

## December 2020

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And, as I have recently sold my Whiting 29 *Corner Bar Cruiser* (after 31 years), I can't regale you with sea-stories of start-line clashes, finding fickle breezes or putting in a tuck in a freshening sou'wester. So I thought to share with you my history on the water. I have been so lucky to have spent a large part of my life

## FROM THE QUARTERDECK



### A Missive from The President

Bill Jaques

Previous "from the  
Quarterdeck" have  
been described as

"reports" Well I am such a recent returner to Club affairs that I don't have much to *report*. All I can do is note the completion of the kitchen refurbishment (which I had absolutely nothing to do with) and congratulate Tony, Mark and Donn on a job well done and thank them for their good work. It was the last part of the Clubhouse that needed to be brought up to standard.



– working and playing - just messing around in boats. Like Ratty, I have found that there was nothing half so much worth doing.

I first met boats on a family holiday in the Kenepuru Sound when I was seven. I found a wee clinker dinghy (with oars) tied loosely alongside rock jetty. I spent hours figuring out how to row this thing and I was hooked. Still remember it so clearly. Then learnt the rudiments of sailing at the Aurora Sailing Club and the



Iron Duke Sea Scouts and my interest extended to ships and shipping as I got to know the coastal ships trading in and out of Nelson.

At 15 I joined the Navy (not for the guns but for the seafaring) and once qualified opted to specialise in hydrographic surveying. This involved lots of sea time and boat work plus, in those days, some land surveying, mathematics and chart drawing - a mix that I found very satisfying. Served in the old Lachlan, on exchange in HMS Cook in the Pacific, in both of the 72 foot surveying HDMLs Takapu and Tarapunga and eventually in HMNZS Monowai.

Left the Navy after 31 years and joined the boat harbours section of the Auckland Harbour Board. Still messing around with boats but mixing with a very different (and less disciplined!) demographic!

Reflecting on it all I think the greatest satisfaction I had from all this seafaring was the 4 - 5 years I was the navigator of the Lachlan. Offshore navigation by the stars was something of a game of skill and chance. Quite demanding but very satisfying when your destination hove up over the horizon on time and where you expected.

Took early retirement after 7 years. In partnership with a like-minded couple we purchased a converted Dutch barge and for 9 years spent our NZ winters in Europe – Holland, Belgium and France. Wonderful way to combine a love of boats with travel. Still a bit of seamanship required but there is no dragging anchor at night and nearly always a friendly café close alongside.

In the summers took up tutoring Coastal Skipper courses with the Coastguard. I'd never taught previously - another steep learning curve - but I like to think that my

enthusiasm for my subject carried me through.

Our first yacht was a trailer sailer - an 18-foot



*Kestrel*. I think they have gone out of fashion and good thing too. Not an ideal starter boat with a young family and new sailor wife. Still we had a few laughs and a couple of great cruises complete with 3 young children and a dog! Must have been young. Later when I finally stopped going to sea we went through a couple of keel boats - a Nova and then a Noalex 30 before settling on the Whiting 29 which proved a great boat for us, adequate performance without too much hard work. Raced her with Richmond for a few seasons and then joined the DYC and sailed most races for about 15 years.

Inevitably I became inveigled into the Committee and served as Sailing Master, Clubhouse Captain and eventually Treasurer over some 10 years. And now I'm back again, but in the background. I hope I can contribute a little to the continuing success of the Club.





## A Special Report from Past President Peter Strathdee

### Memories from the past

There are many memorable places in the Pacific, but I believe a lot of the enjoyment when cruising is the people you meet along the way.

My first offshore adventure was in 1979 the Auckland to Suva Race. There were so many entrants the organisers, being concerned Suva would not be able to cope with that many of boats, decided that half the fleet would race to Suva, the other half to Lautoka. I had been asked to make up the crew of seven on a Pacific 38, from the Bay of Islands Yacht Club. We had a good trip up, except for one poor crew member who suffered badly from sea sickness. The competition between the crew, to cover the most miles in an hour when on the helm was fearsome, but made for a fun and fast trip. We went to Lautoka. Warren the skipper had sailed there before and had made friends with a Fijian/ Indian family who ran a farm and a large vegetable stall at the market, and we had been invited have dinner with them at the farm one night. On arrival the two grandparents, four sons, their wives and nineteen grandchildren welcomed us. The hospitality and the meal that they prepared for us on an open fire was overwhelming. They had built a new toilet/shower block including with running water, knowing that we were coming. A great family.

In 1981 I joined Pip and Oliver Campbell on their Herreshoff Mobjack Ketch *A Place in the Sun*, to do the Whangarei to Noumea Race. Pip and Oliver would charter the boat out in the Bay of Islands over summer and would use an offshore race as a delivery trip to the islands where they would also do charters over the winter. On the morning of departure a Whangarei Wines and Spirits truck pulls up on the wharf and we off loaded a vast amount of duty free wines, spirits and beer and stowed it on board. Getting close to the race start time I was concerned that there were still six cases of rum still sitting in the cockpit, Oliver said don't worry and we were off. On day three at my protest and the rum still in the way, we were instructed to decant the rum into filling an unused water tank and dumping the bottles over the side. We had a slow trip being almost becalmed for two days and arrived at Noumea with only thirty six hours before Warren and I were booked to fly home. We did some sightseeing the next day and Warren dead set on tasting frog's legs, made enquiries and was told that the local Convent, that has a restaurant, served them. So off we go for dinner and later I decided that frog's legs are not for me. The building being over 200 years old and the dining room was amazing. Part way through the dinner a novice Nun came out, the room went quiet and she sang Ave Maria, unaccompanied. Her singing and the acoustic in that room were unbelievable, very moving and it still gives me goose bumps when I think about it. Funnily enough for our last night in Noumea we finished up in a Tahitian night club, where an island band was playing. One of the group was playing what looked like a homemade ukulele, when the band stopped for a break Warren asked if he could have a look at it and began strumming it, prompted by the band to play something he then asked the girl band member to borrow her guitar and hands it to me, we sang



Pokarekare Ana, probably not very well, but it went down very well and we had a great night with our new found friends. At one in the morning the manager, I think he wanted to go home, offered us a ride back to the marina. On the flight home the girl in the band turned out to be one of the air hostesses. The manager of Whangarei Wine and Spirits, who was sitting beside me, could not understand why I was getting preferential treatment being given two quail meals and several bottles of red wine.

