

“Canterbury-J Chin-Wag”

Canterbury J-Class Owners Association (CJCOA)

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Can’t float my boat !

We are all in the same Covid-19 boat. We are all in lockdown. We are all hoping to escape any illness. We are all looking forward to skippering our model yachts again – but when?

Victoria Lake: do you remember this?



We are all in our “social bubbles” – but this does not mean social isolation. So hence this **“Canterbury-J Chin Wag”** edition. The plan is, each week (or so), to send out gossip, yarns, stories, jokes and amusing anecdotes. Also your photos, model building and workshop snapshots.



We need you!

This is a great time to have a virtual chin-wag with each other.

Please send me your stories, your photos, your model collection, your workbench, your big-boat experience.... etc

By the way, now is a good time to fix up you Canterbury-J Class boat!

Our first club member to write his story is **Antony Sisson**. He is the new owner of Radio Yacht Supplies NZ (<http://www.radioyachtsuppliesnz.co.nz>.) He writes:

I have been asked to introduce myself and portray what I do. The full range of this would take more than I can write here and would probably bore a lot of you. Basically, my day job is building composite components for 60-foot foiling pleasure power boats. As an addition to this, also the construction of car and plane parts with these materials.

And just so I don't stand around Idle, I've recently purchased Radio Yacht Supplies NZ off Steve Walters (check out the webpage). My background is in House Building, Superyacht Fit-out, Race yacht Building and the smaller pleasure boats mentioned above. Time on the water is taken up with IOM's, Canterbury-J's, my foiling creations and a laser yacht I own.

A passion of mine is working on systems and sequences for designing and building these creations and making sure solutions are tailored to their needs.

I'm also a firm believer in the trades and the skills of older tradesmen and learning and passing on knowledge. The use of Granada blocks and Gaging wedges feature in my workshop as much as a steel rule and calculator. In closing I'd like to ask you a question. Maybe supply your answer to me when we meet. In you being attracted to this sport, how would you promote it to others?



J-296 sitting in the foyer accompanied by the half size Americas Cup. Note the classic wooden deck.

The shop showing some of the fittings you may one day buy. This is the Radio Yacht Supplies NZ, now owned by Antony.

Some of the projects in the workshop. Canterbury J Class, Marblehead refit, Concept IOM, Cedar Deck and dog houses. Thank You. Antony Sisson

ODD: Why is mail that goes by sea called "CARgo" and mail that goes by land called "SHIPment"?

Happy sailing, Rodney Ford, (Canterbury-J Chin-Wag editor)
On behalf of your Canterbury J Class Owners Association. CJCOA

Next time: amazing creations from Leon Blewett producing fittings with his 3-D printer