

The Ta Aroa

The Ta Aroa is a beautiful lady in her late 40's and weighing 30 tons. Despite this fact, she easily breaks the waves outrunning other boats.



It's due to her captain and an experienced steersman.



The number of other crew members varies from three to six people. They are the ones who come regularly to participate in racings on Fridays.

Sometimes guests arrive. The owner is a very nice man; therefore, numerous visitors experience comfort and casual atmosphere of his hospitality.

Since I consider myself an experienced sailor, I do my best to be a useful crew member and pull a few ropes which would not cause damage to the yacht.

More reliable participants pull stronger ropes.



The captain is so skillful that he not only does his job but has time to help his crew.



One of the main responsibilities of everyone on the deck is to drink beer while sailing.



The captain encourages his crew and ensures a friendly atmosphere on board.



When the wind blows hard and the weather seems as pleasant as it can be in NZ. The crew feels competitive and wants to outrun all other boats.

When overtaking other vessels, people on The Ta Aroa wave their hands in joy and drink more beer.



The competitors usually look gloomy, show their back and do not reply.



All other yachts are left behind and vanish in the distance; The Ta Aroa continues to rush forward increasing speed and bragging her beauty and risky character.

The sails and feet get wet.



A prize for a good day is the beautiful sunset and lazy rambling boats.



Gets darker. Time to go back.



The moon shows up. Lights on a pier congratulate the brave captain and his happy crew.



Good night, The Ta Aroa and till next Friday!