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Congrats to Pam Waring from SV StarFish, our Feb winner who wrote:

"What I like best in Tell Tales? Definitely the human interest stories of other folks adventures like 'Anecdotes of a Yottie' as well as stories from locals and of course all the photos of happy faces at the club! My fav pic this edition though, has to be the photo of the cruise ship tied up to Opuwa Wharf!!!"

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COMMODORE'S REPORT IAN TEMPLEMAN



Despite some rather wet and windy weather, I hope that everyone has had a happy Christmas and New Year break and we are all re-energised for 2023 and hopefully some pleasant summer weather.

By the time you read this Bay of Islands sailing Week 2023 will have been and gone but how proud we are that our good members Tony and Nina Kiff were awarded a Yachting New Zealand Service Award for all the dedicated effort they have put into setting up BOISW and making it into the best big boat regatta in New Zealand.

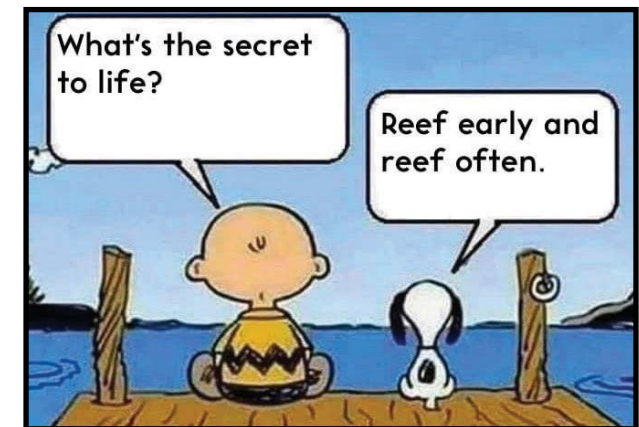
I remember my first BOISW very well. Merry and I were sailing in the Flying Fifteen fleet and on the second day we finished first and Dave Rivington finished a close second so in the late afternoon I strode up to the results board with considerable pride only to read that Dave Rivington was 1st and we were 2nd. With some indignation, I stormed into the race office to point out their error and that was to be my introduction to Lorraine Kite, she explained that she had most definitely not made an error and that after the 1st days racing my handicap had changed. As my blood pressure gently began to rise I politely explained that the FF's were a one design class and we did not have handicaps. WRONG she barked at me and then fortunately someone else came into the race office to calm the air.

Since then I have learned to live with the rather quirky handicap systems used in NZ but to me, it will always be a folly to handicap one design classes.

Enjoy your sailing and do come and share your stories in the hospitable and friendly surroundings of our wonderful OCC.

Safe sailing

Ian T



Racing called off as wild weather batters Bay of Islands



For the first time in the Bay of Islands Sailing Week regatta's 20 year history, racing has been called off on the last day as gale force winds, heavy rain and rough seas battered the Bay of Islands. The regatta's race committee made the decision to abandon the final day's racing in light of the weather, which has also caused the cancellation of ferries between Paihia and Russell.

Regatta Chairman Ian Clouston said: "It's been a testing event, for the boats taking part and race management. But to only call off one event in 20 years, we've been very lucky."

Racing got underway on Wednesday with 103 boats taking part in the 20th anniversary edition of the event, with all scheduled races completed on NZL Sailing Foundation Race Day One despite testing conditions on the water. Sailors had to contend with up to 2.5m waves and winds of up to 25 knots to complete their courses. But despite many describing the day as "hard work", others were glad of the opportunity to sail in conditions they might not otherwise have braved.

"They were working their butts off out there and it was very challenging, but quite a few sailors have said to me it was good for them to get that experience. It was a great learning experience," Ian said.

Conditions were similar on Thursday for Explore Race Day Two, and race management opted to bring racing in closer to calmer waters further inside the Bay of Islands, to avoid the worst of the

rough seas. They also altered courses so all divisions sailed a single bay race, and no windward-leeward races were sailed.

