

Canterbury J class Owners Association Newsletter

June 2013

Its been 4 months since last newsletter so a few things to catch up on we have had our fleet racing and match racing events. Thanks to Chris Koskelo, Noel Vincent, Allan Cook, Thysje Arthur and Leon Blewett. The events went well and weather was kind to us.

Trophies went to
Fleet racing results Leon Blewett
Match racing results Ralph Biggs
Overall champ Lloyd Harman

New boats are now up to no 245 so 246 & 247 are in stock waiting for new owners.

BOAT TUNING.

if you are a new member and not sure on how to get the best out of your boat
See one of the following people Lloyd Harman, Leon Blewett, Tom Arthur and Graham Mander.

SAILING RULES DVD.

This will be arriving in near future and will be available to members.
If you require info on sailing rules, have a chat with Tom Arthur.

Boat parts etc Leon Blewett Graeme Raxworthy

Measurers are Graham Mander, Leon Blewett and Graeme Raxworthy.

Hull and keel kit suppliers Leon and Graeme.

Bow bumpers reminder, make sure they are fitted correctly available from Leon or Graeme.

CJA membership we are now aprox. 40 financial members.

TECH INFO.

Winches that get wet, strip and dry them, use meths and reseal & lube, with silicone spray.

Sailing rules some info and maybe a couple of pictures of common problems

WEB SITE.

Thanks to Thyse Arthur for all the time she has spent on
Updating web site it looks great and she has modernised it to keep up with a more up to
Date appearance .The J Class committee thank you for all you effort. Contact for web site
Adam Brice.

BUILDING JIG.

The building jig is available to members for a donation of \$5 contact Wes Purvis
Ph 9812971.

Playconcepts is stocking limited fittings, they have a good supply of cedar strip and deck ply
also a selection of bracing ply & balsa ply.

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BOAT MEASURING.

The measurement form has changed its appearance, we have individual sheets for:

1- Hull & Rudder, 2- JibSail, 3- Mainsail & 4- The rig. These are all bought together with an "overall sheet" for the completed boat. What it means is that you can now get parts of your boat measured piece by piece, or, as usual as a completed boat, option is yours. No rules have changed.

Also The committee will no longer hold these measurement forms, they will stay with the owner, the "overall sheet" will come back to the Association, be scanned and stored electronically.

Now you can keep all the paperwork together with your measurement certificate, an added feature for any potential resale.

When you arrange to have a boat measured bring along the measurement forms all ready printed and ready to go, also if sails have been measured off the boat bring these signed off forms as well. If you are replacing parts rudders etc we will check these items at your request.

We had a small error on the Rig & Sail drawings on the Class Rules & the Measurement sheets, there was also a typo error within the rules. They have now been corrected, these small changes will not affect anyone at all. The website will now have (or will soon have) the new rules and sheets available. There is a prize for the first person who can tell us what the errors were. (measurer's and committee members excluded).

LEAD.

Any lead for keels is always appreciated if you have a small amount let Graeme Raxworthy or Leon Blewett know thanks

NZRYA.

A reminder that we need a minimum of 6 affiliated members to register so that we retain national status, so those of you that wanted this to happen its up to you now to register.

AGM .

The AGM will be in early October so if any of you would like to participate at committee level there is the opportunity to get yourself nominated for committee , some new blood with fresh ideas is always welcome, also if you would like to see some changes here is your chance to get on committee and make it happen.

EVENTS

EC12 verses J CLASS match racing this will be a good social event, the winners earn the bragging rights until the next event if it is successful we may make it an annual event. Date July 7th backup day July 21st. If anyone is available to assist on the day please contact Tom Arthur.

RICCARTON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT.

We haven't heard from Paul recently so are not up to date with their progress. Those of you that haven't been informed, Riccarton High school purchased 4 J class hulls and are building them as a school project.

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RULES FOR THE BUILDING OF A J CLASS

There have recently been suggestions that we up date the rules regarding the building of our J class.

Some of the changes are just what you would expect with evolution. Personally I don't think we should be changing too much from the rules as they are. At the moment, there is room for some good old kiwi ingenuity and still staying within the current rules.

