

Canterbury J class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.

Newsletter

February 2016

Hi to all this Feb news letter is a bit late coming but we have all been busy since Xmas I hope you all had a good xmas and New Year break. The weed in Lake Victoria is only now improving so sailing hasn't been all that great. But is now on the improve thanks to a group of Wednesday sailors last week they gave up their sailing and really got stuck into the weed and made a huge difference. Thanks you for your efforts.

HANDY HINTS

Keep your CA or superglue whatever it may get called in a zip up plastic bag in the fridge, it will last and last and last. Be careful when using Super Glue it has a habit of getting on things that you don't want it to and you don't get a second chance if it gets on your sails. I tend to use Nail Varnish on my knots instead of Super Glue for that reason.

SAILS

When repairing sails lay them on a damp smooth surface, the dampness keeps them down firmly on the surface and allows you to get the tape on a bit easier.

When repairing your sails, try a product which may have many names, I know it as BLENDERM, it is clear stretchy and waterproof medical tape, not all that cheap but excellent.

RAKAIA

Rakaia Lagoon was perfect for sailing we had a good turn out, variable conditions but it was soooo good to have clear water, a steady wind and no weed at all. Lunch time BBQ at Leon & Heathers bach was great. Leon had a BBQ for those that wanted it and we were all able to have lunch outside in the sun under his garage entrance. Thank you to Leon & Heather.

MEASURERS

We now have Chris Koskella on board as a measurer, this will help if Leon or myself aren't available. For members who don't know Chris, he is a very capable sailor of J's, EC12's and IOM's and has been around for quite some time and we are very pleased to have him help with measuring.

We may have at least one boat, probably more to measure in the North Island and the thought of some one coming down here and or freighting their boat down for measuring is a bit scary so we are looking at doing a measure via Skype and using an NZRYA official and recognised measurer to assist us.

AULD MUG

This event was trying very hard not to be run but we finally got it over the line with the event being held at Ferrymead. The event ended up a draw and conditions didn't allow for a sail off. Glen Church and Denis Rump will share the trophy for 2016 season.

TWILIGHT EVENTS

The events were reasonably well supported we had around 8 at the first two events at Victoria they were sailed in difficult conditions because of the weed in the lake. The final event was sailed at Ferrymead this was a great success with about 13 boats, conditions got a bit rough later in the evening. The results have been sent out for Ferrymead. Thanks to Wes and Ashley for organizing these events. Thanks also to the "ferrymead boys" for loaning us their lake.

J CLASS CHAMPS

Scheduled for April 9th and 16th.

You will be notified nearer the time.

DON'T FORGET GET YOUR BOAT MEASURED or any alterations measured BEFORE the event. Contact Graeme raxworthy Chris Koskella Leon Blewett or down south Peter Vincent.

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BOAT SALES

Sales have been slow up until recently, but hopefully have now picked up a bit. Three hulls have gone to the Auckland area and one hull to Hamilton. Only one hull has recently been sold into ChCh.

WEB SITE

We are going it alone in cyberspace,, both with the web site and our domain name, what we currently have is shared with the CMYC and has been in place for quite some time. The committee saw the need to simplify what we do and how we do things as well as gain full control over the administration and the account itself. Our cost has increased by somewhere around \$10 - \$15 PA. Our existing web site contract expires around August this year and the domain name around December giving us a bit of come and go to get everything going, we will keep you in touch and advise when its all up and running, but its really starting to look good thanks to the efforts of Vern Rolton.

NORTH ISLAND NEWS

John Hyde in Hamilton is progressing with his build. We have been talking John through the build. Its a bit difficult for anyone outside of ChCh to build something that might have a chance of competing well in our fleet, they cant call in to the lake, watch, photograph or talk to anyone as easily as us locals. We think he might just create a bit of interest there, maybe our famous ChCh weed has spread!!!!!!!!!!

Three hulls are now in Auckland with David Hemsley and Antony Sisson, who are hoping to give the class A "wee nudge" up there, will be interesting to see these builds progress.

David and Antony are having an "unofficial J class regatta very soon in Waihi, to try and flush out some of the boats up there and we will see what develops from there.

We are all probably going to consider what we do should a fleet in the north island develop, a national event is on the horizon somewhere!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NZRYA

Leon is on the council, got phone call from the chairman, to confirm matters and has already had a skype committee meeting. The council makeup looks pretty good and he thinks now that a lot of the catch up and fixing has been done that only good will develop from here. Be interesting to see what happens.

The proposed new constitution was not voted in, therefore the old one remains in force, more work will be done in the coming year to get an acceptable new one in place which will probably be at the next ACGB (AGM) next year.

A few photos of Canterbury J's has / does appear on the NZRYA website, a red boat No 121 has been seen a few times.

SAIL PLANS

Ashley Glubb is doing a great job of getting our sail plan on a digital or electronic format so we can mail anywhere and can have printed off nearly anywhere. This is a great leap forward for us, no more carrying around a large piece of 3mm customwood, we may add the rudder and deck beam templates as well.

HULL& KEEL

Graham Mander's hull / keel measuring progressing slowly, we have advised UK and USA of our intention and waiting to see what comments they may contribute, we're also getting the lead keel details sent back to us in a digital format too.

BOW BUMPERS IMPORTANT NEWS.

We have had to place an order a new lot of new bow bumpers and got a small shock at the price increase mainly due to the exchange rates.

That means the selling prices are now \$10 members and \$15 non members

That's all for now.

Graeme Raxworthy..