In 1984 the Bay of Islands Yacht Club, arranged in conjunction the de Tahiti Yacht Club a race from Waitangi to Papeete. It had been hoped that boats from Tahiti would have come down and raced back however that did not eventuate. Warren two years earlier had brought the hull and decks for a Mull 40 and being a carpentry joiner had work full time fitting it out for the race, with some help from me at the weekends. The race started of the yacht club at 10am in the morning in little to no wind and we were still off Red Head at 5-30pm, a frustrating start, to the race. Our wishes for wind were dually

answered when two days later we were in +60 Knot easterly winds and in the biggest sea I have ever seen, waves as high as power poles, with us down to storm gib and trysail. Still trying to sail to windward we had to steer the boat up and along the top of the waves and steer down the other side so we didn't launch the boat off the top into the trough, however as rain and darkness fell, we lay a hull and waited till the early hours of the morning when the wind had moderated we set off to the east again to sail on port 2400nm. We had a great reception on our arrival at the club and we were invited to the club's president home for a dinner. We visited the islands of Bora Bora, Huahine, Raiatea, Taha and Moorea before heading northeast to the picture post card, Tuamotu's but that's another story.

Next time from Tahiti to The Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Fiji and home.

Stay Safe, Merry Christmas

Peter Strathdee, Past President

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

A warm welcome to our newest members.



New Member	Member Type
Mukai Duder-Hura	Youth
Haddon Smith	Individual
Frank & Pam Ruddiman	Family
Mark & Jasmine Whatmough	Associate Family
Grant Alexander	Individual
Dean & Toni Betts	Associate Family
Vesna Blazin	Individual



## Zeppo Does the Coastal Classic 2020

Last year, fresh from completing the Coastal Classic on a Young 88 my brother, Brett, suggested we enter this year's race in Zeppo. I did the race in Richard Harman's Farr 1020, L'Avanti, a few years ago which was a lot of fun but thought that Zeppo, a Chico 30, was too old and slow to compete. However, 2020 is a funny old year which got a lot of people, including me, thinking during lockdown about all the things they should do. So, what the hell, let's give it a go!

I entered Division 5 and invited Brett and Hugh Pollock to crew with me. After paying the entry fee, we spent a frantic few weekends getting the boat ready for the race. The "to do" list included: PHRF certificate, Cat 3 safety inspection (thank you, Kevin Johnson), replace expired flares, lifejacket testing / certification (replace one that had a leak), clean hull at Floating Dock and numerous other bits and pieces. I had also splashed out on a new mainsail and jib during winter so my wallet was feeling very light!

Race day, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, finally arrived and the weather forecast was for light NE winds, backing NNE then dying to nothing on Saturday morning. Bummer! We had been looking forward to the usual brisk SW with kite run up the coast.



**Ahead of Motorboat, the eventual Division 5 winner, at the start!**

We got a good start close into the Devonport wharf, ahead of Motorboat for the first and last time in the race! Credit goes to Brett and his OK dinghy racing skills for that. Beating around North Head into the flood tide and light breeze we hugged close to Cheltenham Beach. However most of the fleet was thinking the same tactic and it was proving hard to get a clear laneway so we struck out on port tack all the way over to Rangitoto to work the shore over there. A bit of a struggle to get past the lighthouse then a long tack over to Motutapu before tacking to starboard and catching a lift up to Tiritiri Channel.

Onwards to Kawau and we were having our own private race with three other boats at the back of the fleet. Seeing other boats being headed south of Cape Rodney, we did a long clearing tack out from Taketu, catching a lift and the outgoing tide. Some dolphins came to play with us for a few minutes.



**Brett Daniel searching in vain for wind at sunrise**

Back onto starboard tack and another two steady lifts and it looked like we would clear the east end of the Hen while most of the fleet were choosing to go to the west where I thought there would be a big wind shadow. However, our luck wasn't to last. The wind weakened and headed us forcing another two tacks to clear the Hen

at around 0100 hours. The wind was soft between the Hen and Chicks so it took the best part of two hours to then clear the West Chicken.

A bit more pressure carried us up to Taiharuru by sunrise then the wind gradually died until we were becalmed off Ngungururu at 0700 hours. With 45 miles to go and at least another three hours before the sea breeze kicked in, it was going to be impossible to get to Russell before the time limit of 1500 hours so we chucked it in and fired up the donk. Of the 24 boats in our Division, only three stuck it out until the time limit at which point they were rounding Cape Brett. They got line honours prizes based on their GPS positions but the handicap race was all washed up.

We motored up to Whangaruru Harbour, exploring the narrow channel between Rimiriki Island and Mimiwhangata which was very scenic. Dropped the pick in Puriri Bay where we had brunch and a well-earned rest.



**Grant Daniel and Hugh Pollock (still no wind as we motored home)**

On Sunday we motor-sailed back to Kawau, stopping at the Chicks for lunch and some unproductive fishing. After a quiet night in North Cove, we motored home on Monday. All in all, we were disappointed not to have completed the race but it was still a great four days out on the water to blow the Covid-19 blues away.

**Grant Daniel, “Zeppo”**



# On the water

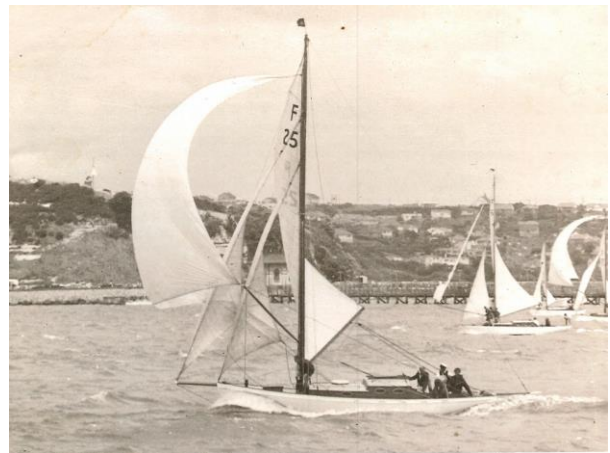
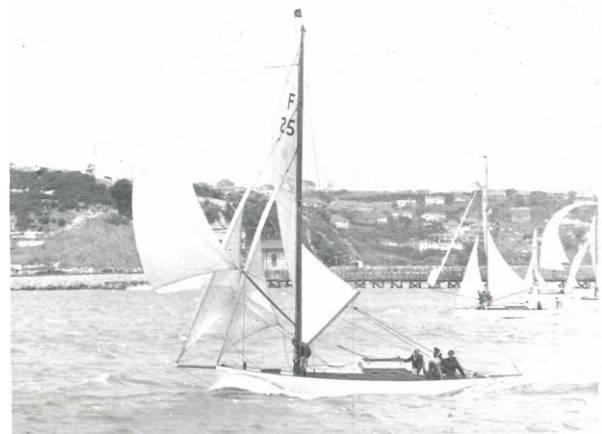
Here's a couple of good photos from Mike and June Hall of the Division A and Division B boats at the start of the Round Tiritiri Matangi race in November.