I would like our members to have a good think about where you want the J class to head.

Do we want to look at the really big picture, ie the international scene or are we happy to coast along the way we are going?. I think this is an enjoyable class to sail in and things are

reasonably relaxed. For example if you have a boat that does not comply to class measurements the worst thing that can happen is you may be excluded or disqualified from two J class events, is that the end of the world?, after all most of us are there to enjoy our hobby!

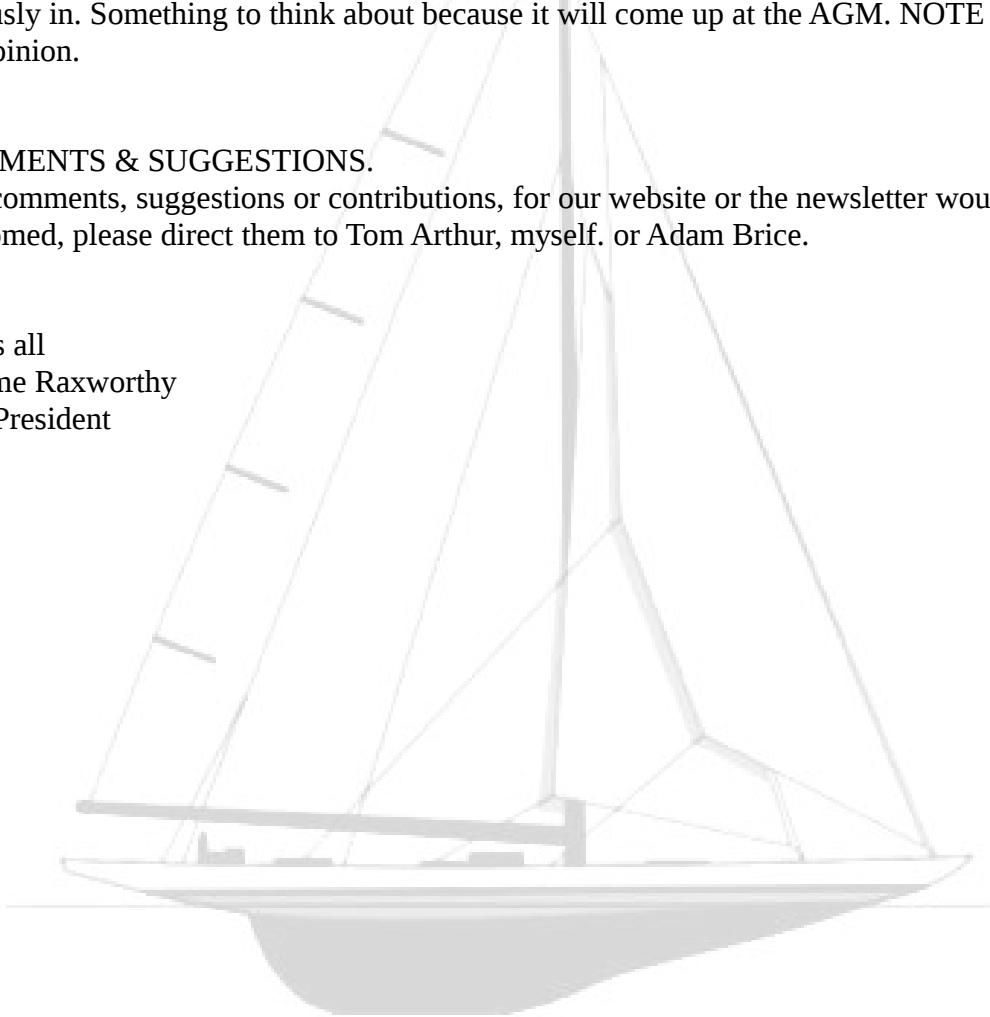
And I stress hobby, we are not sailing in an Olympic event.

I guess we will all have to choose, is this our hobby or our chosen sport that we compete seriously in. Something to think about because it will come up at the AGM. NOTE this only my opinion.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS.

Any comments, suggestions or contributions, for our website or the newsletter would be welcomed, please direct them to Tom Arthur, myself. or Adam Brice.

That's all
Graeme Raxworthy
Vice President



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