Around half the boats entered would normally sail three races each day – two windward-leewards and a bay race – so the cancellation of North Sails Race Day Three means the Open Racing divisions completed just four races out of a scheduled nine. The Island Racing divisions, which sail a single, longer bay race each day, completed two races out of a scheduled three.

The change has been welcomed by some, but met with disappointment from others who had hoped for the chance to claw back the lead from their rivals. But most were happy not to have to sail today in heavy wind and rain, and took the opportunity to enjoy a well earned sleep-in after the Beach Party at Otehei Bay.

Competitors heaped praise on the event's organisers and volunteers for putting on a great regatta despite the challenging conditions, with many promising to return again next year whatever the weather.

The next Bay of Islands Sailing Week is scheduled to take place from 23 to 26 January 2024.



Photo credit: Lissa Photography and BOISW



Photo credit: Julie Kidman



Racing activity has picked up after the Christmas break with good fleets for both the Burnsco Summer Twilight series and the NSR Friday Rum race series. Our race officer now has the option of running a slightly longer course in the Rum races when conditions permit, and this has been welcomed by participants.

Well done to Cees, Anna and Lily for their fine win in the Tall ships classic boat division on Nexus, wonderful to see three generations racing together and winning!

We also had a strong turnout for races 2 & 3 of the Fisher & Paykel interclub series in January and our OCC team did well to retain the trophy after some champagne racing in the bay.



Well done to our whole team and thanks to Ian and Merry on Sea Otter for being our Committee boat for the day.

Congratulations also to Symmetry, Buzz and Allures mate for winning their divisions in Bay of Islands sailing week.

Great to see so many OCC boats doing well in competition!



The beautiful Fisher and Paykel Interclub trophy which hangs above the bar at the club. This trophy has been contested between Russell Boat Club and OCC since the late eighties.

Congratulations to Antjie Muller and David Brown for finishing 1st and 2nd in the 2023 NZ Europe class national championships held down at the Nelson Yacht Club. It was very close racing with only 1 point between 1st and 2nd!



2023 New Zealand Europe National Championships

Nelson Yacht Club



Results are provisional as of 18:49 on January 15, 2023

Europe Division

Sailed: 9, Discards: 1, To count: 8, Entries: 11, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Division	Class	Sail No	Club	Helm Name	Gender	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Nett
1st	Europe	Europe	122	Opua CC	Antje Muller	Female	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	(12.0 OCS)	2.0	2.0	1.0	12.0
2nd	Europe	Europe	83	Opua CC	David Brown	Male	(2.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	13.0
3rd	Europe	Europe	7	Charteris Bay YC	David Davies	Male	3.0	5.5	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	(6.0)	4.0	31.5
4th	Europe	Europe	107	Nelson YC	Tim Fraser-Harris	Male	5.0	5.5	(6.0)	5.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	39.5
5th	Europe	Europe	77	Nelson YC	Lorenz Steiniger-Brach	Male	4.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	8.0	7.0	(12.0 OCS)	7.0	5.0	40.0
6th	Europe	Europe	115	Nelson YC	Mike Terry	Male	(12.0 DNC)	12.0 DNC	12.0 DNC	3.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	44.0
7th	Europe	Europe	86	Nelson YC	Sandra Williams	Female	7.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	(8.0)	5.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	45.0
8th	Europe	Europe	1352	Nelson YC	Rob Bentley	Male	6.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	(11.0)	8.0	7.0	57.0
9th	Europe	Europe	88	Queen Charlotte YC	Kennedy Florence	Female	8.0	7.0	7.0	(9.0)	9.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	64.0
10th	Europe	Europe	102	Nelson YC	Julie Newell	Female	9.0	9.0	8.0	(11.0)	11.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	75.0
11th	Europe	Europe	49	Nelson YC	Paul Goldsmith	Male	(12.0 DNC)	12.0 DNC	12.0 DNC	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	12.0 DNC	85.0

Cees Romeyn

An Opuia Cruising Club Stalwart

Opuia Cruising Club has been at the center of Cees Romeyn's life for many, many years. As a founding member, Cees has been actively involved with the club in a variety of roles for a long, long time. Over the years he has continued to volunteer his time and resources to various committees, sub-committees and projects whilst also actively participating in the club racing, cruising and social activities. He truly is a stalwart of the club, and we caught up with Cees recently to find out a bit more about this cherished life member and character...

