

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

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(Star Wars day! “May the fourth be with you”)

Hi J-Skippers

Do you recognise this place? It’s the Timaru Model Boat Shed, the Engineers Pond.



Wes Purvis writes about J-158:

“This lock down prompted me to up-grade *Cream Bun* J-158. So I carefully cut away the deck and I am still deciding which of the decks to replace it with.

Hugh Hobden and I have decided to give “The King Max Sail Winch Servo” a go, as the reviews on them looked impressive and at a very reasonable price: so two have been ordered. If anyone else have tried these winches, then would you please let me know.





My other latest project has been the purchase and restoration of a dilapidated old Hartley 16 – purchased for a challenge. (don't expect to get much for \$200). BUT, 12 months and \$2thousand later, I have had lots of pleasure and satisfaction from sailing “*Staying Alive*” with friends on Lyttleton Harbour, the Estuary (PPYC) and with the Canterbury Classic Boats on Akaroa, and Lake Hood at Ashburton. Now that I have made a new sliding hatch during our lock-down period, I think I can say she is finished.



Hope to see you all again soon.

Cheers, Wes Purves

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John Kuipers enjoying sailing J-254:

Hi there,

A couple of years ago I met Bert Willemse again, and he talked me into buying his J-254. It was the best thing I've done for a long time.



I love going to Ferrymead on Monday’s and Fridays, and every race I enter and don’t come last, I’ve had a good race ... and every time I let Polly race my boat ... he is on the Podium!

I feel J-254 is the best boat that Bert ever build and I don’t do it justice, but I have a lot of fun ,and I enjoy the company, the bantering and the help I get. I have lost some of my Balance (old age)..and I am looking forward to a few more years yet. Can’t wait for this Lockdown to finish. Looking forward to the next race.

John Kuipers

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Cedric tells of the sinking of J-218



Our mate Bert Willemse shows us some intriguing pics to “tantalise” us. It so happens his very tidy Noelex 25, so familiar on Lyttelton waters, was called :”tantalise”- I can feel an explanation coming on, so here goes! – ‘twas winter 2016 , Monday 30 May at Lake Ferry. It was a brisk southwester and cold at 11 degrees c max.- how do I know all this stuff? Years ago I started keeping a diary – why? Cos I had to admit I was getting old and starting to forget stuff.. There are certain things like wedding anniversaries, birthdays, and when you last changed your socks that you should not forget. – There were only five of us sailing on that day and it was a gusty wind belting down from the Bridle path. A brace of gusts caught No. 218 on a square run from the very distant top mark. Gust 1 pushed the bow down deep and 2 forced it much deeper and, o dear ! she filled and gracefully disappeared!

In spite of the conditions the rescue boat was launched and two intrepid sailors, Bryan Pearce and Jim Patterson, endeavoured to drag for it but without success. Next day dawned cold, damp and only eight degrees and Bert had arranged a casting contest! After a long try Brian snagged something solid. Success? The end of the fishing line was secured and hidden and we all went home cold and a bit weary – Friday 3rd June was a lovely still sunny day .



I went early, but the WPP salvage company were already there. The rescue vessel was launched the crew having on board a very long handled hook, and soon by carefully following the line, they found the boat “lo and behold” they brought J-218 ashore.

You can imagine the relief . I am incredibly grateful to those guys for all that they did.-Such are the joys of sailing but to me the most important benefit of our activity is the joy of companionship. - A court of enquiry exonerated the captain of any fault as he was not on board at the time however the engineer was blamed for a hatch cover which was inadequate for its proper function.



This is the 9th edition. Again, thanks for sending stuff in. Keep them coming. Add your memories to these stories. Contributions are in the editorial pipeline from: Tom Wilda, Ralph Biggs, Chris Koskela, and Bert Willemse. 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 quips



"So I figured, hey, as long as I'm stealing his bait, I might as well go all the way."



"If he feels he's boating, he's happier and more productive. So, I had that desk specifically built for him."