



## LONGCAST

9 June 23 - Navy Club Lunch Remuera **Note: Start at 1100**

16 June 23 - NGA Assn Lunch at Henderson RSA

9 July 23 - Ngapona Assn AGM at Birkenhead RSA

21 July 23 - Lunch at the Bays Club

### Hi Folks

#### DEATH NOTICE

**LINEHAM**, Bruce John. 7.9.37 - 30.5.23 Died peacefully at North Shore Hospital. Loving father to John, David and Julie. Grandfather to seven, great grandfather father to one. Brother to the late Ross, Diane and Neil. Passionate boatie, loved the ocean. Thank you to his Navy friends and RSA. A private cremation was held with family.

**There will be a gathering at the Birkenhead RSA on Wednesday, 7 June at 1300hrs to remember Bruce.**

#### DEATH NOTICE

**MORLEY**, Bill (Leigh George) (Bill). Born December 23, 1943. Passed away on June 02, 2023. Morley, (Bill) Leigh George. Ex RNZN Y16720 passed away peacefully on 2nd June, 2023 after a long illness. A service will be held at St. Christopher's Chapel, Queens Parade, Devonport Naval Base, Auckland on Friday 9th June at 2pm. No flowers please.

#### NAVY CLUB LUNCH

**Please note:** There will be an earlier starting time of 1100 this Friday to allow members to attend the

funeral of Bill Morley.

Friday, 9 June 2023 11:00 am-1:00 pm The funeral will be held at the Devonport Naval Base at 1400hrs.

### **LAST CALL**

#### **HMNZS PEGASUS 95TH ANNIVERSARY DINE & DANCE**

The HMNZS PEGASUS Ships Fund intends to hold a Dine & Dance at the Redwood Hotel, Main North Road, Christchurch on Sat 10 June 23 to commemorate their 95th Anniversary. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include a 3-course meal, band, and a drink on entry. Tables are available for larger groups (10 or 6 seats) and it is open to members of the NZDF, and their partners and friends as well as ex RNZN/Naval Reserve personnel. The Redwood Hotel has accommodation attached (\$120.00 - \$140.00 per night) plus a bar and restaurant. Rig – Formal/Semi Formal (Mess Kit can be worn + fancy dresses). It is also planned to have a silent auction available. Pegasus, advise they have already had some good prizes provided. Tickets will be available from 1 May. Register your interest with numbers to [Dianne.Fowler@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:Dianne.Fowler@nzdf.mil.nz) ASAP and you will receive information regarding payment in due course.

### **NGAPONA ASSN - AGM**

The Ngapona Association Annual General Meeting is going to be held at the Birkenhead RSA at 1500 on 9 July 23. All Ngapona Reserve Personnel who are Assn. Members are encouraged to attend. Any other personnel posted to Ngapona are also invited. It is a good opportunity to join for some fellowship and come and meet the Assn. and join.

### **WORLD WAR II SHIPWRECKS**

A Chinese-registered vessel has been detained in Malaysia, on suspicion of looting the wreckage of Second World Warera British warships in the South China Sea. Malaysia's maritime agency said a cannon shell had been found on-board the carrier ship. Local media reported illegal salvage operators are believed to have targeted the HMS *Repulse* and the HMS *Prince of Wales* - both of which were sunk in 1941 by Japanese torpedoes. More than 840 sailors died in the attacks, with the shipwrecks designated as war graves. The authorities were alerted last month, when fishermen and divers spotted a foreign vessel in the area, and detained the ship, which is registered in Fuzhou, China, on Sunday, for anchoring without a permit. According to the Malaysian maritime agency, 32 crew members were on board - 21 from China, 10 from Bangladesh and one from Malaysia. Officials from the National Heritage Department are now working to identify the cannon shell, which is believed to be linked to the police seizure of dozens of unexploded artillery at a private scrapyard in Johor, in southern Malaysia.

