



# WAIROA

## Water Ski Club Inc.

### 2018/2019 *Committee*

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our committee for 2019/2020.

**President:**  
Roz Thomas

**Vice-President:**  
Len Unwin

**Secretary/Communications:**  
Courtney Hayward

**Treasurer:**  
Donna Carroll

**Club Captain:**  
Mark Bowen

**Vice Club Captain:**  
Michael Thomas

**Subscriptions:**  
Jeff Chambers

**B2B:**  
Roger Forrester

### OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



## UPDATE

### *October 2019*

Hello, and welcome to the October 2019, Wairoa Water Ski Club Newsletter!

Summer is fast approaching and the committee are planning some great activities and events at the club this coming season.

We have a new website coming soon which will keep you all up to date with what's coming up, provide contact details for our committee members, subscription fees and an easy link for new members wanting to join the club.

We are keen to build an on-line community where we can share all news and events on Facebook. Our Facebook page will be home to club updates as well as being a page for members to post your latest water-skiing snaps and stories. We will post a weekly blog during the season with updates on what's happening at the club and in the water-skiing world.

Your annual membership is a vital contribution towards keeping the club alive and well. In return you gain access to relax in the clubhouse, washroom facilities, use of the boat and gear as well as enjoying lots of family-oriented socializing, new ski buddies, scheduled ski days for those members who don't own a boat and opportunities to develop new skills in a safe environment.

Our club and coaches can cater for all types of skiing, including:

- Tournament water skiing (Slalom, Tricks & Jump)
- Recreational /Social Skiing
- Barefooting
- Learn to ski lessons
- Tube riding, knee boarding and wakeboarding

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# GET TOGETHER

## *Events*

### **Christmas Celebrations at the Clubhouse**

Monday 23rd December 2019 at 5pm

Come and enjoy drinks and nibbles with other members after a quick ski on the river.

### **Celebrating 30 years of "Black Jack" on the Wairoa River**

Sunday 29th December 2019

Black Jack is the faithful and trusted black ski boat owned by Len Unwin and Donna Carroll. To acknowledge and remember all the fun times this boat has given many of us during the last 30 years we are hosting a "progressive river occasion" starting with coffee at Eastend Café, change of clothes at the clubhouse for skiing and boating 3km up the river, picnic lunch at the Marumaru papa shelf, homeward bound refreshment stop, and BBQ and drinkies at Pakaraka at the Wairoa Rail Bridge.

# B2B SKI RACING

## *Event*

The club is running this event again in January 2020 with a new format. Our aim this season is to have as many members out there "Having a Go" either as teams or individuals. It's a fun event, exhilarating to watch and there will be a race suitable for everybody. The club has coaches available throughout the summer season and can arrange a training programme for you - See Roger or Len for further details.

Circle the date: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January 2020

## COMMITTEE

## *Members*

Matt Schultz, George Holden, Cam MacGillivray, Olivia Thomas, Katie Holden, Annabel Bowen, Kerry Hickling, Katie Bowen, Kristen McGregor, Dan McGregor, Roger Forrester, Tresna Forrester

## SOME FUN FACTS

### *about these guys*

Rog & Tresna have become Grandparents and are enrolling our newest member "Hunter" to the club.

Mark B wants to ski more than fish this summer -yeah right!

Dan & Kristen were married at the ski club this year – Congratulations Guys!

Courtney hasn't skied in 5 years and will take all offers of ski coaching

You can now find a calendar of all our events on our website. Please check the Facebook page to stay up to date with what is happening at the club during the season.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## *Circle the date*

### **Working Bee**

Sunday 27th October 10am -12 noon ( Labour Weekend)

### **Opening Day**

Sunday 27th October 1pm – 3pm (Labour Weekend)

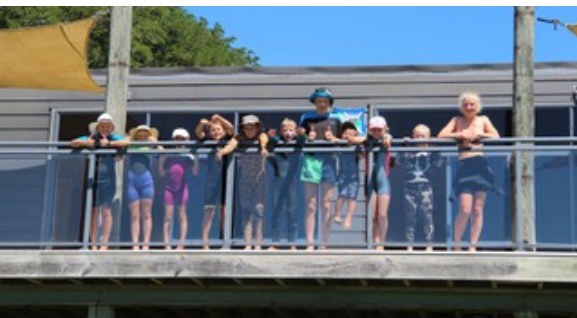
### **B2B**

Auckland Anniversary weekend, Saturday 25th January 2020

## THE CLUB *Boat*

Wairoa Water Ski Club is one of the few clubs to have a fully equipped water ski boat available for hire to our members.