Cees arrived in NZ as a single 23-year-old boat builder who made copra hair clips, cuff links and buttons as a side hustle. He was selling his woodware to shops and got so busy he wasn't able to complete his orders working at night and on the weekends. He asked his boss for 3 months off but his boss said "No, you stay or go" so Cees decided to leave and go out on his own. His first workshop was in a waterfront boatshed in Wellington's Evans Bay. A beautiful place to work but the business was growing quickly, and he soon found himself working out of a larger workshop in his basement at home. Cees met his wife Pamela in Wellington and after a few years with a young family found himself asking, "Why live in a city when we don't have to?". So Cees and Pamela moved to Paihia with Anna and Luke before buying a house in Opuia.

Cees initially worked out of the garage at home but that soon wasn't big enough and he added a workshop below the house. "Luke then joined me but we made too much noise so we moved to the Opuia Industrial Estate and worked from there for the next 10-12 years".

After being flooded twice in one year they bought premises in Haruru falls where they have been for the last 16 years

So, 57 years after arriving in NZ Cees continues to run the successful family-run business Romeyn Woodcrafts producing beautiful original handcrafted Kauri and Rimu products right here in the Bay of Islands. They have also made many beautiful bespoke trophies for Bay of Islands sailing week, OCC, Russell Bird Man festival and the BOI waka festival.

As a young boy, Cees learnt to sail on a big lake near Amsterdam. Together with friends, he would hire a boat for 5 Florin a day but his very first race was in Wellington when a friend asked if he wanted to come sailing and he found himself down below, sitting on the ribs - as ballast!

And he thought to himself, "I'm never going to do that again!"

His first boat was a Paper Tiger catamaran before buying the yellow Reactor 25 called "Kowhai". This was a Paul Whiting design that led Cees to later buy the Whiting 29 "Nexus" which he



Photo (above) credit Lissa Photography & BOISW

Photo (below) credit Peter de Graaf, Northern Advocate

has actively sailed ever since. He has happy memories of teaching Luke to sail a P Class in English Bay and these days loves twilight racing with his granddaughter Lilly and his daughter Anna. This trio recently took out the RBC Tall ships invitational race against a strong field, much to the delight of the whole club and everyone who knows the family.

Cees is another OCC veteran of Bay of Islands sailing week having competed in every one of its 20 regattas to date.

Cees is a past Commodore of OCC and has been on multiple committees organizing a variety of things including social and cruising events.



He has a quirky dead pan sense of humour and for more years than can be remembered has been the lead role in the annual play for the Commodore's party where he will inevitably be found dressed up as a woman, reading his lines off a broomstick (or similar prop) with his audience in absolute stitches.

Still involved and working at 80 years old Cees looks forward to retiring sometime, not necessarily to do more sailing because "Nexus" is already without doubt the most used boat in New Zealand.

Thank you for everything you have done for the club Cees, we are all the richer for it!





CRUISING NEWS

The bay has been as busy as usual over the holidays with lots going on.

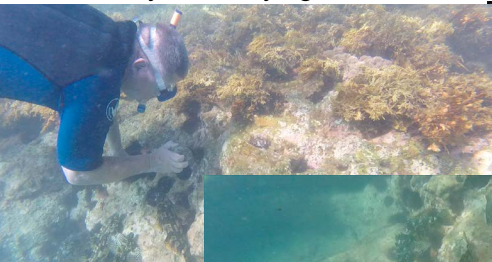
The OCC cruise to the Cavalli islands and Whangaroa went ahead albeit with reduced numbers due to forecasted strong Southeasterlies which would have made the return trip a bit boisterous. In the end the weather was fabulous and we enjoyed some excellent exploring, fishing and snorkelling. We also did a beach cleanup in the bays on the Northern side of Motukawanui Island where everything from used shotgun cartridges, plastic pegs, jandals, rope and all sorts of plastic containers had washed ashore in the recent storms. This has become a bit of a ritual for Cruising division excursions now and it certainly is satisfying to leave a remote

beach or bay in better shape than when we arrive.