Race	Round Tiri Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	21/11/2020		11:00:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
#	<b>Division A Orange Flag</b>							
9708	Athena	0.780	Y	15:17:17	4:17:17	3:20:41	4	1
4932	Toronui	0.785	Y	15:19:41	4:19:41	3:23:51	6	2
5001	Renown	0.835	Y	15:08:28	4:08:28	3:27:28	3	3
3374	Zeppo	0.725	Y	15:50:01	4:50:01	3:30:16	8	4
43	Northerner	0.890	Y	14:58:16	3:58:16	3:32:03	1	5
NZL 442	Explorer	0.870	Y	15:04:25	4:04:25	3:32:39	2	6
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.860	Y	15:19:10	4:19:10	3:42:53	5	7
3246	Kudos	0.790	Y	15:42:16	4:42:16	3:42:59	7	8
			Starts	8	Finishes	8		

Race	Round Tiri Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	21/11/2020		11:05:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
#	<b>Division B Green Flag</b>							
2170	Hautere	0.695	Y	15:57:47	4:52:47	3:23:29	1	1
3790	U Choose	0.680	Y	16:11:46	5:06:46	3:28:36	5	2
2441	Kristen	0.660	Y	16:28:10	5:23:10	3:33:17	7	3
8392	Tumbleweed	0.715	Y	16:04:25	4:59:25	3:34:05	3	4
3690	Tumua	0.710	Y	16:09:55	5:04:55	3:36:29	4	5
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	16:02:05	4:57:05	3:38:21	2	6
334	Ladybird	0.638	Y	16:49:35	5:44:35	3:39:51	9	7
624	Loose Unit	0.670	Y	16:41:19	5:36:19	3:45:20	8	8
5482	Lambretta	0.725	Y	16:27:48	5:22:48	3:54:02	6	9
9526	Time	0.695	Y	17:10:51	6:05:51	4:14:16	10	10
			Starts	10	Finishes	10		

Below are a couple of pics of Spray 11 supplied by John Duder



Race	Ice Breaker Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	31/10/2020		10:00:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
	Y							
#	<b>Extras Division Orange Flag</b>		10:00:00					
7635	Kotuku	0.800	Y	12:09:52	2:09:52	1:43:54	1	1
3246	Kudos	0.765	Y	12:20:12	2:20:12	1:47:15	2	2
5001	Renown	0.785	Y				DNF	DNF
6363	Sea Biscuit	0.795	Y				DNF	DNF
9708	Athena	0.815	Y				DNF	DNF
			Starts	5	Finishes	2		

Race	Ice Breaker Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	31/10/2020		10:05:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
	Y							
#	<b>No Extras Div Green Flag</b>		10:05:00					
9526	Time	0.680	Y	12:29:03	2:24:03	1:37:57	2	1
3155	Lidar	0.655	Y	12:35:10	2:30:10	1:38:22	4	2
3790	U Choose	0.680	Y	12:37:15	2:32:15	1:43:32	5	3
5125	Abracadabra	0.680	Y	12:39:30	2:34:30	1:45:04	7	4
NZL442	Explorer	0.820	Y	12:14:05	2:09:05	1:45:51	1	5
8392	Tumbleweed	0.730	Y	12:34:41	2:29:41	1:49:16	3	6
3690	Tumua	0.715	Y	12:39:54	2:34:54	1:50:45	8	7
2441	Kristen	0.690	Y	12:49:56	2:44:56	1:53:48	10	8
9384	Sereno	0.745	Y	12:38:26	2:33:26	1:54:18	6	9
5482	Lambretta	0.730	Y	12:47:26	2:42:26	1:58:35	9	10
			Starts	10	Finishes	10		

Race	Motuihe Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	7/11/2020		10:01:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
	Y							
#	<b>Division A Orange Flag</b>							
9645	Started With A Kiss	0.840	Y	11:51:22	1:50:22	1:32:42	2	1
5001	Renown	0.825	Y	11:53:59	1:52:59	1:33:13	3	2
3246	Kudos	0.790	Y	12:00:54	1:59:54	1:34:43	5	3
NZL 442	Explorer	0.870	Y	11:54:16	1:53:16	1:38:33	4	4
43	Northerner	0.900	Y	11:50:39	1:49:39	1:38:41	1	5
7635	Kotuku	0.800	Y	12:18:46	2:17:46	1:50:13	6	6
			Starts	6	Finishes	6		

Race	Motuihe Race	C H'Cap	Start	Finish	Times	Corrd.	Line	Places
	7/11/2020		10:06:00		Elapsed			Hcp.
	Y							
#	<b>Division B Green Flag</b>							
624	Loose Unit	0.650	Y	12:02:18	1:56:18	1:15:36	3	1
2441	Kristen	0.650	Y	12:04:54	1:58:54	1:17:17	5	2
5609	Matai	0.735	Y	12:00:21	1:54:21	1:24:03	2	3
2170	Hautere	0.695	Y	12:08:03	2:02:03	1:24:49	6	4
8392	Tumbleweed	0.725	Y	12:04:34	1:58:34	1:25:58	4	5
3794	Masquerade	0.780	Y	11:56:30	1:50:30	1:26:11	1	6
			Starts	6	Finishes	6		



Apologies. We haven't found time for THE INTERVIEW this month, but we've arranged for Bill Cole to appear in the next edition. 😊

## Letters to the editor:

Dear Editor,

I have read the latest newsletter and see the mention of the Teddy in the story on Kiti and her boat Moomin. I have attached the photo of the "Teddy" hauled out at the DYC in year TBC. Please pass onto Kiti and Tony Bollard. Note the RIG in the photo.

