

# HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

## LONGCAST

- 22 July 20 – Navy Club – Bus trip to Wellsford
- 9 August 20 – Ngapona Assn AGM at Birkenhead RSA
- 15 August 20 – Navy Club AGM – Remuera Club
- 16 August 20 – Sanders VC memorial ceremony, Takapuna
- 21 August 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Birkenhead RSA
- 6 September 20 - Merchant Navy Day
- 18 September 20 – Ngapona Assn Lunch at Mt Maunganui RSA

Hi Folks

### **NGAPONA ASSN – AGM**

The HMNZS Ngapona Assn will hold the 2020 AGM on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, at 1500hrs at the Birkenhead RSA.

A door prize and free drink is on offer. Nominations have been received for all positions on the committee so you won't be asked to stand!

### **SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS *Parore* (Q1190, P3562)**

HDML Q1190 is one of 16 MLs delivered to the RNZN in 1943. She was renumbered as P3562 in 1951 and commissioned as HMNZS *Parore* in 1955. *Parore* was used by the Naval Reserves from 1951-1974. She was decommissioned in 1979 and moved to Evans Bay and then Nelson in 2008. She changed owners in 2018 and moved to Shakespeare Bay, Picton. As of June 2020 *Parore* was in Kenepuru Sound and the subject of an ownership dispute.

Her condition is very poor although some maintenance has been carried out recently.

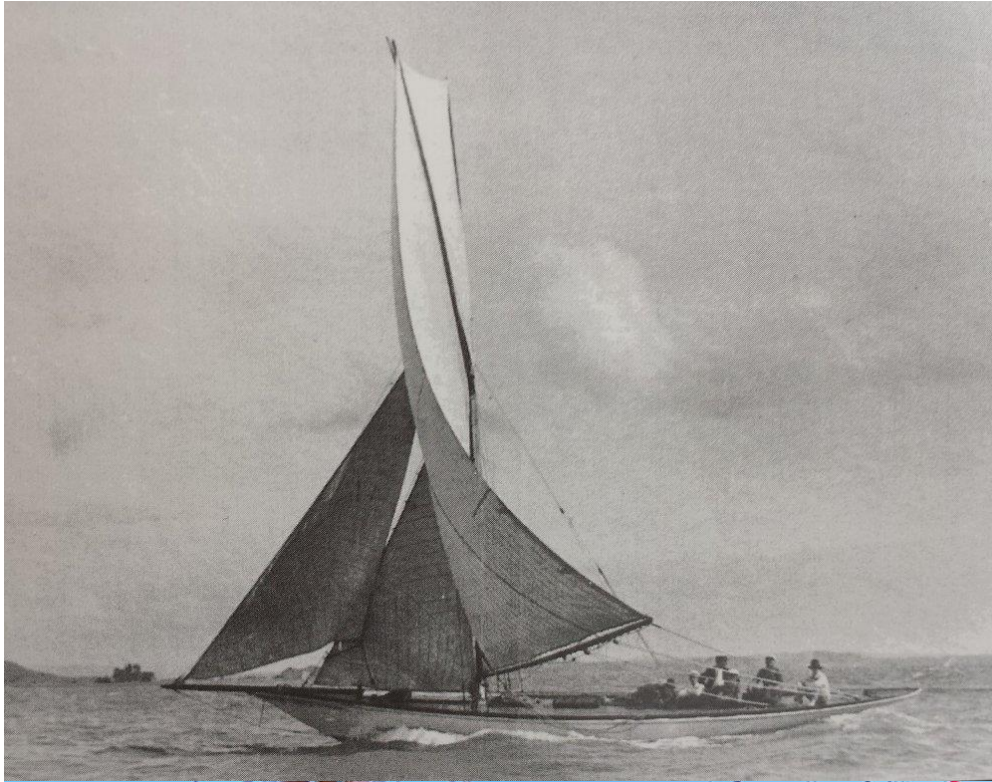


### **IDA - RELAUNCH**

1895 Bailey Gaff Cutter – IDA – Launch Celebration

Yesterday (19th July 2020) afternoon John and Lorraine Street officially launched the latest addition to The Classic Yacht Charitable Trust fleet – Ida the 58' (45'LOD) gaff cutter. Designed by Chas Bailey and built in 1895 by C&W Bailey.

In December 2018 John and the CYCT shipped Ida back from Sydney where she had resided since c.1985. It would be fair to say that she wasn't in the best of shape – but Wayne Olsen & Mike Smith at Horizon Boats did their magic and saw the 125 year old woody centre stage at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.



## USS BONHOMME RICHARD

Fires are out on the *Bonhomme Richard* which listed to its port side Thursday. The blaze that engulfed the San Diego-based amphibious assault ship *Bonhomme Richard* for more than four days was extinguished Thursday, Navy officials said. What is still unknown about one of the worst non-combat naval fires is its cause, the extent of the damage and whether and when the ship will be repaired. An investigation is expected to take weeks.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S. military is banking on unmanned surface and subsurface vessels to boost its capacity in the face of a tsunami of Chinese naval spending. But before it can field the systems, it must answer some basic questions.

How will these systems deploy? How will they be supported overseas? Who will support them? Can the systems be made sufficiently reliable to operate alone and unafraid on the open ocean for weeks at a time? Will the systems be able to communicate in denied environments?

As the Navy goes all-in on its unmanned future, with billions of dollars of investments planned, how the service answers those questions will be crucial to the success or failure of its unmanned pivot.

Many of those issues fall to the Navy's program manager for unmanned maritime systems, Capt. Pete Small. "As the Navy puzzles out some very basic questions, it must also ponder some big organizational changes to maximize the potential of the platforms once they arrive," said Capt. Small.



A rendering of the *Sea Hunter* unmanned surface ship developed by the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Regards

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