OCC cruisers were regularly seen out enjoying the bay over the holidays and a number of our boats also anchored off Russell to watch the Tall Ships race in January which was a lovely way to spend a day on the water.

Our overnight cruise in Feb is on the 25th & 26th so keep an eye out for destination details closer to the time.

Happy cruising.



SOUTH ISLAND FOR SUMMER

The Island Cruising South Island Rally departed from Opuia just after Christmas. There was a short delay of a couple of days to explore the delights of Whangaroa Harbour before the right weather window opened up and the boats had a wonderful ride around Cape Reinga and then down the west coast to the Abel Tasman.

Being a 500NM passage, and being up to 70NM offshore at times, the rally boats spent lots of time getting prepared for the passage, including ensuring they had a clean hull for the strict biosecurity requirements in Fiordland.

There are 33 boats registered, mostly from New Zealand and with a few international visitors as well as two boats who crossed the Tasman to join the rally. They can choose to go all the way around the South Island, or there is an option to just explore the top of the South - Marlborough and Abel Tasman has lots of territory to cover, and finally a group joining the rally just to head south for the

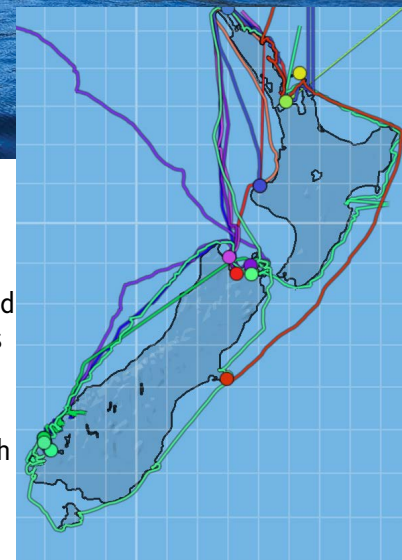
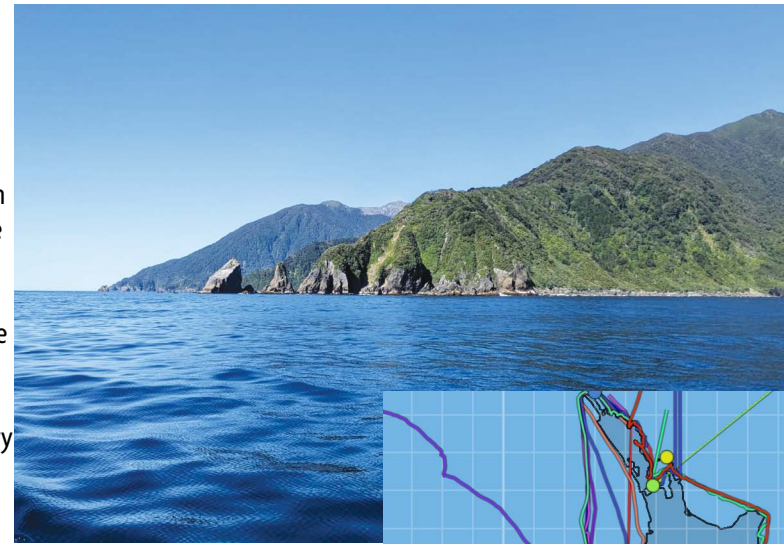
SailGP in Lyttelton where there are some fun events planned around the Peninsula in the lead up to the SailGP event.

With the weather being so wet and windy in the north, the boats down in Fiordland have been having a wonderful settled and sunny period - with the temperature reaching 30 degrees in Doubtful Sound earlier this week!

There is no set timetable or agenda that the boats have to stick to, and so they often come and go catching up with each other along the way. It can be as social or as independent as you wish, and you've got all the added benefits and support of being on a rally if anything goes wrong along the way.

