

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

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Hi J-Skippers

For anyone thinking about building a Canterbury-J Class model yacht (or for those reminiscing about your boat building journey, here is a crows-nest view of the bits and bobs that you need to put it all together. Just like Ikea!

Phil Winter has made you a fibre-glass hull, into which Leon Blewett has glued the plywood insert, with a generous coating of epoxy. Then Chris Koskela has poured the lead keel and trim weight.



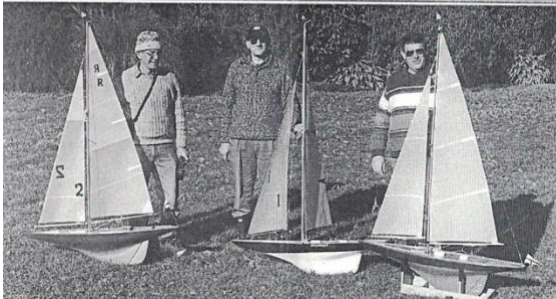
Next you gather the multitude of fittings and rigging for your build. Simple!



Peter Vincent story

(Life Member and Past President Canterbury J Association)

Christchurch club adopts the 'Ranger'



Peter Vincent (J-4 right), along with Hugh Hobden (J-2 left), Dave Heanly (J-1 centre), Rob Conliffe and Laurie Wales were the group of J-boat enthusiasts. They organised the hulls, lead keels, fittings and sails, creating a fleet of Canterbury-J Class boats. The first 12 hulls were quickly bought by club members of the CMYC who built, rigged and launched them.



Hugh Hobden wrote many years ago: “Peter Vincent: The promotion and proliferation of the J-Class is almost a one man affair! Peter has been tireless in "selling" the boat to the masses. Instead of sailing his own boat Peter will often let someone have a go sacrificing his sailing to introduce anyone interested to Radio-Control sailing with the Canterbury-J.”

Peter became the first president of the CJCOA (formally the J-Class Squadron) in Sept 1997. He held this position until 2011, when Tom Arthur, and next, Leon Blewett, were elected.

Peter Vincent's on-going story:

“In 2012 I moved from Christchurch to Ashburton. Here I found model yachting or boating was not very strong. On Sunday afternoons a few model boat enthusiasts would turn up at Tinwald Domain pond. However, the surrounding trees made the breeze very fickle. Therefore, Lake Hood appeared to be a better option with clear air and no trees.



I approached the Ashburton Sailing Club at Lake Hood and they agreed to make a model yacht division of their club. They have been very obliging and supportive in helping us build a jetty and supplying buoys for our racing. The Model boat division is still small with 4 Canterbury-J's, 3 Timaru-J's.

Sailing is very low key with no scoring but we have a great deal of fun and relaxing banter. Timaru have a little pond and have quite a good size membership and Dave and I sail there every fortnight.

In the last 8 years I have had time to build an 1860s Bristol Pilot Cutter, a 1960 Chris Craft, an early 1900 motor yacht, and a 1.2 gaff rigger now all completed.



While in Timaru I found a 710mm yacht hull that looked like a baby-J. So I bought it and made a mould. I have now produced some hulls and made 3 complete yachts and they are great little yachts.



Canterbury J-class boats: J-164 I purchased and rebuilt. This has been sold to an Ashburton enthusiast. My brother Noel bought number J-74 and I have rebuilt this for him. As we are in lock down he has not been able to collect it. will be a great day when he can travel to Ashburton. As I have many more boat plans to consider there is no doubt that I will make plenty more.”

Peter V.

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Graham Raxworthy (Rax) has built over 40 Model Yachts and with all of that experience he has honed his skills. He is always looking for improvements – a better way to build a boat.

He has designed and built a streamlined fibreglass deck. He is now learning the skills of making classical wooden decks. He has also been an earlier adopter of Leon Blewett’s 3D-printed fittings: see the rudder-servo mount.



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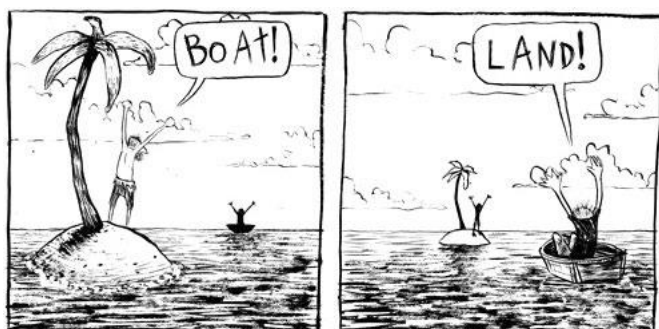
This is the 13th edition.



Keep your submissions coming.
Please add your memories to these stories.
Contributions are in the editorial pipeline from:
Tom Wilda, Bert Willemse, Tom Arthur, Glen Church. We will
send their stories out over the next few weeks (and months).

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

Enjoy these cartoons





“This has been fun, Hank, but let’s not forget that the bus back to the city leaves in fifteen minutes.”