

## HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

### LONGCAST

8 November 19 - Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200  
15 November 19 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Grey Lynn RSA  
15 – 17 November 19 – Terra Australis Conference at DNB  
20 November 19 - Ngapona Senior Rates Mess AGM  
13 December 19 - Navy Club, Remuera Club at 1200  
13 December 19 – Maritime Societies' Annual Dinner, Northern Club at 1830  
20 December 19 - Ngapona Assn Xmas Lunch at Orakei RSA

Hi Folks

#### **HMNZS NGAPONA ASSN - MONTHLY LUNCH**

Our lunch this month will be held at the Grey Lynn RSC on Friday 15th November. We will meet at 1200.

We have a guest speaker this month, CPO Shane Kennedy, Coxn of Ngapona, will give a talk on the Sail Training Craft.

#### **RNZN BAND - REMEMBER CONCERT**

The Remember Concert will be hosted by the Royal New Zealand Navy Band on 7th November at 1900 in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Cnr St Stephens Ave & Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland.

This is one of the bands' major concerts for the year. Entrance is free for Service Members in uniform with family receiving half price tickets. Entry is half price for Service Members in civvies when ID is shown. Otherwise tickets - \$10-\$20.



### **RN IN HOT WATER**

Half of the Royal Navy's fleet of Type 45 Destroyers are out of service - because they can't cope with the warm waters of the Gulf - Defence Secretary Ben Wallace has said. Chronic recruitment problems in the Royal Navy are also forcing some ships to remain in harbour, reports The Times - and yesterday, Mr Wallace told the defence select committee a quarter of the Royal Navy's 76 ships are inoperable. He suggested this had prevented him from deploying the Royal Navy "to meet some of our ambitions and tasks" and said that only three of the six Daring-class destroyers - hailed by the Royal Navy as being among the most advanced warships ever built - are in service. The Type 45s, which the Royal Navy describes as its 'backbone', need fixing "because they could not cope with warm water after problems in the Gulf", reports The Times.



*HMS Duncan*

### **JOHN F KENNEDY (CVN 79)**

Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) *JOHN F KENNEDY* (CVN 79) marked another milestone leading up to the christening of the second Ford-class aircraft carrier as Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) flooded the ship's dry dock on 29 Oct. PCU *JOHN F KENNEDY* has been under construction at its Newport News location since 2015 and continues to make preparations for its christening, which is scheduled for 7 Dec. The launching of CVN 79 today is approximately 3-months early to the original schedule. Several milestones have been completed leading up to the dry dock flooding, including laying of the ship's keel on 22 Aug, 2015, and placement of the 588-metric ton island superstructure on 29 May, 2019.



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### SHIP OF THE WEEK

HMNZS *Endeavour* began as a netlayer AN.76, built for the USN by the American Car and Foundry Company of Washington, Delaware, in 1944. It served on loan to the United Kingdom under a lend-lease as HMS *Pretext*, and was returned after the war. In 1947, it was bought by the Colonial Office and refitted in the United Kingdom, including being given a 3-inch sheathing of greenheart timber. As MV *John Biscoe*, from December 1947 she made annual trips to and from the Falkland Island Dependency.

The ship was purchased by the Royal New Zealand Navy in June 1956 to transport the New Zealand component of the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition. Following the Trans-Antarctic Expedition, the ship undertook four seasons of resupply to Scott Base. In the off-season, she undertook general-purpose tasks such as Pacific Island re-supply, ammunition dumping and oceanographic research. She was sold in 1962, renamed *Arctic Endeavour* for sealing work in the northern hemisphere, foundered off the coast of Canada in November 1982.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

On 8th November 1989 a contract was let to Steadcraft Ltd of Henderson to build four 12-metre Chico 40 sail training craft (STC). The STCs replaced the twelve 27 foot whalers and two 32 foot cutters which were berthed at the Tamaki Boatyard, which is now the RNZN Museum. Initially twelve designs were considered for the replacements and these were then short listed to four, Farr 1220, S&S. Raven and Beneteau, all of which were given an 'on water trial' before a decision was made. Keith Eade of Steadcraft was so keen to demonstrate the performance of his own Chico 40, 'City Limits', that he broke the boom during the trial. A hasty jury rig was made and we carried on. The Chico 40s were chosen well ahead of their rivals, due mainly to their suitability as a training craft, solid construction and cost. It was obviously a good decision as they are still giving good service 30 years later.



Take care

**Jerry Payne**

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*"There are good ships, and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea."*

*"But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be."*

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