Regards

Chris Leech

<https://waitematawoodys.com/2015/04/26/the-wreck-of-teddy-sailing-sunday/>



## Wholesome Ships

Have you seen Team NZs latest 75-footer? And are you impressed? Well I'm not! For a start it has no loo in it, so if one of the crew members needs to go what can he do? With the thousands of spectators watching the racing it would be a bit rude should he decide to pee over the side and if the ship is doing 40 to 50 knots he would be blown overboard because it has no lifelines either.

And it has no beer chiller on board to keep the drinks cold and I bet that there is no stove so the crew can have a cup of tea during the downwind legs of the race and another thing is that there would be no point in putting a spinner over the stern as at the speed that they are sailing no fish could get it.

Would you like to come sailing? Peter Burling asks, well you will need to wear a crash helmet, body protection and have an oxygen bottle in case you are trapped under the boat. No thanks Peter I would prefer to go sailing in my own boat wearing shorts and a tee shirt and have the protection of a spray dodger should any spray come aboard and a nice comfy bunk to climb into when I need a rest. Are we going to win the Americas Cup again? You betcha.

Frank Warnock

Life Member





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please add these events to your diaries / calendar:

- **DYC Seatalks - One Outstanding** movie screening 3 December (\$15 fundraiser for NZ Sailing Trust)
- **Race 4 Shorthanded Series 2 Handed Round Waiheke** 5 December
- **Race 5 Cruising Series Peter Blake Memorial race to Oneroa** 12 December
- **Race 6 Non-Series Race Home** again to Devonport 13 December
- **DYC Seatalks - Ocean Express** circumnavigates NZ, Warwick Spedding 17 December
- **DYC Christmas Dinner and Carols** 18 December
- **SAVE THE DATE.** The **DYC 'America's Cup Ball'** will be held at the club on **Saturday 27th February 2021**. This will be a very special black-tie event - so put the date in your diary now!



THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER! DYC and NZ Sailing Trust present a limited

screening of 'One Outstanding' - a documentary about the fierce battle between Steinlager II and Fisher & Paykel in the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World Race - created by film maker, Larry Keating, who will be joining us on the evening.

Join us at DYC from 7pm for 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd December - tickets \$15 per person from the DYC bar or [email emmaaw@me.com](mailto:emmaaw@me.com) - all funds going to NZ Sailing Trust  
<https://www.facebook.com/nzsailingtrust>

### DYC – Seatalks



#### 2020 Circumnavigation of NZ

We will hear about the adventures of father and daughter, Warwick and Stephanie Spedding, and their crew as they prepared and sailed around NZ in 2020. From 3 weeks without cell phone coverage, extended sailing in 40kts plus, a swim at 47 degrees south and an epic gennaker sail across the Bay of Plenty and everything in between in their 40ft Chico, *Ocean Express*.

**7.30pm Thursday 17 December 2020**  
**All welcome. The club bar will be open**



**2-HANDED ROUND WAIHEKE**

**SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER**

**DIVISION 1 CITY OF AUCKLAND CUP START 0900HRS**

**DIVISION 2 LOUIS JULIAN SHIELD START 0900HRS**

SPONSORED BY SCOTT RICHARDSON – DEVONPORT LOCKSMITH

If your boat finishes in good time, please come to the Club to celebrate. Prize giving will be held at 1830hrs on Friday 11 Dec in the Club. For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz

## Americas Cup racing



### It's All On!

The America's Cup action is ramping up, with the World Series event starting mid-December.

The first race will start a few minutes after 3pm on December 17 and will see Emirates Team New Zealand against Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Team. The second pairing will be American Magic versus INEOS TEAM UK. There will be 4 short races each day 17/18/19 Dec then 4-6 races on 20 Dec.

The Club will be open with live race screening, and a great view of all the harbour action. Come and join the action.

The latest AC36 Newsletter can be found at [https://www.americascup.com/files/m2762\\_AC36\\_NEWSLETTER\\_02.pdf](https://www.americascup.com/files/m2762_AC36_NEWSLETTER_02.pdf) and the full World Series event announcement at [https://www.americascup.com/en/news/800\\_PRADA-AMERICA-S-CUP-WORLD-SERIES-AUCKLAND-AND-PRADA-CHRISTMAS-RACE-FORMAT-ANNOUNCED](https://www.americascup.com/en/news/800_PRADA-AMERICA-S-CUP-WORLD-SERIES-AUCKLAND-AND-PRADA-CHRISTMAS-RACE-FORMAT-ANNOUNCED)



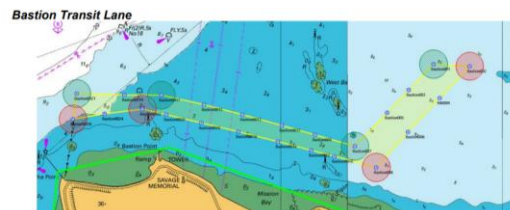
Allan Wetherall assisted by Mike Hall at last week's DYC Seatalks. This was fascinating, especially about Allan's involvement with course marshalling, and the transit lanes. See below.

## Public notices

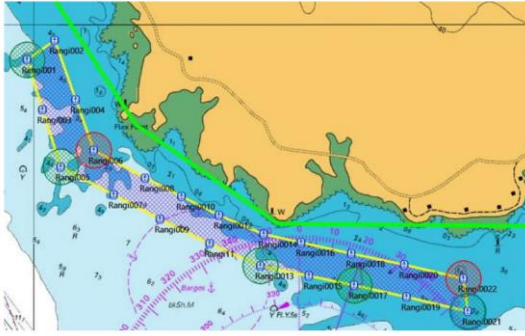
### Notices to Mariners

Local Notice to Mariners:  
Notice: 54 – 20 AC36 vessel transit lanes (currently being installed)

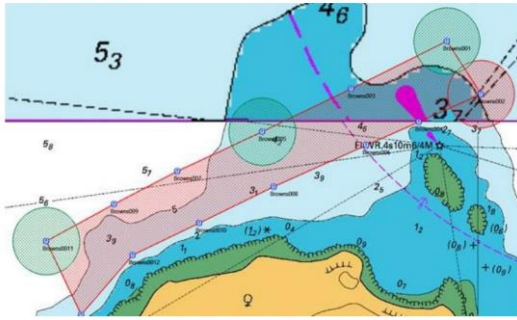
All mariners are advised that AC36 vessel transit lanes are currently being set up around Bastion Point, North Head, Rangitoto and Browns Island. The locations are identified as per pictures below and buoys are to be deployed as required (additional navigation lights on some buoys are also being installed). All Mariners are advised to navigate with caution while transiting these areas.



