

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

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Hi J-Skippers

Yes, we are getting back on the water. Physical distancing is still required.
It might be a few more weeks/months before it is business as usual!



30 skippers having a lunch break before Covid19 hit us



Glen Church J-276

As a youngster, I first became fascinated with sailing when I heard heroic tales of George Simmons the sea captain of the sailing ship Waimate. One episode I shall try to describe here.



In June 1873, Captain Simmons dived overboard into shark infested waters in the North Atlantic, to rescue a young lad Edmund Traherne, who had fallen overboard after misbehaving around on deck. Captain Simmons without hesitation had risked his life at Latitude 37N Longitude 45W. He waited in the water for a considerable time for the ship to be turned around and was eventually picked up with the boy safe and sound. In recognition of his heroic act he was presented with a gold watch which I have in my possession.



I am proud to say George Simmons was my Great Grandfather

When a workmate (Denis Rump) in 1964 asked if I was interested in going along to a sailing club I jumped at the chance and before long, bought my first yacht, a moth from the son of the club's first commodore. The seller was none other than Ian Scott and the club was the Stewarts Gully Sailing Club. Interesting that some 55 years later we all still sail regularly with the fantastic little Canterbury J Class.

The SGSC has been a big part of our family's life and I am currently the Commodore (again). I also spent many years crewing on trailer yachts at Lyttelton. I became aware of the qualities of Canterbury J-Class sailing when I came across the Wednesday group when

showing a visitor around Hagley Park. I was immediately inundated with offers of “have a go”. Eventually Tom Arthur insisted that he would lend me his J-146 on a Saturday when he was on duty. That’s when the addiction started. He introduced me to Rax from whom I bought J-121 and have been willingly addicted ever since. I am now the proud owner of J-276.

Glen Church J-276



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David Hemsley sent in this item “MEMORIES from a friend”:

My Dad is cleaning out my grandmother's house (she died recently) and he brought me an old lemonade bottle. In the bottle top was a stopper with a bunch of holes in it. I knew immediately what it was, but my daughter had no idea. She thought they had tried to make it a salt shaker or something. I knew it as the bottle that sat on the end of the ironing board to 'sprinkle' clothes with because we didn't have steam irons. Man, I am old.

How many do you remember?
Headlight dip-switches on the floor of the car.
Ignition switches on the dashboard.
Trousers leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
Soldering irons you heated on a gas burner...
Using hand signals for cars without turn indicators..

Older Than Dirt Quiz:

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about. Ratings at the bottom..

1. Sweet cigarettes
- 2.. Coffee shops with juke boxes
- 3.. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
- 4.. Party lines on the telephone
- 5.. Newsreels before the movie
6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning.
(There were only 2 channels [if you were fortunate])
- 7.. Peashooters
8. 33 rpm records
- 9.. 45 RPM records
10. Hi-fi's
11. Metal ice trays with levers
12. Blue flashbulb
- 13.. Cork popguns
14. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young
If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older
If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age
If you remembered 11-14 = You're positively ancient!

I must be 'positively ancient' but those memories are some of the best parts of my life.

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What and Who is this model boat?



Well we have an answer. In fact, several skippers have educated me about this boat. Answers will be given next week!



This is the 16th edition.

Keep your submissions coming.

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

Enjoy these quips

