



### Diary Note

#### March 14

Launch Cruise to  
Stillwater Motor Camp

#### March 28

Cake Day / Round Rangi  
Race & Raft Up

*Don't miss out on any  
CYA Events or Outings -  
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# Classic treat at Rotoiti

For aficionados of classic wooden boats, the first weekend in February each year is rather special – the Lake Rotoiti Classic & Wooden Boat Association hold their annual parade. This year marked the 18th anniversary and with over 80 vessels of all shapes and sizes taking part was one of the best.

The event commences with a Waka leading the flotilla out of the Okere Arm and then weaves its way past several land-based spectator viewing



Picnic at Wairoa Bay

points. These points are manned by a commentator who broadcasts a brief history on each boat as it passes. From here the fleet proceed to Wairoa Bay for a picnic lunch.

In recent years, the event has become popular with CYA members both as spectators and entrants. This year we had Robert Brooke and family in their clinker runabout Harmony, Tony Stevenson

and guests in the Tino Rawa Trust's 1902 Logan, Otira, and Russell Ward and family skippering the steam boat Romany.

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## Riverhead Launch Cruise

Sunday 15th February saw the CYA launch group make another assault on the Riverhead Pub. Due to the long journey, the decision was made to break the passage in two and the fleet anchored/rafted up off Herald Island for refreshments to steady the nerves before undertaking the

challenging creek navigation.

Skippers and crews were impressed to view the new expanded Boat House area and the service was excellent. This upper harbour venue is rather special and I would encourage those that can (draft) to plan a trip up to the hotel.



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