

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

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Hi J-Skippers.

New Zealand is almost Covid19 free, other than the ongoing trickle of infected, tested, quarantined, overseas arrivals. We are all hoping that our border security is doing the trick. But we all need to stay vigilant.



Beginning of winter. Stillness. Reflections. Peace. Frustration. Cold. Enjoyment!

Mystery yacht – can anyone tell me the story of this boat?



Do you know anything about this mystery yacht.

Clue 1: it is housed in the Otago Maritime Museum, Port Chalmers.

Clue 2: It was built in the 1920s, about 100 years ago.

Clue 3: It was said that it was the fastest model yacht of its class on the water.

Please email me your answers, recollections and knowledge..

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Andy Allison says: “I could talk about her for hours.” He is talking about a nautical love: “*Nefertiti*”.

Built in 1968, an era when virtually every keeler in NZ seemed to be named after a God or deity of some sort.

Nefertiti was Tutankamen’s mother, and her head adorns the spinnaker. She was designed and built by Jim Young in Auckland in triple diagonal kauri.

I think she was, in effect, a new generation of the classic old K Class, of which a dozen were built between 1945 and approx 1962 as a fast coastal cruiser/racer



One of Jim Young’s apprentices was Bruce Farr who, because of an injury, was cooling his heels looking at plans for a new boat Young was designing. Farr asked Jim if he could show him a keel concept, and Jim Young ended up using it. Thus Nefertiti could well be the oldest yacht with a fin keel and flared bulb around.

Even with her current owner’s many shortcomings her fine lines (10 foot beam) and underwater shape make her move along quite well.

Her first owner had her for 40 years in Auckland

The second owners were a syndicate of out-and-out racers in Marlborough who regularly raced her in 30 plus knots in Cook Strait with full canvas. Think that might have been the secret behind two line honours wins in Cook Strait Classics.

It also suggested to me that if she could survive that, she’d survive anything.....

I’m the third owner, I’ve had her for eight years, after having a number of floating antiques. This one is a keeper

She’s being restored from the keel up, the main remnant is her 41hp volvo that’s still chugging away after 30 years

As there is no economic rationale to yacht ownership, it seems only right to go on spending money that’s never to be seen again. Last year we brought here down to Lyttelton thanks to the great new marina, and proximity. We hope to take her up to the Sounds for a few weeks in summer, and to do a Stewart Island trip before too long.

Cheers, Andy

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Hugh Hobden

a THE GOLDEN ERA OF DINGHY SAILING



My time sailing began when I was given a present of a model yacht from my Grandfather, when I was eight. This little boat was sailed on Victoria Lake, I could even pack it on to my bike carrier to go sailing.

Grandad was a ship's joiner in Scotland and immigrated to NZ to work for NZR at the Addington workshops. So, an interest boats/sailing started there. The next stage was to build a little 7' punt, when I was about 11 years old. (The chines were not bent at the same time so one side had a fair curve, the other very flat!) A Sabot pram dinghy followed with home-made sail –



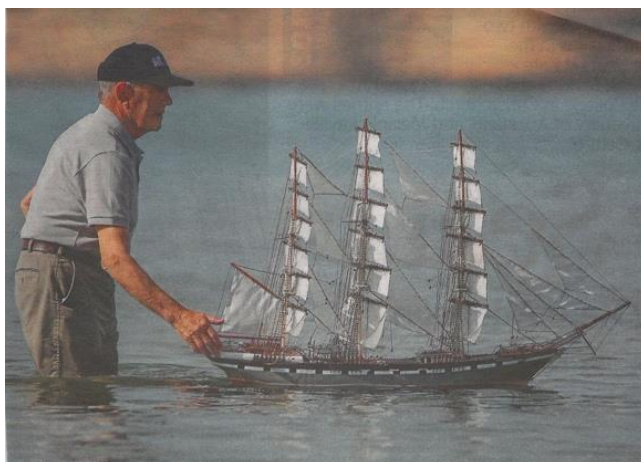
Z Class Fury 1958

I rowed upwind, unfurled the sail to go downwind. At High School I came in contact with boys from Sumner who belonged to the Christchurch Yacht Club and I became the crew for friend Bill Beere on a Takapuna, "Fury".

As a group of callous youths, the fleet of Zeddies were the CYC, there was very little in the way of seniors sailing from the club on a regular basis at that time. We raced for the various trophies at the club and the large inter estuary events like the Sullivan Cup from Pleasant Point Yacht Club – a great event with lots of food, hot sava to cream cakes !

We also had an Easter Regatta at Port Levy. This involved sailing there, over the Sumner Bar to Port Levy accompanied by one of the small club keelers.

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

Enjoy these quips