Source: Skynews





### **JET DRONE DESTROYED**

Royal Navy warship HMS *Defender* has destroyed a jet drone during the 'world's largest test of naval and missile defences'. The Type 45 destroyer is currently deployed to Scotland's Outer Hebrides for Formidable Shield 2023 to test missiles, systems, sensors and software against ballistic, subsonic and supersonic targets, alongside 13 Nato and partner nations. According to the Royal Navy, HMS *Defender* led their participation as a "dedicated air defence destroyer designed to shield a task group, culminating in a firing of her Sea Viper missile system – the £1bn warship's primary weapon – during a mission to locate, and destroy a drone designed to be difficult to track and intercept". The Sea Viper missile was fired from *Defender* against the highly-maneuvrable drone – designated Bruiser 9384 – which travels at hundreds of miles an hour. 'Bruiser' is the Nato codeword for an anti-ship missile.

Source: *Forces*

### **THE COST OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is to further reduce the maximum draft allowed for vessels transiting the waterway during an especially severe drought season, leading to ocean carriers to lighten the loads of Asia - US east coast Panama and Pendulum loops. As a result, transpacific carriers are set to impose hefty surcharges from June 1 for shipments on Asia-US east coast all water services and redirect some of their loops via the Suez Canal, reports London's Loadstar. "The Panama drought season is causing draft issues in the canal, reducing the Panama string capacity," said Maersk in its monthly market update.

Meanwhile, Hapag-Lloyd said that it would implement a PCC (Panama Canal Charge) of US\$500 per container effective June 1 on all cargo loaded on its Asia to US east coast sailings via the canal. The harsh drought season has resulted in the level of the Gatun Lake, the largest of the two lakes feeding the Canal, falling faster than predicted after rainfall between February and April was less than half the average for the period.

*Source: Schednet*

### **COULD THE SUEZ CANAL BE FOR SALE?**

Faced with unsustainable debt levels, Egypt is taking steps to privatize the highly profitable Suez Canal. The Suez Canal is the crown jewel of the Egyptian economy, bringing in a steady stream of income that has withstood wars, pandemics and financial crises. Some 10 to 12 percent of world trade and 10 percent of global oil and gas shipments pass through the 193.3-kilometer channel, generating daily revenues of \$21.7 million. If the authorities in Cairo were to shut it down, the disruption to supply chains would trigger a massive inflationary surge. Given the strategic importance of the waterway, the creation of a fund allowing the sale of Suez Canal assets was met with a frosty reception from the Egyptian public and business sector. Selling some port facilities to private or foreign investors would take the country into the uncertain waters of free market economics. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah ElSisi is aware of this, but he has no other solution. At a recent summit in Dubai, he declared: "Egypt needs a trillion dollars per year. Do we have the money? No. Do we have half? No. Do we have a quarter? No."

The Suez Canal's excellent financial health is not representative of Egypt's overall business climate. The Egyptian central bank devalued the currency by 20 percent to offset the knock-on effects of the Ukrainian crisis and to curb runaway inflation, which reached 33.9 percent during Ramadan.

*Source: gisreportsonline*

### **NEW ZEALAND NAVAL AUXILIARY PATROL SERVICE**

#### **Z30 RAUMATI**

Raumati was built by John Ewen to a Colin Wild design for Alf Walker of Whangarei. The bridge-decker was launched in early December 1938 and measured 42' in length, with a beam of 11'6".

Skipper, Alf. Walker; Deputy Skipper, Jim Robinson. Crew: N. Franklin, Tom Hamden, Hec Knight, Cliff Scarfe. Served on Boom Patrol, Tiri Patrol, Inner Patrol, but mainly on the Cape Brett, Bay of Islands, Patrol. Along with Paikea, Menai, and Rongotai, was one of the first ships in the Service. Has a few good goat shooters aboard. Have been known to signal for many hours trying to raise something on certain southern shore stations. They are mainly quiet workers on Knight Patrol.

