**TE HOIERE SEAGULL FLEET**

**October 2021 BOOTY RUN.**

**Kia Ora,**

**Well after a practise run on the 25th of September, where we literally got blown off the water, the real deal took place on the 9th of October. Special thanks to our course masters Linton & Steve for marking out a fantastic course for the Booty Run.**

**At total of 22 boats signed off for the Booty Run, with the new format we had, 6 boats in group1, 8 boats in group 2, 6 boats in group 3 & 2 in group 4.**

**Brief H&S talk, explanation on course by Linton, the Bishop, finally got the right karakia, which provided us with near perfect conditions for the run.**

**Captain Horn Blower Sam signalled the start for group 1 at 11am, Sand-fly, Shady Lady (Penny) Johnathon, Petal, Ruby K & Sailing Rhino headed off, group 2 on the chase at 5 past 11, with Moenui 2 (Sunshine & The Bishop) leading the group 2 fleet, with Wai Naki, Vision, Silver Bullet, OCR 18, yellow banana, Twinnie & Krusty Krab following behind with Mini Dee Support boat accompanying fleet.**

**Next up at 8min.past 11, group 3 took off, with Mae Bee leading the way, Have Knot, OCR, Black Pearl, Stinger, with Ceegar stuck at launching ramp with motor issues. 15min.past 11 group 4, Fleetwood & No-Na.**

**Several break downs on the course, Sailing Rhino, before the timber wharf, got it going again, yellow banana back further, in the reeds, Johnathon, broke a spring, pulled up & changed it, only to break his 2nd & last spring. Krusty Krab hit some weed & ended up with broken spring. The first group 1& 2 headed up to Pope’s bridge and were on the way down, while some of group 3 were making their way up, only to be passed by Fleet Wood & No- Na. Black Gull, support boat, with skipper Paul, Happy Snappa Yvonne, & Mark & Jude (skipper of Ceegar) followed behind fleet assisting boats that broke down, up towards the Awanui Bridge and more break downs.**

 **The Admiral in the yellow banana was going great, had a slight malfunction and ended up getting towed in by the Mini Dee, while most of the fleet headed for home straight, Stinger, exhaust came loose, spark plug went bang, and boat stopped in the reeds and joined the Admiral in getting towed in!**

**At the back of the Fleet, Silver Bullet & Sailing Rhino accompanied by the Black Gull support boat headed for the home straight and joined all the boats at the launching ramp.**

**1st overall boat home was Fleet Wood, followed by No-Na, next was Wai Naki & Mae bee.**

**Up to the hotel for the after-match function and prize giving, lots of laughter & tall tales, along with great food, headed off with a Pirates treat of roasted Pigs Head, courtesy of Cavill.**

**Prize Giving:**

**Group1 1st Shady Lady -Penny 2nd Petal -Melissa & David**

**Group2: 1st Wai Naki- Karl 2nd Moenui2 Sunshine & The Bishop**

**Group 3: 1st Mae Bee-Nuku & Honey 2nd OCR Linton**

**Group 4: 1st Fleet Wood Jason 2nd No-Na Grant.**

**Overall winner & 1st boat home, Fleetwood, 1st team Mae -Bee,1st Lady \_Shady Lady: Penny, 1st tamariki: Sand Fly: Luca.**

**Rear end Winner: Sailing Rhino: Harry.**

**Best Boat: Sailing Rhino followed by Silver Bullet.**

**Best flag: Stinger**

**Best dressed Lady: Jude, best dressed man: Captain Splash, Boy: Luca, Girl: Honey & Kaiaria.**

**Several spot prizes were given out Kerry, who in the practise run, decided to take a dip, (now known as Captain Dippy) Ninja his dog abandoned ship and swam ashore, leaving his captain to be pulled out by surrounding boats, ended up with a pair of Hi-Vis’s trousers, so we can always sight him.**

**5 of the 6 Booty prize numbers were recovered and prizes awarded.**

**Our practise run raised $505.00 for Nelson/Marlborough Rescue Helicopter and our October Booty Run raised $400.00, so a total of $905.00 was raised collectively, which was great!**

**Special thanks to our sponsors, Town & Country Builders Ltd, Port Marlborough, Havelock Hotel. Thanks to our support boats, happy Snappa’s, Course masters, Captain Horn Blower Sam, Roz on the attendance door, kitchen staff & helpers, the events are only possible with collective help of our volunteers.**

**Depending on what our Covid situation is, planning for our December Fun Run, Xmas Extravaganza, Theme, “Country of Origin” looking at suitable tides to go around the Island, only suitable date is 4th December, so that is the previewed date. Again, everything is Covid Level dependant, and numbers will be limited. Fleet members will have priority, with 6 spaces for invited participants. Further information will be posted out and put on our website.**

**Finally special thanks to Paul, Poor Dads adventures, who posted the following link and video of the Booty Run on you tube ENJOY!** <https://youtu.be/vZVM0LjkwW0>