



To take a boat load of non-sailors on a ship like Maggie, the crew needs to understand the operation of each rope, what it does, why it does it and what happens if it doesn't. There is no other way to learn than getting in and develop blisters while we get our heads around the rigging. This is going to take more than a few days.



The first of the sail training day was held on 14 March 2009 under the guidance of Brian Owen (designer, builder, and current Skipper). The crew was, Doug, Mark, Phil, Joel and Stu along with Doug's daughter Hanna

and Tim "the keen teen" Sneddon.

With the object of recording the details (explicitly) of getting sail up (including the main, fore main, staysail and jib) and down, we left the berth in Sandspit and travelled down the river to Kawau Bay. Brian talked us through the four sails up and down while Mark wrote furiously, to the amusement of other crew members.

With the details in place and checked, we set the sails and headed for the entrance to Bon Accord harbour for lunch. Intermittent showers and rising wind gave us a solid 10 to 15 knots of sailing breeze provided a good warm up. After lunch we sailed off anchor (accompanied by a school of kingfish distracting the hunters of the group) and out into Kawau Bay. The wind strength had increased giving us great sailing conditions to practice gybbing and get a feel for the boat in good seas. In the 15 to 20 knot winds, we sailed at 7.5 to 8.5 knots with the feel of a solid wooden boat pushing easily through the seas. The rain and low cloud added to the experience, making some very happy about the wheel house while others were very happy with good rain gear.

The day gave us a great look into the operation of the boat with kids on board and the sort of extra equipment needed to keep people comfortable and operating in wet conditions. We're another step closer to having Maggie operational and investing into the generations of New Zealand.

Bring on the blisters.

Mission Adventure Trust

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Funding Mission Adventure Trust.

Mission Adventure Trust is a registered Charitable Trust and is currently operating on loans and donations. Our commitments are currently \$10,000.00/month funding for the Maggie over the next three months and a final payment of approximately \$300,000.00 at the end of July.

We are offering an opportunity for investing for a term of three years (minimum investment of \$2,000) at 7% fixed rate interest. Go to

www.mission-adventure.org.nz

and click on the "involved" link and see the paragraph on Funding.

Alternatively, here are our bank details.

Mission Adventure Trust, Warkworth Branch, ASB Bank, account # 12-3095-0238831-00

What we offer.

- **'I can do this'** – I can overcome my fears, learn who I am, and be part of a great team.
- **Adventure is Fun** – Life is for learning. There maybe discomfort, but it's worth the risk.
- **Encounter moments** – islands, sea sunsets, dolphins, whales, and life's surprises

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