

“Canterbury-J Chin-Wag”

Canterbury J-Class Owners Association (CJCOA)

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Hi Members,

Roy Bickerstaffe says “Hope all is well with you all. The Club House is still all OK! Cheers Roy.” Thanks Roy for the photos:

Title: “No-one here”



I am still waiting from some contributions from the Ferrymeade skippers. There must be a load of stories from this crew. Here they are in action.



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Dave Panting tells a tale from the North

Dave Panting, came down from the North to enter the Shamrock Trophy Event, 2020. He planned to take this Trophy North – and he nearly did! He writes:



“Amber & I arrived in Christchurch on the Friday, and met up with Leon Blewett & Dave Helmsley at Victoria Lake. We were in our camper-van, after leaving a week earlier from Katikati on a 5-week southern jaunt. I managed to set up my J-273, and had a quick play in the water.

Saturday, the day of Match Racing, was tricky but fun as I began to learn the breeze. We had a good laugh at the Cafe that evening.

Sunday brought good results. It showed that our classic style Canterbury-Js from up north can be competitive against your modern style ones in the south. Huge thanks to you all. I will return again to try and wrestle the trophy away. Would be great to host you on our patch in future?

Many of you asked about my boat. It was one of 3 built by my good mate Antony Sisson. We started a "classic only" fleet a few years ago. He only builds classic Canterbury-Js. He currently has 2 boats for sale, also timber decks, doghouses etc. So, should you desire one or like to change your modern style to an authentic 1930s boat (seeing as we're off the water for now!), Leon & Graeme Raxworthy have his contact details.”

Cheers, Dave Panting (with Dave Hemsley)



Dave Panting sailing on Lake Brunner



Canterbury-J Class boat wanted.

Our North Island team are looking to buy another Canterbury J. Let Vern Rolton know if you want to move one of your fleet on. The new owner will care for it for you.



I know there are lots of us who have crafted many wonderful boats – this is your chance to let us all know. Please take some photos, write a few words, find a joke, and send them to me or Vern. We so far have contributions in the editorial pipeline from: Paul Campbell, Leon Blewett. We will send these out over the next few weeks.

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

Joke



THE PERILS OF MARRYING A PARROT

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different colour.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.

The young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer—never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain snorted. "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"