

Canterbury J class Owners Association Newsletter

April 2012

Greetings to all.

Hope you found the UK item interesting and visited both the UK and your web site.

The J class Owners Association committee send their greetings.

Our third committee meeting is over and done with

Items discussed were.

Access and storage of all J Association files electronically, (see the handy idea from Thysje Arthur)

Annual J Champs. We hope the reintroduction of the Defender and Goodwill trophies added another aspect to the event. We had a debrief of Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and have made some small changes but basically now have a format for the next time.

We also looked impact or overlap of two competitors from one heat on competitors from another heat within the same flight in the match racing, of which there were several incidents like this.

We do think all competitors should be congratulated for a very enjoyable event. See below for results

The Easter Sunday in Tinwald Domain, those attending enjoyed themselves, the weather was great, the winds light and variable and a very pleasant day. Something we might like to repeat in the future.

A starting system like the CMYC system created specifically for match racing.

Our constitution hasn't seen the light of day for quite some time and an attempt will be made to review and update it, hopefully pre this years AGM.

Sleeves on masts, currently the rules only say the mast be of constant circular diameter and that means from top to bottom whether deck or keel mounted, it might need expanding.

Affiliation, National Class (?) and protection of the J design and name, things are progressing and we should have all the info soon.

For some time we have been dependant on the club scales for weighing and are conscious of access to them and the need to return them to the CMYC. Technology has advanced of recent and we are aware of very cheap mains / battery scales now available, Lloyd is looking at options for us.

Russell did a great job updating our register of boats and people and got a lot done, but there are still errors and omissions to be sorted, so please, if we ask you any questions about you or your boat, we are only trying to get this updated, your help would be appreciated, thanks In advance.

Update on Russell, he has departed Canterbury, his boat sold, we wish him well and thank him for his company generally and his committee efforts.

Thysje Arthur introduced to me and subsequently the Association a file storage facility called "dropbox". It's a story of clouds and cyberspace and we wont complicate matters by explaining more. What we have is 2 gigabytes of free data storage that can be accessed by invited persons, so we have our committee set up to do exactly that, we are keeping our association register, photos and info from overseas, measurement and class rules, the constitution and other things there, we hope to get this facility to take everything we have, that will save anyone person being responsible for storage and give us some factor of safety

Try it out with the family sometime, you can upload photos etc and have then accessible from anywhere in the world by yourself or (invited) family members. Thanks Thysje

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We have a Treasurer..... Allan Cook has stepped up and volunteered his services and we look forward to him joining us.

We are still looking for a Secretary, anyone out there please raise your hand

The Enterprise Trophy races were completed on 14th April. The results are attached and trophy will be presented later this year. (This was originally the March 17th race)

The annual J Association Championship including fleet and match racing, is all done and dusted, all seemed to go pretty smoothly and thanks to organisers. Congratulations to those who collected a trophy or two and thanks to all those who participated.

A special thanks to those who ran the events for us.

Fleet racing Champs: Rod Liddy, Keith Lord & Russell Pizzey.

Match racing Champs: Tom Arthur, Keith Lord, Allan Cook and Noel Vincent

J Class Shamrock Trophy Champion for Overall champion went to Keith May
Leon Blewett second
Graham Mander third

J Class Endeavour trophy Champion for fleet racing champion went to Keith May
Leon Blewett second
Graham Mander third

J Class ranger trophy Champion for match racing champion went to Keith May
Ian Scott second
Leon Blewett third

J Class Goodwill trophy was presented to Ralph Biggs, reason, despite the adversity of many situations he got caught in which were not of his doing he sailed on in good spirits.

J Class Defender Trophy Champion for handicap champion went to Lloyd Harman.

The workings behind the handicap (Defender Trophy) are explained.

The committee each went through all the members and ranked them where we thought each might finish in the fleet race, Tom took all 5 ranking lists, compared, sorted, averaged and adjusted to compact the 5 different rankings into 1 single ranking list. The result was calculated by finding the skipper who finished the fleet racing in the highest position above their ranking, Lloyd scooped the pool so to speak. Interestingly 2 people finished above their ranking by only 2 positions, seems as if the rankings were pretty near spot on.

Two of the CMYC committee referred a school teacher to us who had in mind a wee project. He has carefully chosen several pupils at Riccarton High School to build and sail RC yachts. In this case, the Canterbury J Class. We had Peter Vincent, Lloyd Harman and Graeme Raxworthy call into the school and spend some time with the teacher and these pupils and the results have been very positive. They have undertaken to build 2 boats initially and there is the possibility of 1 or 2 more. If anyone would like to join the committee members and provide some time to guide them through the build, we would love to hear from you.

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Hopefully we might just see some young people sailing with us in the near future, watch out !

Committee members are; Tom Arthur Leon Blewett, Lloyd Harman, Graeme Raxworthy, Peter Vincent and Allan Cook.

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

Our USA counterparts are growing, you might like to visit their website,

<http://www.pmysail.com/>

and see the Canterbury J.....

http://www.pmysail.com/catalog_1.html

Our bow bumpers come from Hans Berger, who was instrumental in introducing the J to the Paderewski Model Yacht Club

We have a "J" hull in Brisbane and that boat is now finished and it is not a "J" as we know it, please have a look at the web site under "NEWS" it looks pretty impressive

That's all
Leon Blewett
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