

# Canterbury J class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.

## Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2016

Hi to all,

The last newsletter was July and I've been busy building boats but I am nearly done, only 2 more to go before Xmas then I'm going to have a break for a few weeks. It's Canterbury Show weekend and I am in Robinsons bay Akaroa harbour waiting for the rain so I took the opportunity to do a bit on the newsletter. Leon has already made some contributions so thanks Leon you are a great help.....

Peter Vincent has been able to track down his original sail cloth and can make you a sail, but there's a small catch, the material is quite a bit more expensive than the normal type that he gets, Peter will order it as required so the supply will not be quick either.

You now have a choice of materials, the new type that Peter has been using for a year or so or the original material.

Talk with Peter first or see Leon or myself, were helping Peter wherever we can, there is still a modest discount kindly given for J members

PLEASE, PLEASE and PLEASE again.

If you sell your boat let primarily Vern Rolton or someone on the committee know who it has gone to as were trying to keep track of who has what boat, helps us distribute the news letter, with handicaps, and new membership. Vern has an online form available for this.

The AGM went OK.

New and much easier to read sail and mast plans are now available.

The contradiction in the sail identification rule has been removed and although the class rules on Sail ID are now very basic, the supplementary sheets explain everything. Please consult this before you permanently mark your sails. There is now no excuse for getting it wrong.

The constitution has now had a small contradiction removed and the committee are now in a position to assist in J class matters where it is in the interests of the class.

Graham Manders keel measuring was discussed and a sub committee has been formed, Graham Mander, Tom Arthur, Cyrus Berry and Lloyd Harman.

New committee make up is ( same as last yeay);

President, Leon Blewett

Vice President, Graeme Raxworthy

Treasurer, Evan Paterson

Secretary, Vern Rolton

Event Organisers, Wes Purves, Ashley Glubb.

Incorporated Society and Assets controller, Cyrus Berry.

Measurers representative Chris Koskela.

Measurers are

Canterbury. Leon Blewett Chris Koskela Graeme Raxworthy

Ashburton. Peter Vincent

North Island. Dave Hemsley Antony Sisson.

Hull suppliers are Leon Blewett Graeme Raxworthy.

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Calendar of events 2016 2017 (open to all who are paid up with this years sub's)

Twilight events

- 1 Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm lake Victoria
- 2 Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Ferrymead 2017
- 3 Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Lake Victoria 2017

Auld Mug 7<sup>th</sup> May Kaiapoi lakes, time and directions will come later.

J Champs Match racing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 Lake Victoria time to be advised later.

J Champs Fleet racing 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 Lake Victoria time to be advised later.

Be sure to lodge your intention to sail at these event as we may have to limit numbers.

Enterprise trophy will be the following three CMYC races

1. 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017
2. 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017
3. 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Rakaia Lagoon event, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

This is normally all day sailing with BBQ at Leon and Heather's bach which is only 50mtrs from the water it can be a good fun day with really excellent conditions.

Vern will have all this on the website calendar

NZRYA.

First year is nearly done and its been a bit of an eye opener and a lot of learning and understanding. There is a move to get matters documented so some uniformity and continuity is achieved through out New Zealand and hopefully all member organisations will contribute to achieve this.

The constitution in use was constructed in the 1990's and obviously in need of updating, the one proposed last year was rejected and is now seen as not suitable so a huge effort has gone in to constructing a new one based on the Incorporated Societies guidelines. This has yet to be reviewed and go out to all members for consultation, that should happen next year.

A big thanks to the J Association for nominating me once again as a council member, the support is appreciated. The voting has yet to take place and there, nothing is guaranteed.

If any Canterbury J Ass members would like to join the New Zealand Radio Yachting Ass contact Leon 033857170, twoblews@gmail.com, the cost is minimal and we may even get a National event if enough members show interest. The cost to join is \$10.00 plus \$1.00 for each boat so if you are already a member of NZRYA then it will only cost you \$1.00 to register your J as well. Leon.

Interesting stuff from Leon

After returning home after a 14 month stay at the bach, we had to re organise our broadband and telephone affairs and looked hard at Fibre Optic. We chose to go fibre optic after we had the house "assessed". The person who assessed the house made a few comments that many might find handy but I cant verify what he said.

The connection to the house has to be to an internal phone jack and power needs to be close by, very close!

At the moment going fibre optic is next to free. The cabling to the back of our house, (about 16

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meters), all the equipment including the modem was free, but at some stage and maybe not too far away, connections from the street to the house and the equipment will most likely be a cost to the home owner. We did pay the courier charge for the modem (\$15) and signed up for a 12 month contract.

There was no option as to how the cable got to the house, you will be told how and where it goes, like it or leave it. Only a select few get the option to have it drilled underground.

If you're thinking of changing, sooner rather than later might be better, also consider what plan you chose, can you use all the allowance and justify the speed of the connection?, there are options. One last thing, the phone also goes fibre optic and unlike the copper network if there is a power cut, the phones don't work

Leon

Radio Interference a number of our members are having radio blackouts at Lake Victoria although it is being experienced at other venues as well. It is affecting different radio brands and is not consistent in the one area of the lake, if anyone has any suggestion as to what could be causing these black outs please let us know. My theory is that it could be these flash new cell phones but apparently I'm wrong.

General News the CMYC has been asked to take some boats to Queenstown at the end of this month and arrange a regatta for Toyota NZ management to sail in.

Each of the Toyota teams will have an Americas Cup Skipper as there team leader so his could be an interesting weekend, there are 4 CMYC members taking boats down at this stage we are looking to borrow an IOM we have 5 but it would be good to have another one it doesn't have to be a new boat anything would do if anyone had a spare. Graeme Raxworthy 021315222. Graeme@raxworthy.co.nz.

Web Site if you aren't using the web site much its worth a look, Vern Rolton has changed things around and has improved it considerably.

Boats for sale if you have a second-hand J for sale let Leon or Graeme know there have been quite a few enquiring lately but not many boats for sale.

I have produced about 5 new boats in the last few months and still have more to go so the Club and the hobby is growing rapidly.

North Island there has been considerable interest from the North Island this year and their fleet is growing thanks to Dave and Antony.

So what the committee has done is to purchase a trophy that they can present at their Canterbury J Ass North Island Champs next year, we may even have a team from down here in the South go up and enter.

J Class build procedure.

One of our newer but very capable members Rodney Ford has been spending quite a lot of his valuable time working with me on the new builds in the last few months, and he is going to produce a build procedure that will be available to all J Ass members this will have photos and diagrams and measurements it is something to use as a guide we think the boats still need the individual input from each different builder but it will help you to know what needs to be done first and some tips on some of the tricky bits ,not telling any more at the moment we will wait until Rodney has finished.

Graeme Raxworthy  
Vice President