

Bay of Islands Cruisers Festival 2024 Programme

Tickets are available from the Bay of Islands Marina office - or purchased online [here](#).

Monday 18th November

1000 - Orientation



A big friendly welcome to our participants. Our team will explain our exciting Cruisers Festival programme and answer all your questions.

Venue: Bay of Islands Marina

1100 - Visit the R.Tucker Thompson



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11 The R. Tucker Thompson, the much admired tall ship and not-for-profit charitable trust, taking Northland's young people on life-changing 7-day voyages - will be in the Marina.

Open ship from 11am, then the highlight event at 4pm with The Small Adult (5-12 year old) Treasure Hunt. At 6pm The Opua Community Gathering all aboard the famous R. Tucker Thompson.

Venue: Dock G02

Tuesday 19th November

0090- Opua -Russell- Paihia- Opua Round the Bay Hike/Walk/Stroll 4 hours, or 6 hours at your leisure.



Experience the best of New Zealand in a day! This is an incredible journey for a day of contrasts, from boardwalks amongst mangroves, into premium New Zealand bush forests, along beautiful beaches, lookouts across the Bay of Islands, and to the quaint tourist towns of Russell and ferry ride to Paihia.

Starting at 9am from the Opua General Store (5min walk from the Marina). This is a perfect introduction to New Zealand in a day that has it moderate fitness is recommended. Guaranteed to be a great day out!

Venue: Meet at Opua Store

Wednesday 20th November

1000 - Welcome / Powhiri



A traditional Maori welcome to our festival attendees. Come along and participate in your formal welcome to New Zealand

Venue: Bay of Islands Marina

1200 – 36 Degrees Seminar

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Sail trim and rough weather techniques for offshore cruising.

Venue: TBC

1300 – Total Yacht Care



Total Yacht Care offers Vinyl and PPF wraps, a cutting-edge and cost-effective alternative to a full paint job. Either stand alone or as a two-part service, we can combine customizable vinyl wraps with a protective PPF layer, both providing superior protection against UV rays, salt, and scratches. With options ranging from sleek colors to custom graphics and various finishes, your boat will not only look stunning but stay protected. "It's a fantastic alternative that offers great value to our clients," says TYC owner Mike Levings. Come and see Mike demonstrate the application and care of these wraps, and discover why more boat owners are choosing this innovative solution.

Venue: Total Yacht Care

1400 - Bluefix – Workshop Tour & Barbecue!



Bluefix invites you for a barbecue and would like to take you on a tour through their workshop.

Venue: Bluefix Workshop

15.30-BOI Boatyard



Come and meet the team and let's talk about why to Haul out here, Experienced and knowledgeable team who are here to help.

With several contractors on site to take care of your needs .

An extremely supportive Marina precinct and enjoy everything the Bay of Island has to offer whilst you stay here .

Did you know that we have a free courtesy car?

1700 – Opua Business Association [OBA] welcome night



Nibbles & Mingles with the Opua Business Association and members. Come and meet our fantastic members, soak up the atmosphere, enjoy some finger food and a complimentary beverage. The bar and restaurant will be open as Wednesday is racing night too.

Venue: Opua Cruising Club

Thursday 21st November

0900 - 1100 - North Sails - Sail Repair Workshop - entry by appointment



All you need to know about repairing your own sails while offshore away from the loft. Bring your sail repair kit and let's update it. **Booking is essential** through Roger at North Sails - 027 5251891 or roger.hall@northsails.com

Venue: North Sails Loft

1100 - Cater Marine



Check out the latest in electronic safety devices, with on the water action. Enjoy a 'snarler' while you soak up the info!

Venue: Cater Marine

1200 – Seapower



Come and hear a marine engineer, talk about some of the items on your engine that will save you a lot of money if you keep on top of your servicing.

Venue: Seapower

1300 – Opua Boat Builders & Fisheye Stainless Steel Fabrication



Come and see a working boat builders workshop, and check out the gallery to see what other creations this handy team can do. While you're there, enjoy a hot drink and some delicious BBQ food as well.

Venue: Opua Boat Builders

1500 - Pacific Cruisers Cup

All Cruisers are invited! Yachts who have completed an offshore passage from any Pacific Island to any other Pacific Island, anytime in the last three seasons, are also eligible for the Pacific Cruisers Cup. This year we have changed up the course to take in some beautiful vistas in the bay (start OCC, through Kent Passage, around the spectacular Black Rocks and back to the OCC finish - 16NM). Entry forms are available from the BOI Marina Office and if you hold a festival ticket, entry is free for your boat.



Venue: On the water then back to the Opuu Cruising Club for Prize(s) Giving and Get together.

Friday 22nd November

0930 – 1600 – Experience Waitangi

9:30 am - Waitangi Treaty Grounds are a must do activity in the Bay of Islands. Meet on the green by the playground ready to jump aboard the boat to be transported to and from the famous attraction - Waitangi treaty grounds. Spend the day learning about Maori culture and the history of the settlement of New Zealand. Meeting back at the dropoff point by 14:45 for your ride back to Opuu. Entry cost is at a discounted rate of \$48 and includes a kapa haka performance and guided tour not usually included in the fee. Numbers are limited and you can pre-book your tickets when you purchase your festival tickets at the marina office or using the link online [here](#)

Venue: The Green

1700 - BOI Marina & Boatyard burger night

After a big day in Waitangi learning about our past, come back to the present by heading to the club for some Burgers hand crafted for your enjoyment. There's a complimentary drink as well, brought to you by the BOI Marina/Boatyard team. Burgers are available between 1700 - 1830.

Venue: Opuu Cruising Club

Saturday 23rd November

0900 - Treasures of the Bilge



Kick off a day of family fun with a swap meet; clear out your boat and sell or swap somethings you don't use or want anymore.



Venue: The Green

1200 - Opu store Pizza

Enjoy a slice of pizza while you admire the treasures you found

Venue: The Green

1800 – Total Yacht Care - Whatever Floats your Boat Party!









Be creative, dress up and let's have fun! There will be live music and a chance to let your hair, or beard down! Restaurant and bar are open.

Venue: Opu Cruising Club

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Map Key:	
 - Opuia Cruising Club / 36 Degrees	 - Bluefix
 - Kapa Haka	 - North Sails sail loft / Total Yacht Care
 - Opuia Boat Builders / Seapower	 - Bay of Islands Marina Office