



September 2026

Ahoy BYC members, in anticipation of summer sailing, welcome to the first newsletter of the 26/27 season.

I'm humbled to have your support as commodore this year and I look forward to working with the committee to deliver a safe and enjoyable season of sailing in Bluff.

I wanted to extend thanks to James now rear commodore and our outgoing committee members Craig, Grace, Michelle and Annaliese for their dedication and commitment to the club, thanks! The club is fortunate to be in the position it is in today because of the collective effort of members over many years.

The club has also welcomed Andre and Eloise as new committee members and is now raring to go for a new season ahead. For the coming season the committee are planning for Thursday evening sailing sessions, with some flexibility to change dates if weather does not participate.

If you are keen to support in any capacity, please let me know – whether you can assist with launch/retrieval on shore or crewing/skippering on coach chase boats, BBQ cooking or other general maintenance – the more hands, the more fun.

Fair winds!!



Roger Hodson – BYC Commodore

Ramp update

As many of you will be aware, our club has been navigating uncertainty regarding costs to use the Invercargill City Council boat ramp upgrade.

For the 2026-27 year our club now has a membership. This enables those club members who use their vehicles to launch and retrieve boats to have their number plates registered as part of the club's permit.

Roger is the point of contact the new system, please reach out if you have any questions about the detail.

Please also bear with us, as our club adjusts to the new system this coming season.



Key events coming up

Bluff Yacht Club open day – Saturday 10 October!!

The committee is so excited to see everyone again at our club open day scheduled for the last Saturday of the school holidays. It will kick off with a pot luck BBQ at noon. This will be a great chance to catch up with each other before hitting the water to suit the tides at 1.30pm for a fun afternoon sailing.

YNZ Learn to Sail Coach Course – 7/8 Nov 2026 @ Wanaka Yacht Club.

This is an awesome opportunity to learn coaching skills which will support our club learn-to-sail programme. Please let Anke know if you are interested and register asap (minimum nos. are required to run this event)

<https://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/events/2026/11/start-coaching-course-wanaka-yacht-club-78-november-2026>

2026/27 BYC Sailing Calendar

Mark these important dates in your calendars now!

Club	Event	Date
YNZ	Affiliation Fee Review information meeting @6.30pm	30 September
MYC	Marakura opening weekend	3-4 October
BYC	Pre-season working bee @ 10am	3 October
BYC	Open day for the new 2026 summer season, yay!	10 October
BYC	First club sailing night for the new season	15 October
TYPBC	Aviemore Classic	22-24 October
YNZ	Learn to Sail Coach Course – Wanaka	7-8 November
MYC	International Paints Regatta – Dome Island	7-8 November
BYC	Weekend family sailing adventure @ Lake Manapouri	TBC
BYC	William Pike Verdon School Sailing Day	21 November (22 Nov)
WYC	Walter Peak race	21-22 November
BYC	Open Dinghy Regatta – Bluff leg	28 November
BYC	Last club sailing night before Christmas (pot luck BBQ)	17 December
MYC	Marakura ladies skippers race @ Lake Te Anau	16-17 January
MYC	Marakura Open Dinghy Regatta @ Lake Te Anau	30-31 January
WYC	Les Rogerson Memorial and Donald Hay Memorial events @ Lake Wakatipu	13-14 February
MYC	Te Anau Downs @ Lake Te Anau	27-28 February
BYC	Bluff Oyster Regatta & Southland Champs	20-21 March
MYC	Marakura Easter Regatta @ Lake Te Anau	26-28 March
MYC	Manapouri Classic	17-18 April
BYC	Club Annual General Meeting	TBC June 2027



BYC Committee members:

Roger – Commodore
James – Rear Commodore
Anders – Treasurer
Anke – Secretary
Bruce – Learn to Sail

Geoff, Ron, Tony, Andre & Eloise

The next issue of 'Turn the Tide' is due November 2026!

Please get in touch with Anke if you have any fun sailing stories to share!! 😊