Rangitoto Transit Lane



Browns Island Transit Lane



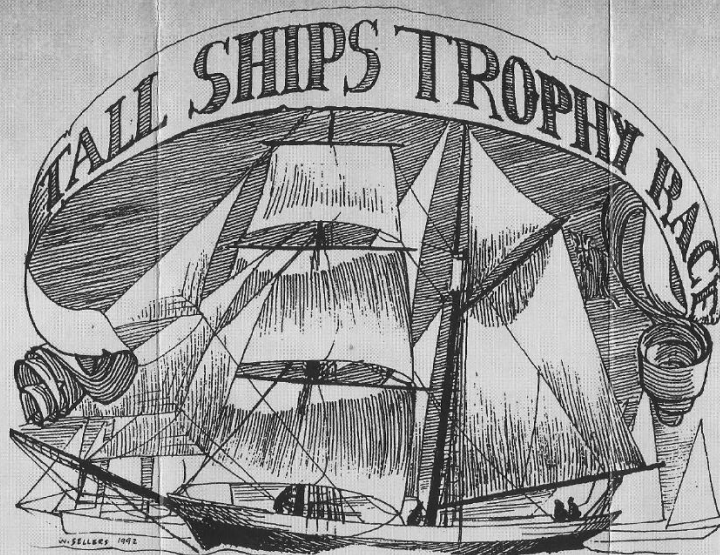
North Head Transit Lane



**\*Not to be used for navigation.**

This notice will expire until further notice.





## RUSSELL BOATING CLUB

Three Light-hearted Races Celebrating the Spectacle of Sail

- ◇ TALL SHIPS: 30 ft (9m) on deck • 2 or more masts • No spinnakers • Monohulls only
- ◇ CLASSIC: 22ft (6.7m) on deck min • Any rig • No spinnakers • Monohulls only
- ◇ ALL-COMERS: 22ft (6.7m) on deck min • Includes multi-hulls • All sails

Saturday  
9th January

2021

- ◇ RACES START at noon off Russell • ENTRY FEE \$ 30 per boat.
- ◇ REGISTRATION online at <https://russellboatingclub.org.nz/tall-ships>
- ◇ OR on raceday at briefing in clubhouse, 9am Matakauhi Bay

*Hangi and Dancing*

- ◇ Queries and NEW ENTRANTS please contact:  
[tallships@russellboatingclub.org.nz](mailto:tallships@russellboatingclub.org.nz)



Auckland Anniversary Regatta Inc 0800 REGATTA [admin@regatta.org.nz](mailto:admin@regatta.org.nz)



*Float your boat on Auckland's birthday!*

## Notice of Race Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta Monday 1 February 2021

The Organising Authority is the Auckland Anniversary Regatta Inc  
Suite 7554 PO Box 106910 Auckland 1143  
P: 0800-REGATTA [admin@regatta.org.nz](mailto:admin@regatta.org.nz)

In conjunction with Bucklands Beach Yacht Club, Classic Yacht Association, Devonport Yacht Club, Dragon Boat Association, Kawau Boating Club, Murrays Bay Sailing Club, NKOA, Royal NZ Yacht Squadron, Sea Scouts NZ, Tamaki Yacht Club and Takapuna Boating Club.



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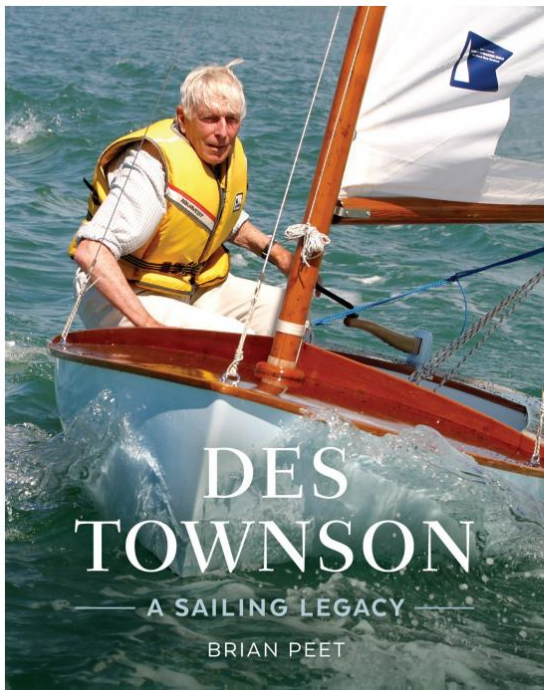
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### DYC CALENDARS - GREAT FOR XMAS GIFTS!

These beautiful DYC calendars are essential for DYC members - plus they make wonderful Christmas gifts. They're full of photos of club boats, members and events and dates for 2019/2020 sailing fixtures and events. \$20 each from the DYC bar or email [emmaaw@me.com](mailto:emmaaw@me.com) . All proceeds will go to support the Club!





## Club Fundraiser

For every \$80 book purchase, \$20 will be donated to your boating club.

Purchase from Brian Peet  
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### Lawrence Schaffler, Editor, Boating NZ: -

"Townson – the man, the sailor, the designer, the builder – is wonderfully presented in Peet's biography. He writes with an easy, conversational style and includes plenty of warm, colourful anecdotes which I'm sure will be news to even the most seasoned of Townson scholars."

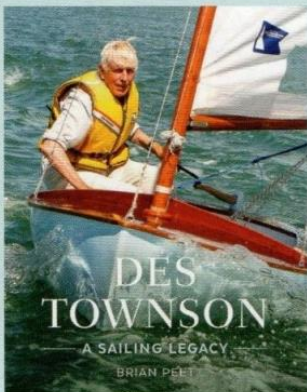
### Roger McMillan, Editor, [www.mysailing.com.au](http://www.mysailing.com.au)

"This is a book that every Kiwi sailor should buy. It's magnificently illustrated with photos and drawings of many of the designs and it chronicles the life of an interesting and significant contributor to the sport of sailing. Peet is an excellent storyteller. The book is well-written, with a good balance of anecdotes and technical detail."

