

Canterbury J class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.

Newsletter

JULY 2016

Hi to all,

Its been February since our last newsletter, and things have been a bit busy, Ive been busy building J's and things are looking pretty good for hull sales this year.

We're trying out something new next year for the J Champs, going to try it over a Saturday and Sunday in one weekend. 1st and 2nd April 2017. We're not sure how it will go but as we're expecting some North Island entrants and the CMYC have requested we review having two Saturdays racing and one Saturday reserve day tied up. We thought time to try something different. We will still start early on the Saturday for the match racing and start at the same time Sunday just in case we have some match racing left over to complete, we may also make a small change to the NoR and SI's to allow for less than the 9 fleet races.

The committee also talked about how to apply handicaps to members who we don't see regularly, and cant really see our way around this without making life a bit tough for the Race Officer on the day.

This is only for the handicap race within the J champs and the Auld Mug, we don't want to abandon them, so decided to take a more casual approach. The Race Officer on the day will decide where and how members with no current handicap will be handicapped and that's it. If anyone else can think of something and happy to run it, please let us know

Leon and I had a skype measuring session with NZRYA's Antony Sisson and NZRYA IOM measurer David Hemsley on a North Island J in late march, was a bit strange and we may have some more to do later. There are possibly some improvements to be made but think it was OK enough for it to be done again, the sails were sent down to us and all the paperwork was still signed off down here. We could continue this way but long term we think a North Island measurer(s) would be needed.

Antony and David are giving the J's a bit of a push up there and are unearthing boats from various places.

They had an "unofficial NI J Champs" in march and 6 boats came out of the woodwork and more have been found, they're planning another regatta for early next year.

Antony and David were at the Champs early this year and did pretty good too, They bought a J while down here and were hoping to get another but there was nothing around. They're wanting to get "builders" into them and have that traditional J look.

NZRYA from Leon.

Its been interesting and having the committee meet using skype isn't all that easy, compared to having everyone in the same room, people drop out partially and fully and things get held up. Several of the current committee took over nearly two years ago with very little to start with and some things still are still a bit of a struggle. Been a bit of a learning curve for me and one thing that has been very noticeable is how isolated ChCh has been from the national sailing scene for probably many years.

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I know it seems it all revolves around the RM and IOM class and a lot does. Small things are happening that should see the approach become a bit broader, the way things work now has been in place for quite some time so any changes won't happen overnight.

I am trying to keep part of the CMYC notice board up to date with bits and pieces of info but confess I sometimes forget.

New Zealand will have people to the Marblehead world champs, entry fee Euro 365 or NZ\$568, on top of that, travel, accommodation and food. Pretty expensive exercise for anyone wanting to represent New Zealand in our hobby. You could say \$10K all up, probably more. Guess we're lucky the J champs are free !!!

Our membership has grown this year to 60 including 4 members in the North Island, that's a fantastic membership.

We had an enquiry from Canada early this year, we referred to our USA people, whom he seems to have contacted, don't know what happened but would be pretty sure Hans Berger would have it all under control.

If you want to have a look at some specialist modelling tools have a look at this site.

<http://www.hobbytools.com.au/>

Have a look at the cut off saw, they are a little under powered but work really well, Leon and I have one each.

<http://www.hobbytools.com.au/power-tools/>

Handy hint for cutting carbon fibre, wrap it in masking tape first, makes measuring and marking simple, makes cutting and drilling easy too, after cutting and drilling suggest you smear a little epoxy in / over the exposed fibres to make sure they stay there.

The J Champs went well again this year thanks to Wes organising it and thanks to all those that helped make the event.

results are

Leon Blewett	Match racing winner
David Hemsley	Fleet racing winner
Leon Blewett	Overall winner
Antony Sisson	Handicap winner
Roy Bickerstaff	Goodwill trophy winner

The Auld Mug was held at Ferrymead and a big thanks to "the FerryMead boys" for loaning us their lake and equipment and helpers and congrats to Cliff Bishop.

The Enterprise trophy is all but over, not allowed to tell you who won, have to wait for Tom and Thysje to announce that at the CMYC AGM.

Twilight sailing went well again and the usual suspects turned up for a casual bit of fun on three evenings, was enjoyed by all, we had 6 to 8 boats each time.

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We have the AGM coming up in October, probably the second Saturday and will keep you posted, there will be some things to be decided.

We have a new sail plan, nothing has changed, just want to simplify how they are measured and made, Ash Glubb has been working hard on that and come up with a good and simple idea.

We have a proposal that will correct the conflict in the sail identifications, again nothing changes, just a clear up.

We need to remove a conflict in our constitution so we can, subject to committees agreement, actively take part or run an event for non measured, non member Canterbury J Owners where its is in the interest of furthering the class.

Graham Mander's proposal on measuring the keel needs discussion.

We have a new website all done by Vern Rolton. We were sharing all our internet services but lacked the administration and ownership of the accounts so decided to go it alone. It has meant getting another domain name, but we are keeping the old one for minimal cost so if you had it bookmarked, don't worry it will still lead you to the website. Our costs have stayed pretty much the same, maybe slightly ahead. Contributions are welcome, talk with Vern.

If anyone has things they want on the newsletter send it to me.

That's all
Graeme Raxworthy
Vice President

