

Bay of Islands Cruisers Festival

2023 Programme

2024 Programme details updated coming soon

Tickets are available from the BOI marina office or purchase online [here](#)

Wednesday 8th November

1000 - Welcome



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

Venue: Bay of Islands Marina

1100 - 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

1200 - 1330 – Customs/Ministry of Primary Industries/Northland Regional Council



Learn all about the ins and outs of entering, staying and leaving New Zealand. The legislative and regulatory requirements for compliance within NZ and the invasive weed Caulerpa and what is being done to control and eradicate it

Venue: Dock 5

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

1600 – R Tucker Thompson

★ R•TUCKER•THOMPSON ★

Come and hear Jo Lynch talking about the past, present and future of the R Tucker Thompson Sail Training Trust and the benefits and challenges of using a tall ship to run a youth development program.

Venue: Dock 5

1700 – Opu Business Association [OBA] welcome night



Nibbles & Mingles with the Opu 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. It's the final race for the spring twilight series so there will be prizegiving on the night to enjoy as well.

Venue: Opu Cruising Club

Thursday 9th 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: Dock 5



1200 – 36 Degrees Seminar

Sail trim and rough weather techniques for offshore cruising.

Venue: Dock 5

1300 – Total Yacht Care



Thinking about selling your boat? Even if you're not, come and find out about maximising your return by putting your best foot forward when it comes to preparing your boat for sale. Hear about how cleaning, polishing, and presentation of your boat makes all the difference when it comes to getting the best return on your investment.

Venue: Dock 5

1400 – Burnsco Fishing in New Zealand tips



Come and learn some tips and tricks for catching fish in NZ!

Venue: Burnsco

1500 – Opua Boat Builders



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

1600 – Seapower – Our final seminar



Come and hear Roland, 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

1700 – Talent quest



No matter what your age, bring your magic tricks, your drums or even your best jokes. Whatever your talent is, this is your chance to be world famous in Opua. There will be some great prizes to be won!

Venue: Opua Cruising Club

Friday 10th November

0900 – 1600 – Experience Waitangi

9:00 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 Opua. 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: Opua Cruising Club

1730 - Pacific Cruisers Cup

Cruisers are invited to join the OCC Spring Pursuit Rum race on Friday 10th November, open to all sailing yachts. Every entry is in the race for a bottle of rum and a lucky draw for a "Galley" gift voucher. 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. 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
Opua Cruising Club**



Saturday 11th November

1000 – 1500 Marine Trade Show



Check out the stands from some of our local businesses showcasing their services and suppliers. There'll be food, there'll be fun and there'll be entertainment for the little ones.

Venue: Dock 5

1800 – 36 Degrees - 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: Opuia Cruising Club

Sunday 12th 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 - Treasure hunt



This is for the kids. An opportunity to get hyped up on lollies and learn some interesting facts about Opuia and the marina.



Venue: The Green

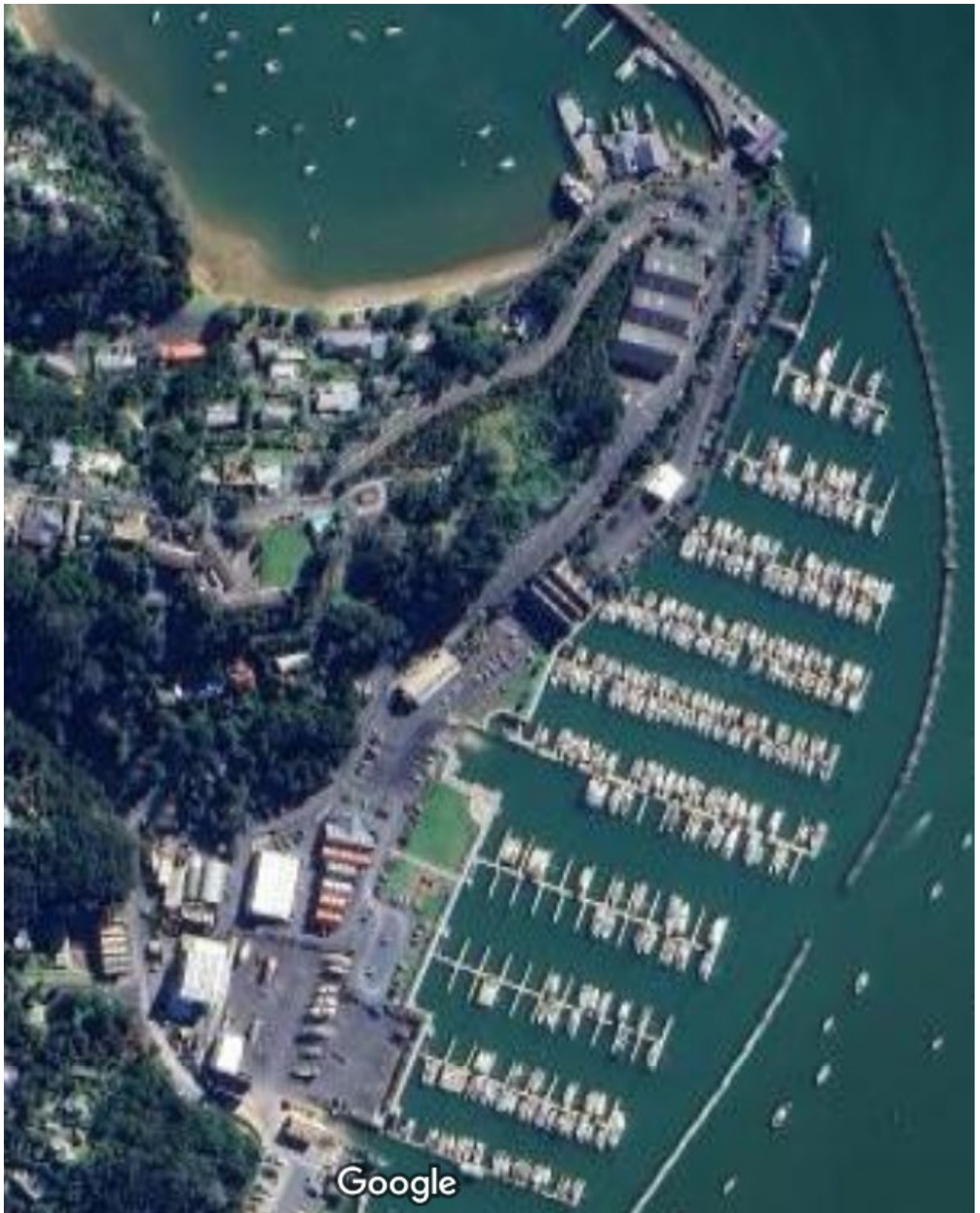
1300 – All the Ladies paddle board fun race









Dress up and leave the hyped up kids with dad. Head down to the beach with your paddle board ready to race out to the end of the bay and back. There'll be prizes courtesy of Omata Estate and Beauty in the Bay.



Venue: The Beach



<p>Map Key:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  - Opuā Cruising Club  - Dock 5 / Burnsco  - Opuā Boat Builders / Seapower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  - Bluefix  - North Sails sail loft  - Bay of Islands Marina Office
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