### Roy Dickson, International Yachtsman: -

"An absolutely fabulous book. I've read many yachting design books and none of them gets close to what Brian Peet has created."

## book review



*Des Townson  
 – A Sailing Legacy*  
 By Brian Peet  
 Mary Egan Publishing  
 RRP \$80.00

## THE DEFINITIVE TOWNSON

**E**ven if you think you know everything there is to know about Des Townson – one of the country's best-loved designers – it's a safe bet that reading this book will reveal a lot more about his enigmatic work and life.

Peet's biography – meticulously researched over more than a decade – is detailed and thorough yet hugely readable. He writes with an easy, almost colloquial style – with plenty of anecdotes – a clever tactic that helps to draw you into the mind of the complex and somewhat reclusive Townson.

And it's an intriguing portrait he paints: getting your head around the sheer volume and variety of Townson's work is one thing (it's a lot more diverse than I believed). That it flowed from the pen of someone who was innately shy and withdrawn, who shunned the fame and publicity his boats/designs attracted, is a great irony.

In fact, it's that 'human' side of Townson that I found most fascinating in Peet's book – the slightly fractious relationship with his father (which probably spurred his stubbornness/determination); his remarkable powers of observation (from even a young age his ability to absorb 'boat theory' simply by watching others, apply it and improve on it was extraordinary); his inventiveness; his mental strength and abilities as a competitive sailor.

Enthusiasts of the Townson 'classics' are particularly well-served in the pages: the genesis of the Zephyr, Starling, Mistral, Dart and Pied Piper – each is explored in colourful detail. As is his venture into bigger keelers – and the race boats with their complicated rules.

The legacy is extraordinary – particularly in terms of its impact on the evolution of New Zealand sailing. So much of this country's sailing tradition can be traced to the Townson boats still being used by youngsters learning to sail and race.

I found myself reading large swathes of this book in a single sitting – but I'd suggest much of its appeal lies in its suitability for 'grazers' – readers who like to dip in and out of a book over weeks or even months. It runs to nearly 350 pages and is filled with scores of rare monochrome and colour images – sourcing them must have been an epic in itself.

Plenty of material already exists about Townson. For me this is the 'Definitive Townson'. A finely-produced publication that's guaranteed to generate plenty of discussion if left on your coffee table. It won't fit into a Christmas stocking, but it will look good under the tree. *Ed*

**The book is available in most bookstores but can also be ordered from:**  
[www.destownson.co.nz](http://www.destownson.co.nz)





Dear fellow boatie

The books Big Aggie Sails the Gulf and Big Aggie Sails Again, are now available. These books relate the hilarious misadventures of the bumbling Blanco White as he sails his yacht 'Big Aggie' around the Hauraki Gulf.

ALL the proceeds of the books are being donated to Lifeline Aotearoa who work hard to combat suicide

Enjoy a good read, have a laugh, solve your Christmas gift problems, and in the process support a really deserving organisation.

In order to maximise the donation to Lifeline these books are only available online.

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## Proposed new Navigation Safety Bylaw 2021



Tēnā koe

We are seeking feedback from you on a new Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Te Ture ā-Rohe Urungi Āhuru / Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw 2021 and associated controls from **Monday 16 November 2020 to Sunday 14 February 2021.**

## About the proposed changes

The proposed new bylaw and controls aim to help minimise the risk of accidents, nuisance and damage within Auckland's navigable waters.

The proposal would replace the current Navigation Safety Bylaw 2014 and associated controls.

We are proposing a new bylaw and controls that would:

- increase the maximum speed limit on the Waitematā Harbour Zone to 18 knots (currently 12 knots)
- clarify existing rules, including about swimming, events and support vessels
- make new rules about vessels such as motorised surfboards
- amend existing rules about carrying a means of communication on a vessel, to carrying at least two independent forms of communication on a vessel
- align rules about the use of Ōrākei Basin with current accepted practices
- remove rules about Commercial Vessels for Hire and Reward as this is addressed in separate legislation (Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016)
- remove rules about speed around marine mammals as this is better addressed under the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978
- update the format and wording of the bylaw and associated controls.

## How you can give feedback

You can have your say on the proposal from Monday 16 November 2020 until Sunday 14 February 2021 by:

- completing the online feedback form, giving feedback at an in-person or online drop-in session, giving feedback by phone or emailing or posting a feedback form to us.  
Visit [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw](https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw) for more information on how to have your say

## What happens to your feedback

We analyse all feedback received and provide a summary available to the public on the 'Have your Say' webpage at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw](https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw).

All feedback will be considered by a Bylaw Panel at a public meeting in May 2021. The Bylaw Panel will use the feedback to make recommendations on the proposal to the Governing Body at a public meeting in June 2021.

Any person is welcome to attend and listen to the Bylaw Panel and Governing Body proceedings, but there will not be an opportunity to have your say at either meeting.

Please visit the 'Have your say' webpage closer to the time for more information on when and where you can attend and listen.

## Further enquiries

You can submit any questions and view more information (including the proposed amended bylaw) at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw](https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw).

Nāku noa, nā,

Auckland Council

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw>







# CALLING ALL CITY SKIPPER VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 36th AMERICA'S CUP!

With less than one month until the racing begins, we're on the lookout for volunteers to bring Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland to life as City Skippers!

The 36th America's Cup includes three races from December to March. City Skippers can expect to work on race days in a range of roles in key locations throughout Auckland, from wayfinding and operational support to spectator management and activations.

