

# Canterbury J class Owners Association Newsletter

July 2012

The J class Owners Association committee send their greetings.  
Another committee meeting completed, there may be one more quickie just to tidy up for the AGM, but this will be the last newsletter for this financial year.

Items discussed were;

National Class Recognition with NZ Radio Yachting Association.

Affiliation to the NZ Radio Yachting Association.

Supply of molds to "other parties".

AGM

Scales.

Starting system (it has arrived).

Future events.

Advantages of being a financial member of the J Association

## NATIONAL CLASS RECOGNITION.

This is a choice made by the Association members as a group to have the boat officially recognised as a class.

## AFFILIATION

An individual choice to register (affiliate) yourself and your boat with the NZRYA.

All of us on the committee were at some stage confused these two topics, they might be under the same umbrella but are two separate issues.

We will, along with all the AGM info, set out more details on these topics and give you time to think it through.

One huge thing you could do now is think up a few questions and see any one of us on the committee and we will answer them or get them answered.

More questions is more answers and we're all more informed.

We have had two requests from overseas to supply molds of the J hull and leads and the committee felt it better to decline the supply.

Nice to see the class grow and expand but therein lies the difficulty for our future.

We also had a request from our friends in the UK to "officially recognise" their boat as a Canterbury J. We felt it had to be declined, our own rules make that quite clear and to make an exception is not in our interests.

None of the committee felt that the above mentioned topics can be dealt with and dismissed or treated lightly. We all just want to ensure our interests and continued governance of the class stays uncomplicated and with us here in Christchurch, and most of all, nothing interferes with our desire to just sail as we have done.

But..... it looks like the success of the Canterbury J boat might just be catching up with us.

We will get together some ideas to put to the AGM on incentives and advantages of being a financial member, currently as we all know the advantage is to race in the annual Canterbury J Champs, is that enough? You decide.

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We hope to have a Mark Foy event at Pegasus soon for financial members, your invite with details will come out soon.

We're looking at a BBQ sometime over Christmas and will confirm number and venue etc at the AGM.

I have to make amends and apologise that the newsletter had not mentioned Ian Scott's retirement from hull supplier. Ian has done this for I don't know how long, by himself and of course with Ozzie Bob, probably the majority of our J fleet has passed through Ian's hands. Ian also was part of the J committee for a long time, and from the committee, thanks Ian. Myself and Graeme Raxworthy are now doing the hull supply, we have been busy getting some of the bits together that are peculiar to the J, were hoping what we were doing might just make them a little easier to build.

Riccarton High school project. We had a follow up visit in 30th May and the boats are coming along slowly but surely, We think there might be a fair bit of pressure on from other areas and their project may take a while to complete, but things look promising.

If anyone out there would like to assist, please let me know. They meet Wednesday at 2.30PM for maybe 2 hours at Riccarton High but help outside this time would be just as helpful. They have under their care Henk Van Peers boat, number 7 and you will see it on occasions being used by Paul Johnson who is the teacher managing the project.

Mrs Van Peer kindly donated the boat and all the gear, to be used where it does some good and continues to be used.

There may be a new group or a re-emerging group of J owners in the Masterton area, Vern Guy kindly pointed out to us a web site where we could follow some of their thoughts,, there appears a lot of enthusiasm. Have a look for yourself.



<http://www.kiwitalk.radioyachting.com/smf/index.php?topic=844.0>.

Thanks for the tip Vern

Our AGM is scheduled for OCTOBER 6th 2012, keep the morning free, exact details will be out closer to the time.

Have to mention how nice it is to be back on Lake Victoria again, wind swirls, updrafts, holes, gusts, you name it, and all absolutely free of charge to keep us guessing. How many are now enjoying their Wednesday walks again???

Remember, the best place for a J is up the front

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

AND..... some one has taken up the offer and supplied the following.

## *The Blonde Payment Plan*

*Last year all the windows in my house were replaced with the expensive double panel energy efficient kind and today I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was compaling that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Helllloooooo, just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I'm automatically stupid.*

*So I told him, just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in one year these windows would pay for themselves!*

*Helllloooooo, "it's been a year", I told him.*

*There was only silence at the other end of the phone, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!*

That's all  
Leon Blewett  
Vice President

