



November 2025

After a successful BYC open day 11 October 2025, we have unfortunately had an awful run of unsettled weather which has made it challenging to go sailing on our Thursday club sessions. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that we will be able to kick off our Thursday evening club sailing sessions soon!!

In the meantime, there are lots of opportunities outlined in this newsletter to get organised for; and lots of great resources to upskill:

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/news/find-ynz-coaching-videos-now-our-youtube-channel>



BYC session planning

You may have noticed the massive whiteboard on the wall as you arrive. The BYC Strategy committee are currently trialling a new briefing/debriefing system to hopefully help us get out on the water more efficiently on a club sailing session. So far it has only been trialled for open day, but as we run more club sailing sessions we will reflect on whether it is adding value and/or how it could be improved.

Feedback on this is welcome at any stage, please have a chat with either Roger or Michelle about this.

SYA training weekend

Seven keen BYC sailors attended the SYA training weekend with Erik Stibbe hosted by Marakura Yacht Club in October. There was only one session on the water due to challenging weather conditions but with Erik's talent of being able to coach to a variety of skill levels all at once, the on-shore sailing and racing lessons were also well worth the trip.



BYC Adult Learn-to-Sail

The first Adult Learn-to-Sail sessions have now started on Monday nights – Bruce, Mark and James as instructors with some **very** keen learners who are appreciating being able to start learning to sail in sunbursts from scratch (and quite a few laughs along the way).

We will probably try to hold another Adult Learn-to-Sail course sometime in the new year. For anyone who is interested in being a part of this, please contact Bruce on 027 577 3111 for more information.





BYC Club Boats

There are so many boats stored down at Bluff Yacht Club, we thought it might be helpful to provide a list of those boats that are owned by the club which are available for any club member to use:

- All optimists (the 'better ones' are the 4 newer bright coloured plastics)
- Four fiberglass false floor Sunbursts – Kikorangi, Whero, Kakariki and Pango
- Two side-seat Sunbursts – Froglegs (blue wooden boat) & Karaka (white with a blue stripe – pictured left)
- One Laser (orange/brown coloured hull with a full rig)
- Two RS Fevas

All other boats are privately owned and permission from the boat owner is required prior to use.

Introducing: Anders Jagvik

It is our intention to profile one of our amazing club members in each newsletter.

It would seem that '**A**' for **Anders** is a good place to start. Anders has helped carry the club for many years, he arrives early every week to launch the patrol boats, is currently our super-efficient club treasurer and can tell a library of good stories if anyone is keen for a laugh...

Here goes our Q&A with Anders:

Sails: *Chattan IV*, a Gazelle trailer yacht.

I have also recently become part owner of *Chicana*, a Chico 30 keeler. She is a bit of a project at the moment, but the plan is to make Bluff her home port, hopefully by the end of the year.

Most memorable event under sail: Every time (and this is not a regular event) I encounter dolphins when out on the water. The apparent joy and energy of the pod is always captivating.

Biggest scare on the water: That is the sort of thing one tries to avoid.

I have encountered really severe wind conditions perhaps twice – never pleasant.

But fog is what I dislike the most. I got uncomfortably close to a container ship in Foveaux Strait when visibility was poor. Hearing the ship's deafening foghorn at close range – without actually being able to see the vessel – was an experience I do not care to repeat. She emerged out of the fog and crossed my bows perhaps 200-300 meters ahead.

What is on your sailing bucket list: Just more time on the water.

What do you do when you are not sailing: I am a deskbound office boy – but retirement or semi-retirement is beckoning.

Wish list for BYC: For our stable and active membership to continue.

Favourite sailor's quote: That has to be Ratty from *Wind in the Willows*:

"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."



BYC upcoming travelling opportunities

BYC sailors have a proud tradition of travelling to other club events and there are a few nearby events that would be great to have a good-sized BYC club contingency attend. These are:

The MYC **Open Dinghy Regatta 24/25 January 2026** in **Te Anau** – contact Tom Bell from MYC 022 673 7656, if you would like more information about the event. If you are keen, make sure you let James know.

The WYC **Mitre 10 Regatta on Waitangi weekend** in **Wanaka** – contact Graham Berry from WYC 021 484 044, and if interested, let Ron know that you are keen.

For the ladies – there is also an opportunity coming up **17/18 January**, the **Ladies skipper series** in **Te Anau** – any ladies keen for this fun weekend please get in touch with Bruce or Anke so we can shape up some teams.

All of these events are full weekends away having fun together. Please talk with the key contact people if you are interested, need more information or even just to signal your enthusiasm to participate. We often work together to manage logistics. The more the merrier!! 😊

Sailing opportunity: Kawau Island – December 2026

Each year yacht clubs from around New Zealand are invited to send a youth crew to share in the intensive sailing experience sailing Elliott 7 training yachts at Kawau Island. The week of training gives young sailors the opportunity to receive theoretical and practical instruction in the various aspects of competitive keelboat racing. Teams stay on location at Kawau Island (camping), with everything provided during the week.

It has been many years since we have sent a team from Bluff or the wider Southland region and we are currently on the lookout for keen young sailors who might like to be part of a crew for December 2026. Teams should consist of 4-5 sailors (helm, main, trim & bow), aged between 14 – 20 years and have a reasonable standard of sailing competency and experience.

If this opportunity sounds like something you would like to know more about, you can look up: <https://rnzys.org.nz/youthtraining/youthtrainingweek/> and if you are interested, please let Anke know.

2025/26 BYC Sailing Calendar

Make sure these dates are marked in your calendars so you don't miss any sailing fun 😊

BYC	<i>William Pike Challenge – hosting Verdon College</i>	<i>Sat or Sun 15/16 Nov</i>
BYC	Bluff One Day Dinghy Regatta (Traveler series Part 1)	Sat 22 Nov
BYC	End of year / Christmas BBQ	Thurs 18 Dec
MYC	Ladies skipper series in Te Anau	Sat 17 / Sun 18 Jan
MYC	Open Dinghy Regatta (Traveler series Part 2)	Sat 24 / Sun 25 Jan
WYC	Wanaka Mitre 10 Regatta (Waitangi weekend)	Sat 7 / Sun 8 Feb
OYC	Campbell Regatta at Owaka	Dates TBC
BYC	Oyster Regatta and NZTYA Champs	Sat 14 / Sun 15 Mar
MYC	Southland Champs in Te Anau	Sat 28 / Sun 29 Mar
STYS	Manapouri Classic in Te Anau	Sat 11 / Sun 12 Apr

BYC Committee members:

James – Commodore 027 250 7318 Grace – Rear Commodore 021 678 992
Anders – Treasurer Craig – Youth Learn to Sail Bruce – Adult Learn to Sail
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