

# Canterbury J Class (One Design) Owners Association Inc. Newsletter

## November 2017 newsletter

Hi all J-Class Association members. Your committee continues to work consistently for us all and have scheduled a busy J-Class calendar for the year 2017/2018, which are detailed in this newsletter.

**History:** I am still learning about the origins of our Canterbury J-Class Boat. The design is based on the America Cup contenders (Defenders and Challengers) between 1930-1937 when 10 were constructed and raced.

1930 Shamrock V

Weetamoe

Yankee

Whirlwind

Enterprise

1933 [Velsheda](#)

1934 Endeavour

Rainbow

1936 Endeavour II

1937 Ranger

You will see some of these names on the J-boats on our lake. In 1997 a group of the CMYC (including Hugh Hobden and Peter Vincent) got together to solve the problems of weedy conditions on the lake, and designed the Canterbury J-Class which could be easily transported, is relatively easy to build and looks great, and also competitive. J1 is named "Shamrock" and is now owned by the J-Class Association and is displayed in the CMYC rooms at Lake Victoria. The J-Class Association was founded on 2 Sept 1997.

### AGM summary

Our Annual General Meeting was on 14 Oct 2017, with 19 members present and heaps of apologies.

Your current **Class Advisory Committee (CAC)** line up and their responsibilities are .

**President:** Leon Blewett

**Vice President:** Rodney Ford

**Secretary:** Vern Rolton

**Treasurer:** Graeme Raxworthy

**Class Measurers:**

[South Island] Leon Blewett, Graeme Raxworthy, Peter Vincent, Chris Koskela.

[North Island] Dave Hemsley, Antony Sisson.

**Committee:** Wes Purves, Cyrus Berry, Ashley Glubb, Jim Paterson

**Hull coordinator representative/s:** Chris Koskela, Leon Blewett.

The two new faces were welcomed: Rodney Ford and Jim Paterson.

**Sail identification** was changed at the AGM to, "up to the last three digits of the hull number must now be displayed". Those familiar with Appendix E and IOM's did not want the same issues cropping up with prefix's on Canterbury J sails so no confusion can take place.

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**Membership** – we now have 80 members (up from 61 last year) and there are \*100 boats registered.

### Subscriptions

This remains at \$10 per member, payable to the treasurer Graeme Raxworthy. (Vern Rolton and Leon Blewett also). You will get a reminder if you have not yet paid.

**Website** – <https://canterbury-j-class.nz>

Email: [admin@canterbury-j-class.nz](mailto:admin@canterbury-j-class.nz)

Please make return visits to your wonderful website that is constantly updated by Vern Rolton. It is a valuable tool to keep informed and spread the word about our J-Class world.

**Hull numbers:** The “J” hull numbers have now gone over 300, and the newest hull is number 312. There have been a steady increase in “J” boat on the lake over the last few years, with some of the older boats reappearing. The lead keels are now being poured by Chris Koskela.

**Bow bumpers:** There is now a good stock of bow bumpers.

The deal is: get one for \$10, but get two for only \$15. Non-members price \$15 each.

Available from Graeme Raxworthy and Leon Blewett

**Change of ownership:** If you sell your boat please let Vern Rolton or someone on the committee know who it has gone to. We are keeping track of who has what boat. This helps us distribute the newsletter, and also helps with handicaps, and new membership. There is an online form available for boat transfers on the website.

**EC12 vs Canterbury J Class match racing contest:** The match between the EC12 vs J-Class was contested again this year. The EC12 team won yet again -- but we got closer this time.

## Calendar of events 2017/18

(open to all who are paid up with this years sub's)

**Lake Hood sailing:** 26 Nov 2017 – Lake Hood, passive lake. (back up date is 3 Dec). The lake has a launching platform. We encourage you to come for a family picnic before the relaxed casual sailing starts at 1.00pm. Your sailing skippers from Ashburton and Timaru are inviting us, with Peter Vincent and Wes Purvis the main organizers.

**Twilight sailing** is on Monday summer evenings again, starting on the water at 5.30pm. This is popular, relaxed sailing, with no registration or formal scoring. Dates:  
11 Dec 2017 – Lake Victoria  
29 Jan 2018 – Ferrymead  
26 Feb 2018 – Lake Victoria

**Enterprise trophy** Tom Arthur will be looking after the details and working out the award for this Trophy. Dates for 2018, on Lake Victoria are these three CMYC races  
10 Feb 2018  
14 April 2018  
30 June 2018

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Enterprise trophy winner for this year (2017) was Leon Blewett.

**Rakaia sailing:** This is to be held on Sunday 21 Jan 2018. Leon Blewett is organizing this. This is normally all day sailing with BBQ at Leon and Heather's bach, which is only 50mtrs from the water it can be a good fun day with really excellent conditions.

**Auld Mug** sailing date is Monday 2 April 2018, at Ferrymead.

**J-Class Championship :** J Champs are set for the weekend 17 & 18 March 2018, on Lake Victoria – we are asking for your help to run this Championship – talk to Wes who is the main organizer.

Match racing on Saturday 17 March 2018.

Fleet racing on Sunday 18 March 2018.

Be sure to lodge your intention to sail at these events, as we may have to limit numbers.

### Updating the J-Class boat building design

We have the plans for what we thought was a “planked J” available but things have not gone as we thought, Once we involved Ashley with re-inking and tidying things up he found several significant variations. At our committee meeting just gone we discussed this and taking Ashley's advice into account, have put it all in the too hard basket for the present, a disappointment.

### Simple Heat Racing Sytem

Vern Rolton is using the “Simple Heat Racing Sytem” for all our Canterbury “J” events. It is a race management system, written in New Zealand. It is a database driven system and quite easy to learn, it stores all skipper and boat details separately, as well as the races results themselves. This program also works out our handicaps so we no longer rely on anyone else or any other system. It is also on one of the new laptops. Have a look next time Vern has it going.

### NZRYA update (Leon).

I am back on council again most likely as treasurer again, but you never know things can change. For those who were at the IOM Nationals, you may have heard Phil Pryde speak about possible changes within NZ where the classes, (in this particular case the IOM's) admin themselves, thus freeing up the NZRYA council to work on one of the primary objectives of the new constitution, to promote and foster radio sailing in all its forms, both recreational and competitive.

As things stand a lot of time and effort goes into the IOM class, there are something like 200 skippers and just under 300 boats registered (sail numbers are now over the 1100 number) so a lot of them around and the class takes up a lot of time, on the other side, they also contribute a lot.

The question is how will this happen and what will it mean for all the other classes, it may take some discussion and time to sort this out and then implement it. If you have any ideas let me know, Ill keep all informed. Leon.

### North Island update

Leon planning to be Race Officer for North Island Canterbury J Champs in April 2018, Graeme Raxworthy also coming up, anyone else like to join in?

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Don't forget that at the AGM we adjusted the sail identification rules, so that now up to the last THREE DIGITS of the hull number must be displayed on your sails.

Happy sailing,  
Rodney Ford,  
(Newsletter editor) on behalf of your J Class Owners Association Committee.