Learn more and register your interest at [aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup/volunteer](https://aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup/volunteer)

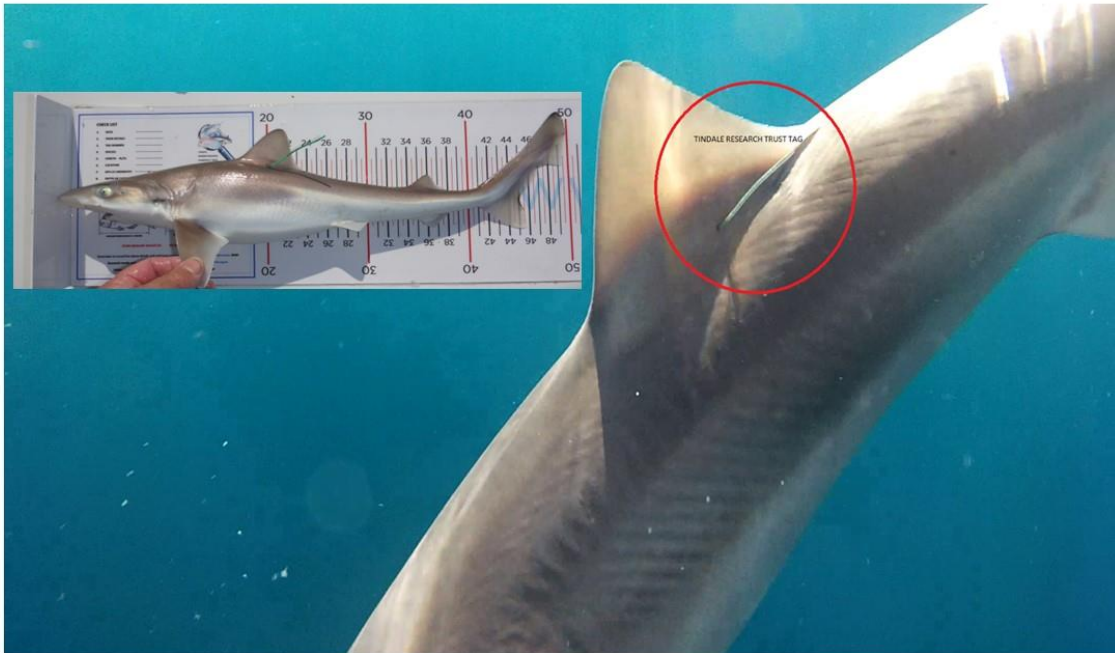
 **SUMMER IS CALLING**



TINDALE MARINE RESEARCH CHARITABLE TRUST  
INSHORE FISH TAGGING PROGRAM

## WANTED

# REPORT TAGGED SCHOOL SHARKS



Can you help Massey University PhD student Alex Burton with his research into the population dynamics, preferred habitat, and movements of school sharks from around New Zealand, especially within the Kaipara Harbour area?

Also known as Tope sharks, this species can be found throughout NZ in sheltered harbours, along the coastline, and out past the continental shelf. School sharks range in size from 30cm up to 180cm and are easily identified by their translucent snout and body colouration i.e. greyish above and white underneath.

Recreational anglers and volunteers around the country have been fitting green serial numbered tags to released individuals. If you catch one of these tagged fish, please record the following and release it again (if possible), as it will help gather further information on their growth and movements.

**1. Tag serial number**, **2. Date captured**, **3. Overall length** (nose to tip of tail), **4. Catch location** (with GPS coordinates), **5. Depth of water**, and of course any interesting observations you make.

Once recorded, please fill out the recapture form, with these details, online at:

<https://tindaleresearch.org.nz/fish-tag-recovery-form/>

Alternatively, you can email the details to [tindaleresearch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tindaleresearch@xtra.co.nz)

For more information or if you wish to join the program please visit [www.tindaleresearch.org.nz](http://www.tindaleresearch.org.nz) or phone 0274760687

## Again, from the Publicity Officer

We're looking for volunteers to help with the monthly newsletter, the weekly Latest News emails and the DYC website. This is currently run as a one-man band but working as part of a team would be much more fun and productive. If you are interested, have some skills you could share then please contact Geoff Evans on 021 777251 or email [newsletter@dyc.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@dyc.org.nz) .

## Flag hoist team

We currently have a team of five members that are rostered on weekly to fly the flags at the Club flagstaff. As some of us head off on our sailing cruises over the summer it would be handy to add to the team. If you're interested contact Geoff Evans on 021 777251



*(Photo – Geoff Evans)*



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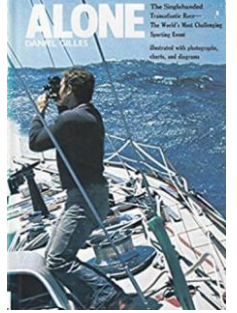
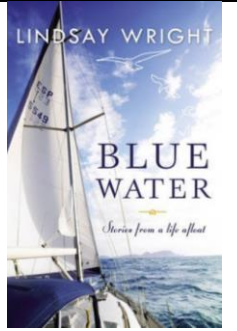
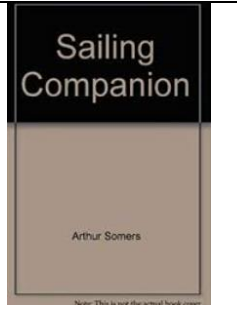
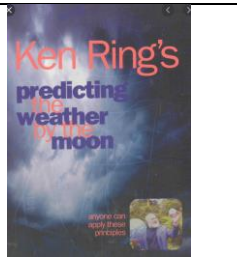
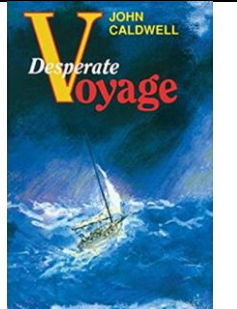
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## Book reviews from DYC Library

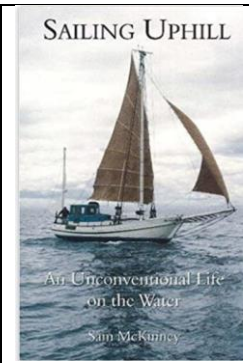
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<p><b>ALONE</b> DANIEL GILLES</p> <p>This is the story of the toughest race in the world, the Royal Western/Observer Single Handed Trans-Atlantic Race. From quiet beginnings this race has become the most publicised and prestigious of its kind in the world.</p>	
<p><b>BLUE WATER</b> LINDSAY WRIGHT</p> <p>This is an action-packed story of a journey to the Arctic icepack, encounters with whales and storms, to rescuing a derelict yacht only for it be washed ashore later on a New Zealand beach.</p>	
<p><b>SAILING COMPANION</b> ARTHUR SOMMERS</p> <p>This is a comprehensive guide to all the key aspects of boat handling techniques from basic principles to advanced seamanship under various conditions, explained in considerable detail. The sport is designed to provide clearly and concisely all the information to the sailing enthusiast.</p>	
<p><b>PREDICTING THE WEATHER BY THE MOON</b> KEN RING</p> <p>Practiced for thousands of years, almanacs were a feature of rural life foretelling of storms, floods, droughts and earthquakes. The author reveals how the moon affects our weather and shows how this can be easily calculated.</p>	
<p><b>DESPERATE VOYAGE</b> JOHN CALDWELL</p> <p>This book is more than an exciting tale of adventure at sea. It is pacy, compelling and unpredictable as a thriller. It is both witty and moving. It is a story of a romantic and naïve man motivated by love and his own fierce determination to survive.</p>	



SAILING UPHILL - AN UNCONVENTIONAL LIFE ON THE WATER  
SAM MCKINNEY

This is a perceptive and evocative memoir by a thoughtful writer. He describes the joys as well as the fears and frustrations of adventuring in little boats in big waters. He travelled up the Columbia and Snake rivers, down the Missouri, up the Mississippi all the way to New York city.