ALL CLUB BOAT BOOKINGS  
contact Roger Forrester  
Phone 027 445 9512



## THE CLUB *House*

The off-water facilities are 5-STAR rated! Members get to use the fully equipped amenities including hot showers at the clubhouse during and after a great day on the water. The club house is available for hireage to community groups and individuals.

CLUB HOUSE  
BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES  
contact Roz  
text: 027 681 762

## COACHING *Days*

Safety is a key aspect of our training days teaching all skiers how to be safe in and around the boat and in the water. Our coaching is aimed for all water skiers, wake boarders or bare footers from beginners to expert, young to young at heart, singles, couples, families and friends.

This season we will be running small group or individual sessions to enable more one-on-one time on and off the water – contact Roz or Len

**Morning sessions 9am – 11am**  
**Afternoon sessions 3pm – 5pm**

Group lessons	(3-5 people)	\$50 pp
Small group lessons	(2 people)	\$80 pp
Individual lessons		\$100 per hour

**Register your interest**  
**Book your Space with any of these possible dates:**

Sunday 29th December 2019  
Thursday 2nd January 2020 – Sunday 5th January 2020  
Friday 10th January 2020 – Sunday 12th January 2020

Coaching sessions are generously sponsored by Roger, Len and Chopper through their time, boats and fuel contribution. Our thanks from the club goes to these guys for enabling these sessions to be offered again this season.

## BOAT DRIVING *Lessons*

These are free sessions available throughout the season for those interested in learning to drive the club boat – contact Mark, our Club Captain to set up a lesson.





# PRESIDENTS REPORT

## 2018/2019

As promised at last year's AGM the club took a low- key approach to the running of activities and focused on running enough events to remain financially stable.

The season began with a working bee with our regular club team giving the deck washdown and oil, the boat given its annual health check and old gear repaired or thrown out and an inventory was taken of the remaining ski gear the club owns.

The event calendar was set with the decision to run smaller but regular training days during the peak season which proved to be a successful formula. Consecutive weekends of ski training was provided to a group of 20 new members. The boats ran either a morning or afternoon session and had between 3 -5 skiers at a time. My sincere thanks to the coaches, boat drivers and boat owners who committed their time during these weekends to run this programme. I believe this approach has worked well

for the club, providing activity and regular use of the club throughout the season, new family memberships with many younger skiers and an injection of cashflow to the club.

The clubhouse continues to attract outside use from the community for private events. Keeping it clean and tidy is important and some of these funds have been directed into paying for a cleaner this year.

No club champs were held this season which nobody seemed to miss but murmurs from the distance have been calling to run the B2B again and I believe it is timely to bring this to the table in some shape or form.

One aspect missing from the season was the lack of social activities we have enjoyed in the past which provides the life and blood within the club and would be keen to see this area revived for the coming season.

My own lack of communication

skills as a president to all members were apparent this season and I had started the season with great intentions but had difficulty working with the website, Facebook page and an old database and would like to see this area as a priority for the club to update in the new season ahead. A club calendar that can be viewed on the website that shows when the clubhouse is privately booked, ski training days and social events would be helpful to everyone involved or interested in the club as well as being able to align it with the Wairoa I-Site's calendar of events.

Being Wairoa Water Ski Club's first female president has been a buzz but very happy to take a step back this year and allow somebody else this opportunity and I remain committed towards keeping our club a "great little place to be".

Roz

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# INTERESTED

*in becoming a member?*

**Email us here:** [admin@wwsc.co.nz](mailto:admin@wwsc.co.nz)

**B2B enquiries :** [b2b@wwsc.co.nz](mailto:b2b@wwsc.co.nz)

**For further information, boat bookings and events check out our website:** [wwsc.co.nz](http://wwsc.co.nz)

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