

# CANTERBURY J CLASS YACHT HISTORY

in brief.

Sailing at CMYC in 1996-1997 there was a small classic J Class model yacht named RANGER with a length of 1.2 metres and this was owned by Dave Heanly. This yacht was number 1.

Number 1 was eventually purchased from Dave and is now on display in the CMYC club rooms at Hagley Park.

A group of CMYC members decided the J Class yacht would be ideal for easy fully rigged transport and sailing in weedy conditions at Lake Victoria.

The hull of number 1 was purchased from Model Boats and the sail plan designed by Hugh Hobden.

An approach was made to purchase more hulls. Euan Sargison negotiated and another 9 hulls were purchased and sold very quickly.

The J Class Squadron was formed 2 Sep 1997.

Two more hulls appeared making the total at this time twelve.

More hulls were in demand and the place that originally sold the hulls advised that the mould had been

lost. After investigating it was found that the original hulls supplied had been taken from a Timaru J Class yacht.

It was decided to make a Canterbury mould with adjustments.

The hull was deepened by 16mm and the lead reduced by 16mm and the trim weight put inside the hull.

The J Class squadron purchased the new mould with a loan from Peter Vincent and the loan was repaid from hull sales.

Number 13 was the first hull from the new mould.

The J Class Yacht proved very popular and rest is more history.

To promote the sailing class three trophies were donated by Peter Vincent.