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**RESEARCH PROPOSAL:**

*Measuring Aotearoa New Zealand's ocean health through world-class partnerships and outreach, focusing on microplastics and biosecurity*

Background Human activities are threatening the health of the world's oceans. One factor putting pressure on our marine environments is plastic pollution. Recent modelling predicts that 1.7- 6.6 trillion (10<sup>12</sup>) pieces of macroplastics, and 3 million trillion (10<sup>18</sup>) microplastics (MPs) could be entering the ocean annually by 2040. This pervasive pollutant is increasingly being shown to affect the environment from the level of the individual to the ecosystem level. Due to the buoyant nature and resilience of plastics it can act as a 'raft' capable of transporting nonindigenous species (NIS), both large and small, between previously geographically isolated locations, posing a major threat to local biodiversity, ecosystem services, human health, and the economy. In Aotearoa-New Zealand (A-NZ), the concentration of MPs in coastal waters is poorly understood. Whilst Auckland Ports and Marinas represent important hubs for a number of marine pests, and a source of primary and secondary spread of these NIS, it is not clear what role plastics have played in the establishment of these communities, or their continued spread. Supported by two nationally significant Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Research Endeavour Programmes (see below), this expedition aims to collect environmental samples along regional shipping routes and marine habitats of high ecological and cultural value (Auckland – Opua - Poor Knights – Great Barrier Island) and study MPs and NIS directly on board of the vessel. This will be done through the use of specialised sampling devices able to collect environmental eDNA and MPs at constant cruising speed of 4-7 knots. Collected material will be analysed on-board using cutting-edge morphological and molecular diagnostics tools. Emphasis will be given to education, communication, and citizen science. Blue Cradle, a new ocean science and literacy organisation based in Ōtautahi-Christchurch will build this first expedition into a 'proof-of-concept' expedition, demonstrating the case for a collaborative approach to marine scientific research using a sustainable and accessible research vessel platform. Blue Cradle will facilitate/orchestrate this



expedition, bringing stakeholders together, producing a film, participating in the research, and documenting and communicating the research to educate wide audiences, in a decomplexified and an understandable way. The expedition team will organise two public outreach events with local councils, schools, and iwi (Tamaki in Auckland and Patuharakiki in Whangarei) in order to promote citizen science and integrate this new knowledge within the central idea of 'kaitiakitanga' (guardianship of the sky, sea and land). The overall ambition is to inspire the general public and build the foundation of a long-term inclusive platform, engaging and learning about the importance of working collaboratively to preserve a healthy ocean. Looking beyond, this is a worthy and tangible opportunity to showcase A-NZ's own ocean literacy efforts which include Mātauranga Māori, contributing to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, bringing attention to crucial issues to preserve coastal ecosystems for future generations.

**Research Consortium / Mission** This project will involve two nationally significant research programmes recently funded by MBIE . The first; Aotearoa Impacts and Mitigation of Microplastics (AIM2 ), brings together researchers from 6 NZ institutions, with expertise ranging from marine biology to polymer chemistry. The aim of this programme is to determine the current state of MP pollution in ANZ marine, freshwater and terrestrial environments; investigate the potential impacts on these environments and the ecosystem-based industries they support, and; explore ways in which these impacts can be reduced or remediated. To achieve this the research team is working closely with a range of primary sector industry bodies, regional councils and territorial authorities, NGOs, iwi and communities. The Marine Biosecurity Toolbox ([www.biosecuritytoolbox.org.nz](http://www.biosecuritytoolbox.org.nz)) is a collaborative research programme whose mission is the development of science-based tools and technologies that empower governments, tangata whenua, industry and the public to effectively mitigate biosecurity risks. Once implemented, these transformative 'tools' will empower regulators, industry, mana whenua, and the community to effectively manage risk pathways, prevent pest establishment, and detect and respond to new incursions.

**Proposed Research Expedition Aims:**

1. Better understand the distribution/densities of MPs and the patterns of high-profile marine pests across the Auckland-Northland region.
2. Implement Point-of-Need DNA-based analyses directly on-board of the vessel to produce real-time data and present/showcase their use for citizen science application.
3. Produce reports and peer-reviewed scientific publications in high-impact international journals.
4. Produce a film documentary (Blue Cradle). When and Where: To be determined. Ideally early April 2021. How: 3-4 Senior scientists, 1-2 students/early career researchers, 2 from the Blue Cradle team. One skipper. All required food, staff time, and research material, equipment and reagents, will be provided through AIM2 and Biosecurity Toolbox Programmes (see Budget). Equipment will include a) sampling devices (manta suitcase trawls, traditional plankton nets, and cruising speed nets), b) dissecting microscopes, c) filtration units and field-deployable DNA diagnostics tools, including portable DNA extractors and isothermal DNA amplification technologies, and portable MinION DNA sequencers, and d) computers, projectors, film equipment.

Documentary (Blue Cradle) Aside from the overall coordination, Blue Cradle will be in charge of producing a documentary (length tbc) to tell the story of this expedition and working to promote ocean literacy



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Kia tiroiro mangōpare,  
arā ko ngā tai e whā  
Look through the eyes of the mangōpare,  
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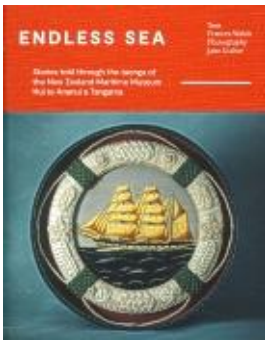
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