

1. **"Haumoana"** Owned by Dave and Glenys Wilson. 31' Kauri launch designed and built by Colin Wilde in 1947.



2. **"Ellen"** Owned by Helen and Grant Wallace. Length: 8 metres. Of strip plank cedar she was built 2006 from a "plug" taken off an old abandoned hull found in Kopu. She is a "Milkmaid" design by Bailey & Lowe built by Malcolm Sowman. "Ellen" is powered by a 29 HP diesel with standard straight drive.



3. **"Arapawa"** Owned by Rachael & Warwick Jamieson. Probably built by Ernie Lane around 1906 to 1915. Length: **9.2m**
Used in the Sounds as a ferry to Arapawa Island. Brought to Rotoiti in 1996 by Michael & Mary Taylor, Rachel's parents, and has been in every parade since the start of these annual parades.



4. **"Carbis Bay"** Owned by Tracey Mackay and Maureen Clarkson, a 7.6 metre Launch built for the Hill family in 1986. She is a Salthouse KB760 design.



5. **"Avalon"** Owned by Keith and Karyn Larkin, built 1953, 20 foot kauri boat.



6. **"Rainbow"** Owned by Rod and Florence Prosser. Designed and built by Chris Robinson at Ohiniamutu, a 20 foot Kauri launch. Rainbow was built in Rotorua for a family at Rainbow Point, Lake Taupo in 1930. Built of solid kauri, Rod and Florence purchased her in 2017 and bought her back to Rotorua. Being beamy for her size, she's a great lake launch and recently the outdoor cockpit has been extended to sit outside and enjoy the summer sun.



7. **"M V Snark"** Owners: William & Caroline Main, Length: **7.8m** mulletty. Originally built in **1912**, the hull was found in the mud at Tauranga by Geoff Main and rebuilt by G.Main & N.Macky in 1990. Relaunched in 1992. Since then has entertained many people on Lake Rotoiti.



8. **"Revenge"** Length: 36'. Built by Charles Erik Thompson and Son Aratapu in 1905 but no other details, of fine Scandinavian origins, she resided on the Kaipara Harbour for 110 years until 2015 when purchased by the current owner Michael Marston who relocated and relaunched her 1 October 2015 on Lake Rotoiti.
- She is of carvel plank counter stern design, built of kauri with puriri cross floors and pohutakawa ribs and is fixed by copper nails and roves.
- Built & launched at a cost of 95 pounds, she originally had a cast iron wheel "which was flaming cold on frosty mornings". The mast is now a flag pole on a front lawn at Tinopai.
- She was built as a sailing fishing boat for Morgan Bros who sold her to Edgar Brown who sold to the Fisheries Branch of the Marine Department in late 1930. Early on she evidently had a Twigg 40hp, which the Fisheries Department replaced with a Kelvin-Ricardo 24-30hp "paraffin engine" in October 1930. The Fisheries Department then sold her to their skipper Bunny Tilby in 1948 who then sold her to Colin McPike who sold her to Bill Pook who sold her to Bob Moyle in 1968.
- Bob Moyle had Eric Williams convert her to a pleasure vessel (i.e. new cabin, bulwarks and hull work etc) which is the state she is still in today. Bob Moyle also replaced the 4 cylinder Ford with the current 6.2 litre straight-6 Ford diesel of 150HP.
- Sold by Bob Moyle in about 2012 to Fiona Johnson & Peter Cathro, who then sold to Michael Marston in 2015.



9. **"Manowai"** Owned by Dennis Walsh. A 32' kauri planked launch built around 1921 possibly built by Bailey & Lowe, designer unknown. She was found in disrepair in a storage shed at Hampton Downs car racing track and bought to Rotoiti for restoration. The boat restoration was carried out by Alan Craig Marine over a 2 year period and launched in 2015.



10. **"Windsong"** Owned by Jim & Shirleyanne Burch, a 27' Shipbuilders design, built 1960 of D/D ply construction.



11. **"Diana"** Bob & Jane Smith. Length 28 feet. 1936 Carvel built Vintage Launch designed by John Atkins and built by Renovations, CT Marine. Diana has had a major refurbish and was relaunched in September 2008.



12. **"Achernar"** the brightest star in the constellation Eridanus and used to determine south. Renamed **"Betty"** by Adm. "Bull" Halsey in the War years. Purchased by Don and Dianne Atkinson in August 2008.



