

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

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Hi Members,

Think back to this day when just the smallest of a breeze was caught by your boat’s sails and sent it gliding across the water. Well, these days will return.



**David Hemsley – writes “News from Waihi”.**



The Four Canterbury-Js I bought back North are being well looked after: J-299 had its first sail on John Fields Pool. Barry Raynel J-162 is all ready to go. Roger Hampton with J-237 almost ready with new sheets and rigging. J-202 is waiting for lock down to finish and Roger and I will fit the winch and new sheets and other fixtures.

**RMG Winches:** Three years ago I decided to start repairing and selling RMG Winches. I am really enjoying the challenge. I made a few stuff-ups original but am now really confident. I carry most parts in stock: circuit boards, motors, pots, boxes. I have found it easy to do a 10-day turn-around which keeps everyone happy (hell, I have come across some odd battery plugs).



Another task is **measuring** Canterbury-Js and IOMs.

The photo shows Carl Smith and I measuring 9 boats in one afternoon! It took 3hrs, but great to meet new members.



This photo catches me in my Man-cave doing repairs.

**Al Ross writes:**

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“I know I’m not alone in missing the sailing sessions these days. I have given up trying to think of a reason that it might be an essential activity and got over that.

I am a relatively new member and new to the sport so I thought I would share some reflections on that. I returned to NZ about 18 months ago after expatriate life and took retirement. As expected, it was a big change to deal with, and great risks of getting bored and running out of jobs to do at home. We have done quite a bit of travel since we got back which included me rupturing my Achilles tendon, which ended the tramping trips for 12 months.



With some great help and encouragement from CMYC/CJCOA members (you know who you are), I finally got myself a Canterbury-J and got the bug. I bet most of you have forgotten how steep the learning curve is: sailing by remote control is nothing like sitting in the P-Class and steering naturally, and feeling the wind shifts. I’m still prone to the odd mistake and missing a mark completely, or sailing someone else’s boat for half a leg.

I’ve been impressed at just how addictive our sport is. Random spectators have no idea of the concentration, tension, skill and multi-tasking that goes on in our agile brains, all the while psyching out opponents with pond-side exchanges. And also being agile around the lake. I wasn’t expecting to feel so tired after a hard day’s racing.

I also treasure those moments when everything comes together: the sail backlit, the boats carving a beautiful course upwind over glassy water. Me in the lead for a few seconds.... as good as the real thing.

It's a pity the boats are all hauled out for now, although I fear every possible improvement and adjustment will have been made to a lot of boats by the time we get back on the water.

Let's see how they go....

In the meantime, I have been reading a few books. Here are a couple of great reads of epic sailing voyages that are really hard to put down:

*Cape Horn- One Man's Dream, One Woman's Nightmare.* By Reanne Hemingway-Douglass. (Written by a woman, my wife really enjoyed this too). Available on Kindle.

*The Totorore Voyage-* Gerry Clarke. Kiwi Gerry Clarke built his own boat to go bird-watching in the Antarctic. Say no more. Read it. If you can find a copy.

Meanwhile, stay safe, stay home, don't over-pimp those boats...."

Al Ross



Thanks for everyone so far who has contributed. Yes, continue to take some photos, write a few words, find a joke, and send them to me or Vern.

Contributions are in the editorial pipeline from:

Paul Campbell, Leon Blewett, Dave Panting (again), Graeme Raxworthy, Phil Winter, and Henk Binsbergen. We will send their stories 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: Thanks to Graham Luxon for these cartoons*



*Joke: Thanks to Cedric Andrew for these terrible one-liners!  
Cedric says: these are to groan at! Warning: none are boat jokes.*

### All Puns Intended

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."

8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.