TE HOIERE SEAGULL FLEET JUNE NEWSLETTER.

BREAK OUT EVENT: THEME OPEN.

18TH of June 2022 was our Breakout Run, 26 boats (including support boats) braved the chilly conditions and boats and costumes, arose to our catch cry, that “Te Hoiere Seagull Fleet don’t do boring!”

Stand out boat and costumes, were “Priscilla Queen of the Sea” and skipper “Queen Harry” Wonder Woman, Mussel Man, Milking It and of course, Shady Lady keeping everyone in line with her whip!

Map briefing by Linton, our Course master, H&S brief, karakia by the bishop, which included an acknowledgement of the accident and loss of life, previous week at Brookland Bay. Totally acknowledge that our Fleet needs all the blessings and help we can get!

Formalities out of the way, Group 1& support boats, lined up ready for start off, provided by the Admiral and his cannon. After an almighty bang and plenty of smoke, group 1, got off to a flying start, group 2, eager to start to catch up with them, had a slight time delay, due to the Admirals cannon, malfunction, as he later explained at after match function, at his age, he was proud to get one shot away, but couldn’t manage 4!

With group 2, then 3, 3.5 and finally group 4, ½ hr. after the 1st group, all the fleet were on the water. First break down was the Jean, towed back into base, another motor on, and plowed ahead to catch the fleet.

Heading the Fleet was Sonic, from group 1, followed by OCR 18, several of the fleet, obviously couldn’t read a map, or follow markers for the course, and ended up having their own tiki tour, until they got sorted, and back on course, wont name any boats, but on video, a certain pink boat, is caught making his/her own channel up to the Awanui.

Break downs, on the way, saw B2, Blue bird, broken springs by yellow torpedo & Cegar, fuel issues with the Krusty Krab, saw the Jean, over taking several boats and plowed ahead to catch up with the remaining fleet, only to get towed in along the home straight, with the Krusty Krab, by support boat Mini Dee.

Sonic group 1, skippered by one of our tamariki, Caleb, lead the fleet from start to finish, OCR 18 group 2, 2nd, Cegar group 4, 3rd.

Lots of laughter, saw all the fleet, coming in either, by motor, rowing (Hav-Knot, beaten by Shady Lady again!) or getting towed in, all boats accounted for, and up to the Town Hall for the after-match function.

Prize giving 1st boat home: Sonic, 1st team home: Karoro,1st Lady, Flying dodo,1st tamariki: Caleb & Sonic.

Group1: Winner: Sonic, (will go up to Group 2 next event), 2nd Karoro.

Group 2: Winner: OCR18 (will go up to group3 next event) 2nd Flying Dodo

Group3: Winner: Wai-Naki (will go up to group 3.5 next event)2nd Te Awaiti

Group3.5: Winner Yellow Torpedo

Group 4: 1st Cegar, 2nd Fleatwood.

Rear end winner: B2, Technical Challenge: Jean, Broken Springs, Yellow torpedo & Cegar. Best Boat: Pricilla Queen of the Sea, Best Flag: team Gullable, best dressed man: Harry, best dressed Lady, Nicole, Best Dressed Girl, Honey, best Dressed Boy Archie.

Special thanks to, kitchen crew, Glenda & Jenny, Elaine, Lena, new timekeeper Rose, all our Support boats, happy Snappa’s, Course Masters, Admiral, “our 1 shot wonder”, The Bishop, Ross our Mr. Fix It, who worked on members motors prior to the event and all those that participated, including Team Gullable, who travelled from Cromwell and Springs Junction.

 A total of $545.00 was raised for the Nelson/Marlborough Rescue Helicopter, check out their face book page.

Our next event will be The Booty Run, theme, Pirates and Wenches, Ladies, be prepared to come as either a saucy Pirate or Wench, remember, “Girls just wanna have fun”. Date yet to be confirmed, but it is looking like it will be in October, when all sports have finished and hopefully weather will settle down and be warmer, we will again be trying for the full island circuit, so here’s hoping everything lines up for us.

Finally, a big shout out to our Web Master Bob, who manages our website, as well as providing a fantastic slideshow and Paul from “Poor Dads Adventure’s” who videos our event on You Tube.

Cheers,

Shady lady!