If you'd like to sail south sometime, check out the Island Cruising website and webinar which includes some tips on where to visit and what you might see along the way. You can watch online here:

<https://www.islandcruising.nz/events/south-island-rally-2022-2023>



Anecdotes of a Yottie

By Georgina Porter

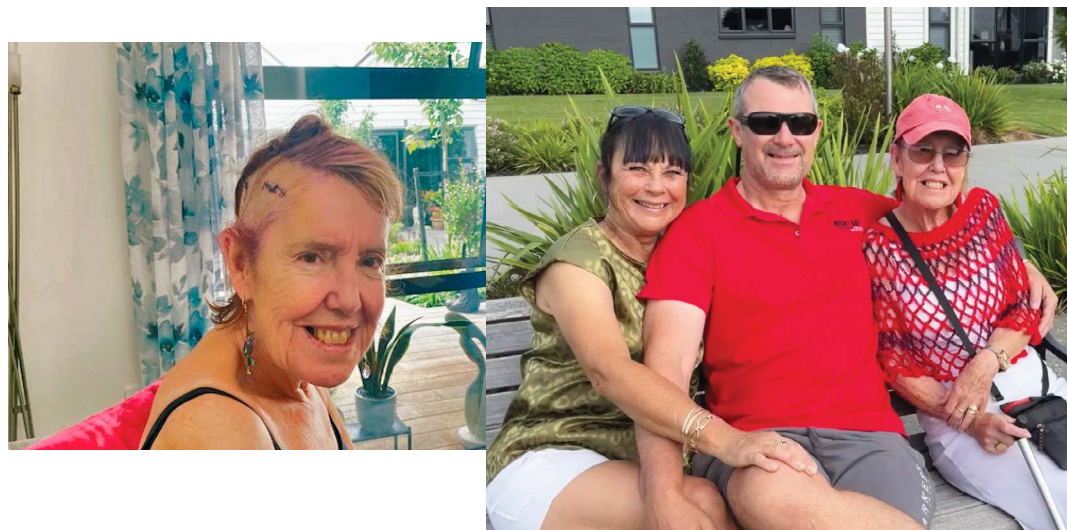
Unfortunately we don't have a sailing story from Georgie this month. Georgie had a nasty fall in November last year and shares her account of the events that took place. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to more of her sailing adventures in the future.

I was in the BOI mid November and unfortunately had a fall. I didn't see the deep step down, when being shown to a table at The Topsy Oyster. I fell headlong and hit my left temple on the very heavy high table. Two nurses came rushing over and administered to me which was a great help, I felt OK after a little while and even ate some lunch! I would just like to warn people to be very careful of the step if they go there.

I drove home and did go to the local Medical Centre and was checked out and told I had mild concussion. On the 20th December I had a medical check to renew my car licence with no problem. On 22nd I was a bit lethargic and on the 24th spent the day resting. By New Year's Day I didn't feel at all well and called the Healthline, the lady was very helpful and I waited till the Wednesday to see a doctor. I mentioned the fall but he didn't think it was connected and increased my blood pressure tablets. A week later I saw my own doctor and explained my symptoms and she increased my BP tablets again. The following week I was to see the nurse to check my BP, I had deteriorated quite a lot and my friends were really worried, if it hadn't been for Colleen Nankivell giving me her appointment I don't know what might have happened. Her doctor sent me to the hospital for an MRI where I was told I had had a slow bleed on the brain. The next day I had a subdural Haematoma. The surgeon told me he drilled into my skull and the blood just spurted out. I made a quick recovery and was home after four days looking like a punk rocker and feeling like Frankenstein. I have since had a number of staples removed and was able to wash my hair which was matted with blood.

Thankfully my brain is still in place and I am getting back to normal, if that is at all possible. It was so lovely to be visited by Reece and Floppy at the weekend.

I would just like to thank the Opuia Cruising Club Committee and members for their good wishes. I hope to visit again before too long.



MONTHLY QUIZ



Test your crew!! Test yourself with these five quick questions.