History as told by previous owners:

1939 The only launch designed by R L Stewart a well known yacht designer for his father. Built by Collings & Bell that year in their yard in St Mary's Bay, now known as Westhaven. Plans are in the NZ Maritime Museum.

Kauri plank construction, Hull 30ft 10in, Beam 9ft 2in.

When war broke out Achernar was taken over by the Navy. In the latter part of the war Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, US 3rd Fleet, used the boat when on Rest and Recreation in Auckland renaming her Betty. Admiral Halsey despite committing what is considered one of the greatest blunders in naval history (Battle of Leyte) went on to become US Fleet Commander in 1945. After the war Achernar was shipped to the US but was dropped and broke a number of ribs enroute in Fiji. She was shipped back to NZ.

Achernar had a number of owners from that time on in Auckland - Mr Seager of Seagers Engineering Takapuna, Tauranga - local Surgeon Harry Gilbert, Thames - Mr Bill Cotton, and then back north spending most of her time in the Bay of Islands, around Great Barrier, the Gulf and Mayor Island - Dr Graham and Andrea Witney.

1984 saw a major refit and a flying bridge added at the Lane Motor Boat Co in the

Tamaki River.

1993 gearbox & shaft replaced, new motor was able to be lowered and moved aftwards so as to be accommodated under the rear seats in the main cabin & forward seat in the cockpit.

2008 upon purchase the flying bridge was taken off and she was restored by Mike Lowe as close as possible to her original colours and shape.

13. **"Princess"** Owners: Allan and Ronda Clark. Length: 6.9 metres. Beam: 1.85 metres. Draft: 550 mm

She was built by Allan Clark mainly with Fijian Kauri and plywood. The hull being two layers of diagonal plywood strips over stringers and frames then fibre glassed.

She was painted by Gloss Boats Ltd at Westhaven.

The engine is a 30 hp Kubota diesel with a twindisk marine gearbox supplied by Chris Moon Engines Ltd of Avondale.



14. **"Alberta"** Owned by Jon & Lois Dustin. 28'6" Kauri launch. Designed and built in R N Burgess & Co's yard, Judges Bay, Parnell and launched in December 1913. In 1925 the original Petrol Motor was replaced with a Sabb 16HP (the word 'Sabb' being a local Norwegian synonym for toughness and reliability). She was rebuilt by Maurice Reynolds in the 1960's and again more recently.

Alberta was used for racing (8 knots) on the Auckland harbour and as a pleasure craft. She spent 99 years of her life in Auckland with various motors and as a fishing boat. The last motor was a 16HP 2 Cylinder Sabb but unfortunately it sucked up some weed and overheated. This caused the head to crack and unfortunately we could not fix it so replaced it with a 3 Cylinder Volvo Penta 36HP. Far too much power for the size of the boat, although very handy when approaching a Jetty.



15. **"Louise"** Owned by Glenn & Michaela Baker, 31' Kauri launch built in 1991 by Calvin Berriman, designed by Bruce Askew.



16. **"Sambuca"** Owned by Buzz & Patsy Rathbone. 24' launch designed and built in 1957 by Tony Mason. Built of cedar plank and fibreglassed. Interior wood of mahogany. Powered by a new 220hp Mercruiser inboard outdrive. Brought from Tauranga – previous owner was Bill Mitchinson.



17. **"Nautilus"** Owned by Robbie & Anne Sinclair. Kauri planked vintage launch built by Lane's in Auckland 1948. Has been on Lake Rotoiti since 1996. Before that at Tauranga.
Length: 27' Owned by Buzz Rathbone and Gus Gardner 1996 to January 2012.



18. **"Doris"** Owner: Peter Taylor. She was built in 1950 at the Deeming shipyard in Opuia for a wealthy farmer who owned land on the Purerua Peninsular in the Bay of Islands. She has spent all her life in the BOI and was used to pull barges and take supplies from Kerikeri, Opuia and Paihia. Her statistics are 24 ft long, 8 ft beam carvel hull with 1 inch kauri plank on close framing. She has a new Kobota 27 hp diesel and gearbox but apart from that, is in original condition. A friend and I motored her down from Kerikeri to Westhaven (23 hours at 6.5 knots and just as well the sea was calm!) and from there she was transported to Rotoiti.
Renovated by Tony Mitchell in 2007 with a total repaint, new roof with 2 hatches and new glass.