*(From NAPS booklet)*



### **Z31 RONGOTAI**

was built by Cox & Filmer in Auckland in 1939 with twin "64hp kerosene engines" she went almost straight into NAPS at Whangarei as Z31 under Les Waldron's command. He kept her in a shed on the road to Onerahi. He went to see her with John Gladden around 1982. She was still highly original and in her original shed. She had twin Morris Commodores (which may have been original) and was in very tidy order.

Dawn Wilschefski – advised that she was the only daughter of Les Waldron & can confirm that Rangotai was launched Christmas Day 1939. Her design was Hughie Coxsmith (? see HDK's comments above). Her Grandfather James Reid was probably consulted during the process. When the Niagara went down her Dad was in Russell but made the trip back in time to join the other boats out on rescue duty. He was also part of the Naval Auxilliary Patrol that started in Whangarei a few months after the sinking but when the Navy took over the organization Rongotai was transferred to Auckland where she served on the boom patrol, specifically from Whangaparoa to Cape Colville. When her Dad died in 1963, her brother Bert bought Rongotai and used her for family pleasure for a while. He tried to sell her at an exorbitant price but finally used her for a trade in for a Wellington boat (name forgotten) Last she heard of, Rongotai was working as a "slow" cruising boat for tourists in the Marlborough Sounds. Her Dads reason for building her was (a) family pleasure and (b) for deep sea fishing as a founding boat for the Whangarei Deep Sea Anglers.

*(From Waitemata Woodys)*

Skipper, L. W. Waldron; Deputy Skipper, J. Christopher (since joined the D.E.M.S. and has been replaced by R. Wilkinson). Crew, O. B. Mann, A.B; W. Durham, A.B.; C. Beehre, A.B.; T. Hamden, A.B.; B.

Finch, A.B.; M. Waldron, A.B.; A. C. Dudding, A.B. One of the early ships in the Service. Served on Tiri Patrol, Boom Patrol and Boom Examination. This ship has a special crash squad aboard equipped to handle flares and depth charges.

*(From NAPS booklet)*



### **Z34 ALOHA**

ALOHA was built at St Mary's Bay in 1926 by Charles Robinson, not Dick Lang. Robinson had been building at Ohinemutu, Rotorua for many years from about 1909, for a time with Percy McIntosh, who moved to Whangarei in 1911. Robinson carried on at Ohinemutu until the 1930s. He built the keel yacht MAHOE at Ponsonby in November 1894.

The Aloha was bought from the Wilkinson family in 1965 or 66 by Tom Wood. Tom had crewed on the Aloha as a youngster and had been told he would have first choice if she ever went on the market. He was given the choice years later when Mr Wilkinson died. When Tom bought her, she was powered by a power kerosene motor which had to be started by filling priming cups with petrol. I think the motor was a Commodore. Tom changed the motor for a diesel which was still in her when he eventually sold her. He used to tell the story of how as a young crew member he and his mates would swap from kerosene to petrol when they were racing in a regatta in the Whangarei Harbour – much to the skipper's annoyance as he thought petrol was too expensive!

Tom lavished a huge amount of care on the old girl and I was sad to see her a few years after Tom died

looking sad and bedraggled as some sort of fishing smack. However, I saw her again sometime later moored in the Whangarei Town Basin looking her old smart self. She was renowned for her long saloon table but I understand it was removed at some stage. That's a pity.

The boat shed she lived in still remains as one of a group of three at the entrance to the Town Basin, Aumoe's shed was next door and also remains. They are all that is left of historic buildings at the Basin.



### **Z35 OLEO**

OLEO was built for R H Harnett of Whangarei by Tyler & Harvey in December 1910. Her original engine was a 20hp Union.

R H Harnett lived at Parua Bay and was a trader on the harbour. He sold OLEO to R B S Hogwood in 1915 and owned MOERANGI.



Regards

[Jerry Payne](#)

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