1.	When should you limit your speed to 5 knots (pick 2 answers)
a.	Within 50m of another vessel or swimmer
b.	Within 200m of the shore, any structure, or vessel displaying a dive flag.
c.	Within 100m of the shore any structure, or vessel displaying a dive flag
d.	Within 100m of another vessel or swimmer
2.	Where or when can you discharge your holding tank or flush your marine toilet straight into the sea?
a.	At night time
b.	Further than 500 yds off the shore or in water over 5m deep
c.	When the tide is going out
d.	200m away from the nearest boat
3.	When would you display this day shape?
a.	When I'm motoring
b.	When I'm drift fishing
c.	When I'm anchored
d.	When It's time for sun downers
4.	Navigating in a channel, which side of the oncoming boats should you pass?
a.	Upwind
b.	Their starboard side to your starboard side
c.	The side with most room
d.	Their port side to your port side
5.tides occur when the sun and moon are at 90° to each other. This results in lower tidal ranges.
a.	High
b.	Low
c.	Spring.
d.	Neap

If you struggled with any of the questions or you want to expand your knowledge of sailing theory take the free eLearning courses at International Yacht Training.

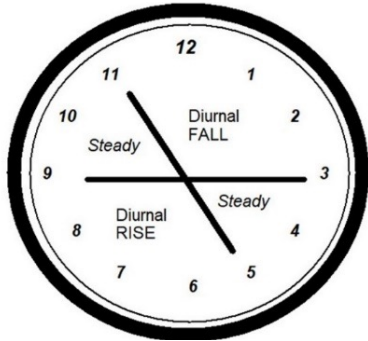
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You want to know about wind and rain, but weather forecasters talk about isobars and fronts. Isobars and fronts show a pattern that is easy to draw and follow. Isobars are those lines on a weather map joining together places with the same surface pressure. The shape of the isobars describes the weather pattern, and the way this pattern changes can be used to forecast wind and rain.

All this starts by measuring pressure change.

What causes pressure to fall?

- maybe there is an approaching low-pressure system (marked as an L on a weather map).
- maybe the air is getting warmer (and less dense)
- maybe the air is becoming more cloudy/humid (YES- damp air weighs less than dry air).
- maybe the air above is being removed faster than it can be replaced (this happens when rising air is vented off by stronger winds).
- maybe it is just the time of the day. This is due to a solar-induced atmospheric tide and called the "diurnal pressure change". Pressure rises between about 5 to 9 am or pm and falls between 11 and 3 am or pm. Daylight saving alters these hours.



Any iPhone includes a pressure sensor which can turn even an old model 6 (or later) into a sophisticated barograph (sim card not needed for this to work). There are two apps from STARPATH for mariners to watch pressure changes.



The basic free Marine Barometer app records time, date, Lat, Long, and both sea level and station pressures manually with the press of a button.



The Marine Barograph app, for a small charge, expands on this basic functionality by storing pressure and navigation data automatically whenever the app is showing. It creates versatile graphic plots of pressure versus time, plus all data can be exported as CSV files. Your vessel track can also be exported as a GPX file for navigation analysis. These tracks can load into Google Earth. Great for recording your sailing adventures.

For a full youtube discussion on how to use this app see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdVHWTF-Gs4>

Cheers from Bob McDavitt



ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. a. Within 50m of another vessel or swimmer and b. Within 200m of the shore, any structure, or vessel displaying a dive flag.
2. b. Further than 500 yds off the shore or in water over 5m deep 3. c. When I'm anchored.
4. d. Their port side to your port side (stay on the starboard side of the channel)
5. d. Neap

NOT A YOTTIE

JO MOXEY

I had a reminder from our editor Nanette last evening about my newsletter – I hadn't even thought about it but here goes with a bit of my news.

It'll be old news by the time you read this but it's been a really stormy night in Auckland, my grandson has a little gully at the bottom of his garden that became a raging torrent and washed away the fencing and some plants, fortunately, his brand new home is water-tight, so no damage there, but it was a bit of a worry to be inside and seeing the water get nearer and nearer to their home. My daughter in Coatesville had a dinner party and the guests had an interesting drive across the bridge that had flooded from the normally small stream.

