



BAY OF ISLANDS Cruisers Welcome 2026

12-15 NOVEMBER 2026 | OPUA, BAY OF ISLANDS

Join us in Opua for four days of experiences, great kai and good company, created especially for cruisers arriving in New Zealand for the season.

Discover the Bay of Islands, experience our culture and history, meet fellow cruisers and locals and make connections that last well beyond your stay.

Your
New Zealand
Journey Starts Here

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

Experience a warm welcome to Aotearoa

ORGANISED TRIPS

Explore Waitangi Treaty Grounds and historic Russell

THE SEAFARERS FESTIVAL

Sat 14th Nov

A celebration of connection and community

GREAT KAI & GOOD COMPANY

Socialise over catered evenings and breakfasts



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Nau Mai, Haere Mai – Welcome to the Bay of Islands

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Welcome & Connection

- Registration & Marina Welcome
- Pōwhiri/Official Welcome
- Meet fellow cruisers & networking opportunities
- Historic Russell Tour & Sunset Dining

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Culture & Heritage

- Waitangi Treaty Grounds – birthplace of our nation
- Discover our culture & heritage
- Scenic tours & local experiences
- Free time to explore

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Bay of Islands Seafarers Festival

- Local artisan market
- Maritime displays & exhibits
- Live entertainment
- Food vendors & local flavours
- Community activities & connections



SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Connections & Farewell

- Cruisers Morning Tea
- Marina community gathering
- Farewell

Explore. Connect. Celebrate.