

**Canterbury J Class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.**

**NEWSLETTER**  
**March 2023**

**Welcome to this edition of the cJ Newsletter**

It has been a tough start to the year for the North Island being affected by multiple rain events across many areas. Our support and thoughts go out to those who have been affected.

**New Members**

Anthony Robinson, Brian Herron,



Tony Beasley



Tony Taylor,



Colin Freeman

**New Builds**



There have been three new builds started since the last newsletter and two new boats have been measured, J-358 and J-368.

## CJ Hats



The association has now has only 3 hats available at \$15.00 each.

To purchase contact any of the committee members

## OBITUARY MIKE DILGER



We say farewell to one of Lake Ferrymead's more recent members, Mike Dilger. Mike fought a gallant battle with cancer before he crossed the bar.

J Class sailing was the most recent sporting activity that Mike participated in after being heavily involved with power boating, launch ownership, fishing and owning several mustang cars.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT



**Ahoy! from Rodney Ford. March 2023**

It still surprises me about how many people are involved in creating a finished J-Class model yacht. There are about 400 J-Class boats in New Zealand and perhaps 600 in the UK and USA & Aussi (including the variants of Timaru-J, Nottingham-J in UK, and the American-J, USA). When first designed, the instigators thought that perhaps up to 20 would get made!

In Canterbury, here are the components and people that need to come together to assemble a complete J-Class boat. There are many model builders in the North Island too:

Hull (fabricated by Phill Winter)  
 Hull supplied with label & plywood insert (Leon Blewett)  
 Lead keel and trim weight (Lead poured Chris Koskela)  
 Wood gunnels and deck (various)  
 Rudder tube (via Leon Blewett)  
 Rudder and Rudder servo mount (3-D printed L Blewett)  
 Mast box (L Blewett)  
 Winch (Dave Hemsley)  
 Rudder Servo  
 Mast and rigging (Antony Sisson, Radio Yacht Supplies NZ)  
 Winch line (Fishing shop)  
 Transmitter & receiver (Pilot Pete)  
 Sails (Leon Blewett, Black Magic Sails)  
 Measurers

If you want to build a boat, you can contact Committee members to advise.  
 Happy building. Happy sailing.  
 Rodney Ford  
 President (CJCOA)

#### OFFICIAL cJOA Events for 2023

Saturday 11 March 2023	<b>Endeavour - Defender Trophy @ Victoria [Fleet Racing]</b>
15th April 2023	<b>Enterprise Trophy day 3 @ Victoria. with CMYC Saturday Racing</b>
Sunday 16th April 2023	<b>Auld Mug Trophy @ Ferrymead</b>
Sunday 30th April 2023	<b>cJ vs EC12 Match Racing @ Victoria</b>
Sunday 14th May 2023	<b>Winter Series [day 1] @ Westlake</b>
Sunday 11th June 2023	<b>Winter Series [day 2] @ Westlake</b>
Sunday 9th July 2023	<b>Winter Series [day 3] @ Westlake</b>
Sunday 6th August 2023	<b>Winter Series [day 4] @ Westlake</b>
Sunday 20th August 2023	<b>Ranger Trophy Match Racing @ Victoria</b>



## **Ferrymead Report**

The good news - the lake is back to its normal level which means No More Gumboots thanks to the council ranger.

Our latest organised event was an early morning start to repair and consolidate our jetty. With a dozen or so yachties we reclaimed and formed a bigger launching area using new planks attaching to the existing jetty and back filling with shingle. An amazing new addition which makes launching our yachts much easier and safer. Thanks to all the helpers.

We hope to organise longer race courses soon with gates at each end to give us better up wind passing lanes.

We continue to get good numbers each sailing day which is great. We have had a couple or so new members recently.

Just a reminder - The Auld Mug to be held on Sunday, 16th April at Ferrymead, more information to follow. The Committee have decided to put up some prizes for this event, so you have got to be in to win!! Don't forget this contest is based on bettering your own handicap not for line honours so everyone has a chance

Jim Paterson

Ferrymead Rep

## **The Ferrymead Men at Work!!**



**Fishing for J Class at Lake Ferrymead**



## Palmerson North Group Report

Great and impressive sailing from you all today in what was perfect and challenging conditions. Thanks to Craig who is the Race Officer for this month and did a very good job of it too.

The results of the Trophy Race today saw Kev with a clear lead take 1st place. There was an intense battle for 2nd and 3rd place between Craig, Merv and Greg. Craig just pipping Merv on the finish line.

Results for the month to date are:

Kev.....3 points

Craig...2 points

Merv....1 point

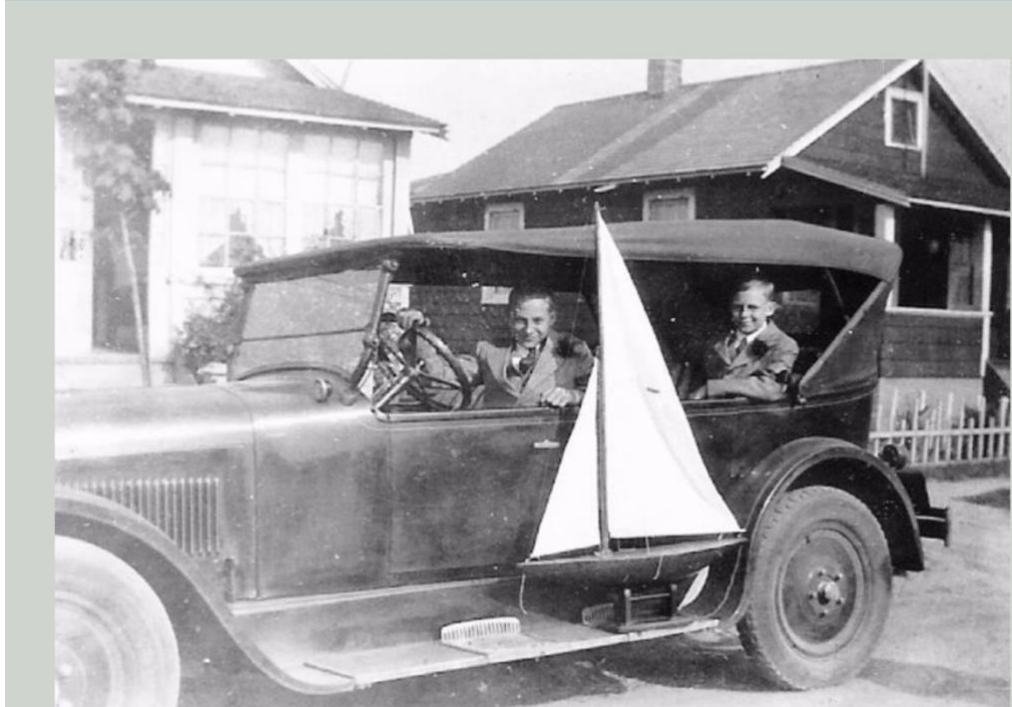
Weather permitting we have 2 more races left this month and the opportunity for anyone to knock these guys off their perch. 🏆🏆🏆.





A trip down memory lane for those who can remember the good old days.

The way it was!



Paul Campbell  
Happy Sailing  
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