

Canterbury J Class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.
NEWSLETTER
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**Merry Christmas and a happy new year
to all J sailors and their families from the
Committee. Happy sailing**



Welcome to this edition of the newsletter. Paul Campbell is my name, and I am the new newsletter editor. I have been around boats all my life from sailing dinghies to trailer yachts, Keelboats, powerboats and launches. I currently hold a commercial skipper's ticket.

I have been involved with RC sailing CJ class boats now for three years. My first boat was CJ 170 that I sailed and refurbished and I have built two new boats since, 357 and 368. I currently own 348 and 368

I would like to add any contributions to future newsletters from you the members regarding new builds, innovations, interesting sailing venues, stories etc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ahoy from Rodney Ford.

Why would you join two or more model yacht organisations?



When I first joined the model yachting skippers at Lake Victoria, I was puzzled as to why I was asked to join two separate organisations: CMYC (Christchurch Model Yacht Club) and cJCOA (Canterbury J-Class Owners Association). Most Canterbury sailors belonged to both.

Well, this is what I learnt. Christchurch, in addition to at least 15 other places (Kerikeri, Gulf Harbour, North Shore, Westhaven, Northern Maritime, Waikato, Tauranga, Kapiti, Nelson, Pegasus, Wellington, and Otago) have model yacht clubs. They host sailing in their ponds, lakes and estuaries. Their role is to "promote interest in the sport of model yachting". with a wide range of model yachts.

By contrast, each of the classes of yachts (such as Canterbury J-class, IOM, EC12, RG65, Marblehead/Witchcraft) each have their own dedicated associations to maintain the restricted design nature of their particular yacht: they manage their class rules and one-class regattas.

So, if you own a Canterbury J-class boat, you can join up to both the cJCOA and your local yacht club.

OBITUARY

BRYAN PEARCE CJ 114



The C.J. Association has lost one of its long time members Bryan Pearce.

Bryan fought a gallant battle with cancer and passed away peacefully with his family.

He was one of the founding members of the Ferrymead Group and was still sailing regularly up until recently. He made his final visit to the lake with his daughter a couple of weeks ago.

We pass on our sincere condolences to Bryan's family.

Bryan will be sorely missed by his Ferrymead boating mates.

FERRYMEAD REPORT



To start my report, on a very sad note, we lost one of our founding members, Bryan Pearce CJ114 "Sponge Bob". One day he said to Me and Evan that he had found a lake closer to Redcliffs/Sunner at Ferrymead and we should give it a go and the rest is history. We met Bryan on the Estuary in the 1950's when he was sailing a P Class with a long bow sprit and jib !! He went on to sail a 3 quarter size Idle Along, crewed on a number of BPCC/Naval Point keelers, did many cruises and deliveries up to the Sounds and further afield. He cruised the Pacific Islands several times. His saying " I'm fine, I'm just tickety boo" will long be remembered and he will be greatly missed by the Ferrymead guys.

On a happier note, we have our jetty back. The ranger at Ferrymead has fixed the weir and lowered the lake level, no more gumboots required for now (until the next heavy rain). Phil Winter usually gets there early and sweeps the jetty, tidies around the lake edge and gets the starting gear out - thanks Phil. We have a working bee planned for early next year to improve access to the jetty and easier launching.

On Mondays and Fridays parking at the lake is a premium with keen sailors getting on the water very early - I am considering sleeping down there to ensure I get the best spot.

There is a steady flow of new members and a few boats have changed hands.

Paul Campbell has just launched his latest new build - CJ368 and it looks very impressive and sails well.

Jim Paterson
Ferrymead Rep

EVENTS CALENDAR

Enterprise Trophy day 2 – 17th December 2022	@ Victoria . In conjunction with CMYC Saturday racing
Endeavour – Defender Trophy – 11 March 2023	@ Victoria Fleet Racing
Enterprise Trophy day 3 – 15th April 2023	@ Victoria . CMYC Saturday Racing
Auld Mug Trophy 16th April 2023	@ Ferrymead
cJ vs EC12 Match Racing – 30th April 2023	@ Victoria
Winter Series day 1 – Sunday 14th May 2023	@ Westlake
Winter Series day 2 – Sunday 11th June 2023	@ Westlake
Winter Series day 3 – 9th July 2023	@ Westlake
Winter Series day 4 – 6th August 2023	@ Westlake
Ranger Trophy – 20th August 2023 -TBC	@ Victoria Match Racing



On a lighthearted note



RADIO SAILING and Freshwater Pests

As radio sailors we need to make sure that freshwater pests aren't spread between our lakes and waterways.

Freshwater pests can not only spoil people's enjoyment of lake and waterway activities, they also have the potential to affect the habitats of freshwater plants and animals and have significant economic impact.

These pests include:

Cyanobacteria

Didymo

Homwort

Lagarosiphon

Lindavia intermedia

Salvinia

To stop the spread – we need you to treat all waterways as though they might contain didymo or other freshwater pests, and Check, Clean, Dry your gear and boats when moving between lakes and waterways.

How? Check, Clean, or Dry

✓ CHECK

Check for and remove any plant matter from your equipment, vessel or trailer and leave it at site or put it in the rubbish.

✓ CLEAN

Clean your gear using one of the following options:

- 5% solution of dishwashing detergent for at least 1 minute;
- 2% solution of bleach for at least 1 minute;
- allow longer times for more absorbent items.



Or

✓ DRY

Dry until it is completely dry to touch, inside and out, then leave to dry for at least another 48 hours before you use it.

Drying instead of cleaning does the trick, if you have the time.



Didymo also known as rock snot



Lagarosiphon also known as oxygen weed.



Salvinia



Homwort



If you are moving between lakes or waterways, Check, Clean or Dry your boats or any equipment that has come into contact with water, between every lakes and waterways, every time.



NEWS FROM KEVIN BURROWS FROM THE PALMERSTON NORTH GROUP

Recently 12 members of our newly formed sailing group gathered around to my home to have their new J Class yachts we have built (or in some cases acquired) measured for certification . Antony Sisson and Dave Panting of the Canterbury J class yachts association came down from Tauranga to do this for us. Once the measuring was completed they then helped us all to fine tune our yachts. My wife Sue then turned on freshly baked scones and savouries, coffee and tea. After that we headed down to Centennial Lake for the afternoon for a series of races. Saturdays activities ended with an evening meal at a local restaurant. On Sunday we met at the lake again for another series of races. All in all a very enjoyable weekend was had by all. Here are some photos of the weekend.



