- 1. **Location:** New Zealand, Opua, Roaring 40s, Great Barrier Island, Bay of Islands.
- 2. **Sailing Conditions:** Seas with 30-foot waves and 50-knot winds, national park for diving on shipwrecks, diverse marine life.
- 3. **Problems Faced:** Deck ripped off the bow, major Sail Drive issues, challenges with circumnavigating New Zealand, anchorage dragging in 20-30 knot winds.
- 4. **Fixes Implemented:** Replacement of the SD50 sail drive with the newer SD60 version, reinforcing the deck joint with epoxy and through-bolting, handling heavy weather conditions.
- 5. **Anchorages/Marinas:** Smokehouse Bay, recommended rally around New Zealand organized by Vicky Moore, information on good harbors and safe places.
- 6. **Safety Measures:** Safety briefing for sailing overnight, importance of community support during sailing, use of an ultra anchor and stainless steel chain for stability in anchorage.
- 7. **Rules/Regulations:** Participating in the rally around New Zealand for support and guidance, being part of a WhatsApp group for communication.
- 8. **Weather Conditions:** Monitoring weather patterns for suitable sailing windows, navigating adverse weather conditions, waiting for good weather to continue the journey.
- 9. **Diving Experiences:** Diving on the HMNZS Cerb shipwreck, encountering diverse marine life, enjoying underwater exploration.
- 10. **Community Engagement:** Interacting with sailing community on Facebook groups for sharing experiences and advice, promoting safety and awareness among fellow sailors.
- 11. **Personal Experiences:** Celebrating birthdays onboard, engaging in fitness challenges, enjoying the beauty of nature during sailing trips.