19. **"Chug"** Owned by Paul East.
She is a 22' Kauri Clinker built in 1930 by an unknown builder.
Motor: 10hp 2008 Nannidiesel. Cruise speed: 7 Knots.



"Chug" started out life as a ships lighter in the Northland area. The original 10hp Lister-Petter diesel motor was thought to have been installed in the early 1950's. Chug was rebuilt/restored 25-30 years ago by the then Okawa Bay owner at which point the cabin structure was added. She was named "Chug" at that time. Chug has undergone a further minor restoration and a re-power with the Nannidiesel.

20. **"Aroha"** Owned by Warwick Hutchinson. 21' carvel planked kauri hull launch designed & built by C E Thompson in Dargaville 1949 for the late Frank & Millie Macklow. Fitted with a Scottish Kelvin Ricardo E4 cylinder petrol (or parafin) engine - 2 sets of 2 cylinders with seperate carbs on each enabling either pair to be switched off. Motor designed by Anton Bergius of Glasgow & many were fitted to Scottish trawlers. Conrad Bergius (nephew) lives in Auckland and is a diesel mechanic.



Hauled from Dargaville to Rotoiti by road and launched at Mourea in **1950**. The launch has spent all its time on Lake Rotoiti at Otaramarae Bay. It maintains its original colours, accessories, trims, tools, striped canvas cushions, manuals and warrantee. Sold in 2002 to Warwick Hutchinson who then named her after his mother (Aroha Avis Hutchinson) "AROHA" - who also had purchased the family holiday batch in Otaramarae Bay in 1950.

21. **"Solent"** Owned by Dave and Chris Ede
6.6m Vintage Launch previously owned by Graeme & Joan MacDonald.



22. **"Kotuku"** Owned by Allan & Dianne Estcourt. This 5.3 m. carvel planked hull was home built by S.G. Estcourt and Sons in Blenheim in **1959**. The design was published in Popular Mechanics as a tender for small yacht races. A cabin was added and a 1935 Singer Nine car engine installed. Planking is West Coast Kahikatea and decks were canvas covered.



Originally moored in Havelock and used in Pelorus Sound. Moved to Picton about 1970 and a Tohatsu outboard installed. Subsequently sold and repurchased 20 years later. Cabin had been replaced but hull was in original condition. The cabin was modified, hull recaulked and new propeller shaft fitted in preparation for a new diesel inboard.

23. **"EM"** Owned by Stephen Knowles. 28' Kauri launch designed and built by Robertson in 1970.



24. **"Emperor"** was built in 1932 Length: 7.6m. Designer: Charles Bailey
Owner: Alan Griffiths. Entered and skippered by Jason Griffiths.

Built in Auckland in 1932 for use on Lake Rotorua. This kauri boat spent its first 15 years on Lake Rotorua before being sold to R. Deare in 1947 for use on Lake Rotoiti. At that time the cabin was modernised and a new Morris Commodore 6 cylinder petrol engine was fitted by the then well known Ian Harris, boat repairer, Otaramarae. The present owner purchased the boat in 1996 from Ian Steele. A light weight diesel has replaced the mighty "Morris" which was donated to the Maritime Museum at Paeroa.



25. **"Cappy"** was built in 1953.

Designed and built by Baileys, Length: 8.5m.

Spent early life at Paremata - owned by Mr. Roberts in early 1960's. In early 1980's sold to Mr. Pain and became neglected. A local boat builder Brian Billings was next owner and in 1986 she was relaunched in river at Mana after being completely rebuilt in a shed at Craters Edge.

Cappy spent short time at Napier before going to Waikawa where, after owner's financial troubles, she was sold to Ron Spinks of Christchurch in 1988. At Ron's funeral 3-4 years later the story was told of how he, with his mate, his lunch box and a big bottle of gin, had motored "Cappy" to Lyttleton. Purchased by Kevin Wild in 1992 she was altered to make her more comfortable. With her wood burning stove worth its weight in gold during Lyttleton winters, she was always the boat for socialising. Owned by John Anderson since 1998, she was refitted at Peter Marks yard in Tauranga. Now kept at Otaramarae.



26. **"Caravel"** Owner: Richard Stevens. Built: 1962.

