



**KAWAKAWA BAY BOAT CLUB INC,
KAWAKAWA BAY, RD5, PAPAURA, 2585**

Newsletter

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Commodores Report

It doesn't seem that winter has just arrived with the extended warm and settled weather to date.

It's pleasing to report that again outstanding work continues to be done by both ramp staff and volunteer committee members.

The interests of all our members are being well served!

Work behind the scenes continues with us now having the completed necessary resource consent, and a start has been made on the new third ramp area to the immediate east of the existing ramps inside the breakwater in front of the club building.

Work has also been carried out on the club car park surface, above the ramp, with potholes filled and infill between the road and parking areas ensuring better and safer vehicle access.

The committee is aware that the ramp surface at times can be extremely slippery at low water and encourage members to take care when using the ramps in these conditions.

We are also in ongoing discussions with the council's marine experts, looking for ways to reduce the slipperiness encountered on the older ramps, which we continue to scrub & waterblast regularly.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held on **Sunday August 28th**, in the Supper Room of the Kawakawa Bay Hall at 2.30pm. (All members welcome)

Nominations are sought for the positions of Vice President, Commodore, & Committee members.

Current Committee:

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| President: | George Couldrey |
| Commodore: | Drew Hayward |
| Vice President: | Des Searle |
| Vice Commodore: | Trevor Collings |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Robyn Rusher |
| Committee: | Leen Carol |
| | James Kirkham |
| | Derek Nielsen |
| | Dave Reffin |
| | Penny Rollinson |
| | Ray Swan |
| | Maurice White |

If you require a nomination form please contact us

New Ramp & Pontoon



We are currently in the midst of constructing & installing a new ramp & pontoons.

About half of the new ramp has been poured already.

Hopefully the new surface will provide adequate traction, and be less prone to slipperiness. A lot of consideration has gone into ensuring we get the best surface we can.

The new ramp is already usable from high tide to half tide, & pontoons will be installed down the eastern side. Our delightful ramp staff will manage the usage as tide/ weather dictates, to help you get in & out of the water more efficiently.



We have to have the right tides & weather to be able to pour the bottom half of the ramp. So far construction has gone smoothly & quickly.



It is intended that we have the full new ramp completed by Labour Weekend.

Membership

The Boat Club fully appreciates the support of all our members. This enables us to provide and maintain a great facility, along with the service of our ramp staff to you all.

Welcome to our new members & Thanks to our long term members for your continued support & welcome to the new members who have joined us over the past season..

With this season coming to a close we once again see an increase membership numbers. Our membership sits just shy of **1500**.

We trust you all enjoy our facility & continue to support us in the future.

New season's membership becomes due on the 1st August 2016. Payments can be made at the club watch house when open, where we have Eftpos facilities, or directly online into our bank account.

The membership ID for the upcoming year is coloured Maroon. Please ensure that you display the current year's identification. The Club requires you show your current vehicle ID as well as have the correct coloured stickers on your boat and trailer. This makes it easier for our ramp staff to identify you. Please remember that your membership belong to you personally, not your boat/vehicle. Membership ID is for the sole use of the member registered with the club, and is not to be loaned to other people. Spot checks are carried out all the time. Remember if you sell your boat to remove your stickers from you boat & trailer. Also please notify club of any change of boat details.



Manning of the Ramp

This past summer season once again was very busy. The dedication of our Ramp Staff Team plays an important part in keeping the ramp running in an orderly manner. They are here to direct & assist with the launching & retrieving of your boats, and we thank you all for your co-operation in following their directions when you use the ramp.

With the new ramp being operational this upcoming season, it will mean extra work for the staff to keep things running efficiently.

The ramp area will need to be kept clear at all times to allow for the extra traffic flow.

You must be ready to launch your boat immediately as soon as you enter the ramp.

- No untying of travel straps, loading gear, putting in bungs, removing covers & towing flags etc. can be done in this area. It **MUST** be done up on the roadside prior to your entry.

Likewise when you retrieve your boat, you must exit the ramp area straight away & prepare your boat for your journey home on the roadside away from the ramp.

- Simple things like having your winch rope/cable extended out ready to hook to your boat saves heaps of time.

Busy times can test the patience of everyone, so please follow instructions of the staff at all times.

Please check low tide times, & try to avoid these where possible.

This will help alleviate the large queues you can experience outside the ramp when returning from your day out. Watch for the Stop/Go sign & wait your turn to be signalled into the ramp area.

When launching at low tide you will need to be patient & follow directions when it is your turn.

Our aim is to make sure everyone gets a fair turn!

Please adhere to parking layout signage when using car parks. Take time to park correctly as to not impede others.

It's great to get to know and see you all regularly. We appreciate your support for what we do.

If there is anything we can do to make your experience here better, or you need any special assistance please let us know.

See you at the ramp again this upcoming season.

Penny & the Ramp Staff Team.

Kawakawa Bay Junior Sailing

The Boat Club is looking for parents who are interested in resurrecting the Junior Sailing Programme.



It has been some years since the group was last active, but several pieces of equipment are still available to be picked up and restarted. eg: inflatable patrol boat, course buoys, a couple of Optimist, and one Viking sailing craft.

Persons interested in picking up and reviving the group are asked to contact the past Sailing Captain – Bill Morgan on 09 292 2654.

From your Club Committee/Management

The Kawakawa Bay Boat Club provides the facilities here for its members.

We endeavour to make all your time using the ramp facilities both enjoyable & safe.

So please remember the user both behind & in front of you is also a member who wants to proceed with minimal delay.

You may well be surprised at the number of incidents occurring due to broken winch ropes, mal-adjusted rollers, and flat batteries etc. which cause hold ups for everyone.

Our ramp staff will offer help & advice to get you clear of the ramp as soon as possible, & get the ramp fully usable again.

Please remember our staff are there to manage the comings & goings of our facility.

They are not there to do it all for you!

Contact Us

All feedback and suggestions welcome.

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