My Dad was born in Malta and even though I lived in England for most of my life I've never been there. I asked my daughters to arrange for us all to go, just to get a feel of the country that is part of my heritage. It's turned out to be quite a mission as some of my family from England and Ireland want to join us. It's got to a point where the Kiwi contingent has decided to leave it up to the British side of the family to make their own arrangements. It's going to be an amazing experience, just to meet some of my Maltese relations for the first time.

What have I been up to during the last couple of months? So much! Not so much indoor bowling but I've been to Russell for the outdoor bowls quite a lot. They're a lovely crowd of people and I always

feel part of the clan over there, and as for the bowls? Sometimes I'm good and most times I just enjoy the game and the company.

We had a trip organized by the village to Omata Vinyard, lovely pizzas and kitchen boards to share, plus some decent wine, and the weather was in our favour. A rescue helicopter landed in the school sports field behind my little house the other day, I still don't know what the emergency was but the noise and vibration was intense.

I'm still playing Mahjong a couple of times a week, and meeting my friends from the Knit and Natter group. We're going away for a couple of weeks starting in Queenstown for a trip on the Earnslaw. We'll be hiring a minivan for 10 of us to go to Arrowtown and then to Christchurch, not sure where after that but we're going to end up on the train from Wellington to the Chateau for a couple of nights and then the train up to Auckland. It'll be an amazing trip with my lovely friends.

Keep well and safe from Jo



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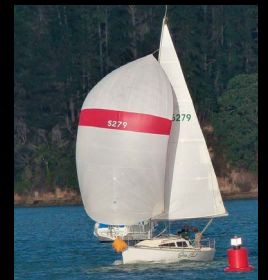
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Sa	0756 2.3	Su	0639 0.8	Mo	0824 2.6	Tu	0844 0.9
	1406 1.0		1253 2.4		1432 0.6		1456 2.2
	2006 2.2		1911 0.7		2044 2.5		2107 0.8
5	0218 0.7	13	0120 2.2	21	0253 0.4		
Su	0838 2.3	Mo	0724 0.8	Tu	0916 2.7		
	1448 0.9		1336 2.3		1526 0.5		
	2049 2.2		1956 0.7		2137 2.6		
6	0257 0.7	14	0211 2.2	22	0344 0.3		
Mo	0918 2.4	Tu	0816 0.9	We	1005 2.8		
	1526 0.9		1425 2.3		1617 0.4		
	2129 2.3		2048 0.8		2227 2.6		
7	0333 0.7	15	0310 2.2	23	0433 0.4		
Tu	0954 2.4	We	0914 0.9	Th	1053 2.8		
	1603 0.8		1523 2.2		1706 0.4		
	2206 2.3		2146 0.8		2316 2.6		
8	0408 0.6	16	0417 2.2	24	0521 0.4		
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FEBRUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
		 BURNSC Summer Twilight Series Race 3	first mortgage trust Meat Pack Draw 	 NSR Run Race 2 Sail Race 3 - 6pm		RBC Single Handed Race 1 of 3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Waitangi Day		 BURNSC Summer Twilight Series Race 4	first mortgage trust Meat Pack Draw 	 NSR Run Race 2 Sail Race 4 - 6pm	Cancelled OCC Car Rally	SEAPOWER 2 Handed Series Race 5 - 1pm Valentines Day RBC Woman's Race
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Committee Meeting	 BURNSC Summer Twilight Series Race 5	 first mortgage trust Meat Pack Draw 	 NSR Run Race 2 Sail Race 5 - 6pm		RBC Russell Cup
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		 BURNSC Summer Twilight Series Race 6 Prizegiving	 first mortgage trust Meat Pack Draw 	 NSR Run Race 2 Sail Race 6 - 6pm	Cruising Division Overnight BBQ Cruise	RBC Single Handed Race 2 of 3
27	28					