

“Canterbury-J Chin-Wag” Canterbury J-Class Owners Association (CJCOA)

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Hi Members,

Do you remember this road cone? Did you know that the sign was written by Tom Arthur? Well, this sign-cone will be back.



Photo credit to Roy Bickerstaffe – Club house checker.

Tom Arthur has been doing a fantastic job as sailing master, producing the schedule, opening up the club house, setting out the buoys on the Wednesday, encouraging us to know the sailing rules, always a welcoming smile, and here he is up to his thighs in the lake rescuing a stuck IOM (the weed is the foe of IOM sailors!). But ... the question is: would Tom have rescued the boat if it had been an EC12?



Tom Arthur on a IOM rescue mission in Victoria Lake.



This is a Kayak built by Phil Winter in 1989. It is Phil who makes the hulls for the Canterbury-Js. Can you recognise the sailor who has been paddling this fabulous streamlined boat? He also did the sign-writing on the hull.

(Clue is on right)





Have a peep into Graeme Raxworthy's (Rax) garage.

He holds the record of building the most Canterbury-J Class model boats. About 40 boats so far, and I have had the privilege of being an apprentice! He has taken a few photos to show you what he is doing.



The current line-up of my yachts:

Sail 27 belongs to a Brit pop IOM

J-12 is a restoration, now with a classic wooden deck.

J-280 has my first fibre glass deck.

J-333 has my new raised deck



Here is a look at the back corner of my garage.

A Honda GB 500 1987 motorbike

A vintage Crescent Moped 1960

A view of the jet boat.

In the next ChinWag we will look at Canterbury-J Class building, and the huge contribution Rax has made to this boat-building activity.

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Henk Binsbergen writes:



This story is about "Gannet", a boat I built as a teenager, yes a very long time ago. I remember my mother chasing me out of the kitchen when heating up glue on the stove, the boat was built from strip planks on frames. The design I got out of a magazine and she was built as an ocean yacht, it had a cabin and a mizzen mast, also an little electric pump as it was leaking a fair bit.



In the early 1980s I had moved to Cass Bay and my neighbour, a well-known life member of the CMYC, rekindled my interest in Model Yachting. I removed the cabin, chopped a bit off the transom, and put on a ply deck, new rig and the boat was measured up and registered as M 302, 19/03/1983.

That same year I scored a first place in the NZ vane championship. I am not sure if that was contributed to the boat or my fitness! Radio controlled boats around that time became the norm fairly quickly, and the boat was stored for a long time.



Until recently, Hugh and I had another sail, for me one last time before putting in some radio gear, and because of the home arrest this was completed in no time, I also put on a new set of sails and rigging, looking forward testing it out on the lake. Back to more gardening, or painting.

Henk



Thanks Henk . We look forward to seeing *Gannet* on the water later in the year.

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Dave Panting photo opportunity: real J-Class sailing.



Dave writes: “If you look closely at the bloke drinking the bottle of water, that’s me on Shamrock at the Antigua Classic week 1999. Brilliant sailing that week even though Velsheda & Endeavour gave us a kicking.

We almost ran over the photographer in his RIB after his motor stopped and almost wouldn't start hence the worried look from Tony on the bow (another kiwi)

So, have a great day, says Dave



J-Class regatta



This is the 5th edition. Thanks for photos, words, and jokes. Keep them coming.

Contributions are in the editorial pipeline from:

Paul Campbell, Leon Blewett, Graeme Raxworthy and Phil Winter.

We will send their stories out over the next few weeks.

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



Joke: Thanks again to Cedric Andrew for these terrible one-liners!

*The editor takes zero responsibility for any awful puns!
But they may make you smile as well.*

All Puns Intended

11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know, I amputated your arms!"

13. I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.

14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

18. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain ; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a

picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) ... a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

20. And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.