



Yachting Fellowship News



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Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February

Week-end to Rotoroa Island,

*come and bring your boat or join the crew on Pacific Mermaid,
she will be the free 'ferry boat' to the Island*

Embarkation from 3.00 pm for departure at 3.30 pm
from Orakei Marina

Good and secure parking, in the Marina car park, and it is free.

Please book with Lorraine Geary, Phone (09) 480 6493
or email Lorraine at: logeary@gmail.com - before 12 February



The bay of Rotoroa Island

AN ARTS AND CONSERVATION PARK

For a unique arts, heritage and conservation day out, come and explore Rotoroa Island, Auckland's newest island destination.

For over 100 years, Rotoroa Island has been an island apart, off-limits to all but a few souls isolated there for alcohol and drug rehabilitation in the care of the Salvation Army. Today, Rotoroa is accessible to everyone as the Hauraki Gulf's newest conservation estate.

Explore the heart of the island's old community, including the jail, chapel and cemetery. Visit the island's award-winning museum and exhibition centre and its display on Rotoroa's fascinating history.

Swim or picnic at one of four beautiful sandy beaches, explore walking trails among regenerating bush or stroll to the new Chris Booth sculpture on the island's southern headland.

If you are not staying on a boat, there are three holiday homes for rent. Past Commodore Grant Cossey has made some enquiries, but please book and confirm direct with the Caretaker: Ph. 0800 86 76 86 or email: info@rotoroa.org.nz see page 2 & 3 and likewise, note page four.

Mahoe House at Rotoroa Island for rent for the week-end





4 bedrooms - one bathroom, 2 toilets sleeps 7

Decorated in warm vintage 1970's style, Mahoe has four generous bedrooms and a large open plan kitchen, dining and living area. Most of Mahoe's bedrooms have excellent sea views, with spectacular views from the living area.

This property can easily accommodate larger family groups. It has a bathroom with a shower and toilet (no bath), and a further separate toilet.

Mahoe has five beds - two queens and three singles (two queen rooms, one twin room and one single room).

All of Rotoroa island's holiday homes are named after boats that once served the island's community. Each property has been renovated to a high standard and is decorated in vibrant vintage style with all the comforts of home, from DVD and MP3 players to Wi-fi. All three homes are self-contained and private; top quality linen is provided and cleaning included.

A two night minimum booking applies over the summer season; one night weekend stays are available during the winter months to fit with winter ferry sailings. Children two years and over are charged at full rate; children under the age of two are free.

All houses have the following facilities:

Essentials: tea, coffee, sugar, cooking oil, flour, soy sauce, balsamic vinegar; BBQ;

Modern kitchen and laundry;

Wifi access; CD/Stereo/Blu Ray player;

Beach Umbrellas and picnic set;

We have one travel cot and one highchair available, please request when booking;

Please note there is no land line so make sure you bring your cell phone and charger;

And while it is fine to bring alcohol with you, the Trust asks that you respect the history of Rotoroa.

If you have other questions about the accommodation on Rotoroa Island, please read our [FAQs](#).

Rates:

Premium summer (NZD) 20 December - 20 January \$490 per night for up to 4 people

After 20 January (NZD) \$375per night for up to 4 people

Extra people above 4 cost \$40 each per night

Programme and suggestions

for the Week-end

Friday 22 February 2013

3.00 pm Embarkation at Orakei Marina

3.30 pm Pacific Mermaid departs and will 'ferry'
IYFR Members to Rotoroa Island.

Afternoon tea and coffee on the way.

Some members will remain on the IYFR boats, which they came on, and some members will be accommodated in the houses on the Island.

6.00 pm Arrival at the Island Dinner for own arrangements

"Little Mermaid" the tender to Pacific Mermaid, will be taking members to shore, to meet with members who are accommodated in the houses on the Island.

Saturday 23 Feb.

9.30 am We visit the Island for a guided tour of the facilities.

Picnic lunch on the Island. Please bring your own food and drinks
Afternoon free for own pursuit's eg; sailing, swimming, snorkelling or a snooze.

From 5.00 pm onwards, happy hour on Pacific Mermaid
followed by Barbeque Dinner on the aft deck.

Bente will buy all the steaks and salads, and we share the cost.
Beverages BYO

Cost for this evening \$ 15.00 each.

Sunday 24 Feb.

9.30 am Depart for Waiheke,

We 'cross the Pakatoa Strait' and head for the bay called 'Man of War'
to visit to the 'Man of War Winery'.

Lunch can be enjoyed at the Winery.

A cheese platter is available and is plenty, for two, as a good lunch.

Price: 35.00 for 2 people, or some members may wish to walk to 'Stoney Batter'.

or the other option is to stay on the boats, we came on, and have lunch on board.

3.00 pm Depart Man of War bay and heading along the coast of
Waiheke, bound for Auckland.

6.00 pm Pacific Mermaid will be back at Orakei Marina

What to bring:

a happy smile, and if you have booked accommodation on the Island, bring your own food, for Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and Sunday breakfast and lunch if you are not visiting the winery.

What to wear:

Casual dress and comfortable footwear for 'walking on water' or' in the water, plastic shoes, crocs or similar.