Length: 6.1m. Built by the late Norm Keen for the late Chip Stevens of Hauparu Bay.

Kauri planked (carvel) construction with teak decks and mahogany cabin. Powered by original 75 hp Volvo Penta BB70 petrol engine (approx 1700 hours from new).

Caravel was styled after the Thames police launches of the 1950's and design criteria included that the engine was not to encroach on cabin space, she had to accommodate guests in the cockpit or in the cabin (sitting headroom) without undue changes in trim and her dimensions were limited by the existing shed and cradle. Norm, a master craftsman, created this beautiful example of traditional boat building at his boat yard in Okawa Bay during the winter of 1962. She was launched on Christmas Eve and has been a familiar sight on the Lake ever since.

Launch, Merit Award, 2005 Parade.

"Caravel" features as the cover story in "Boating NZ" February 2015



27. **"Maggie"** Owned by John Mace and Kaye Lillico. Designed and built by Roy Parris 1982, she is an 18'6" kauri clinker launch.



28. **"Relax-ay-voo"** Owner: John Duncan, Length: 9m, Designed by Bruce Askew.



29. **"Lady Glad"** Owners: Marcus & Jan Wilkins and family. Entered this year by A Whitmore. Commissioned in 1981 by Mr. Marshall-Lee, she was built with kauri hull and teak decks by Bill Visser of Kingfisher Boats, Tauranga, on the lines of tugs operating in the North Sea off Holland. The present owner heard of the Lady Glad and subsequently purchased her incomplete, having her completed by Bill Visser. She was launched in **1987** at Taheke and has been on Lake Rotoiti ever since. Length **6.4m**.



30. **"Escapada"** Owned by Geoffrey Saint-Germain. Escapada has undergone a total refit during 2019. She is now fully renovated and redesigned. Extended curved bow, extended duckboard, all brass has been removed (including nails and screws) and replaced by stainless steel. The inside cabin has been redesigned and new fittings included (Galley, glass holder, engine cover and table..... The entire deck has been covered with Teak, and front deck has been modified to receive a new winch and vents. New electrical includes, a third battery, new solar panel, new wiring and lights and auxiliaries include even blue underwater lighting About seven solid months of work on the hard at a local kiwi fruit farm. The original design was a 1947 Jim Young's pencil, built in 1949. The original size was 34' now extended to 38'.



31. **“Lady Beth”** Owned by Ted Taiatini, Chris & Simon Moore. Built 1920. Wooden planked, Length 23ft. Her first service was in Whakatane as a picnic and tour boat, then off to Napier to do the same. Next she moved to Taupo. She came to Rootiti about 40yrs ago. Previously named Hidden Agenda and owned by Rhys & Cath Van Sitter, managers of the Manupirua Hot Pools. Earlier lake owners are the Ruebes and the Camerons.



She has spent about 20 months at Alan Craigs boatbuilding Shed and been transformed into her new configuration. Her inboard has been replaced by a 9.9hp outboard in a concealed well. The glass house is made of teak and a teak bowspit and duckboard were fitted with stainless anchor and remote windlass. During restoration it was noted she originally had 2 portholes each side, not just the 1. So stainless ones were imported from Italy. The wheel is from Ian Harris. Ted completed the engine and electrical installations. Still some refinements to be done on the inside. . Named after Chris & Simon's mother who was born the same year the launch was and loved the lake since coming on her honeymoon in 1942. (Photo is previous to restoration.)

32. **“Elva”** Owners; Grant & Gillian Cossey. Built by Collings and Bell in **1911**, vintage kauri launch, Elva was displayed at the 1912 Auckland Boat Show. The name originates from one of Mr. Collings three daughters. Owned by Hugh Preston, she was used around Auckland, Kawau and Great Barriers Islands. Elva was purchased from north of Auckland by Malcolm Pearce in 2002 in need of a coat of paint and a bit of normal boat type maintenance. Purchased in 2004 by Grant Cossey and Nigel Brock. Length: 22 feet, **6.6m**.



- 33 **“Wild Horses”** Owned by Shawn and Cathy Vennell, a 24 foot Mason Clipper designed and built by Tony Mason Marine around 1973. They bought it off Nic de Mey, formally from Auckland - They understand he had a bach at Rotoiti where he used the boat before moving permanently to Tauranga. No Photo