

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

**November 2021. CJCOA**

Hi Canterbury J-Class Skippers.

Here are some more of the “goings-on” about our Canterbury-J Class model yachts.



## **COVID-19 has now reached Christchurch.**

Please do scan the QR code or record in the attendance sheet.

Please do stay home if you are unwell.

Please do get your two Covid Vaccinations, immediately. VERY IMPROTANT

## **23<sup>rd</sup> AGM of CJCOA held on 23 Oct 2021**



*Glen Church assisted by Vern Rolton.*



*Tom Arthur, Leon Blewett and Peter Vincent,*

seated in the front row are our three previous presidents. Peter Vincent was the inaugural President and he has attended all 23 of our AGMs. He plans to come to many more.

Vern Rolton is our amazing “secretary” of the club, doing most of the admin tasks and also running our webpage: <https://canterbury-j-class.nz>. Take a look.

The Committee was voted in

President: **Glen Church**

Vice President/Newsletter: Rodney Ford

Secretary: Vern Rolton

Treasurer: *Vacant*

Measurers: Leon Blewett, Graeme Raxworthy, Rodney Ford, Peter Vincent, Antony Sisson, Dave Hemsley.

2 committee persons: Tom Wilda, Cyrus Berry

Ferrymead Representative: Jim Paterson

North Island Representative: Antony Sisson

Hull coordinator representative/s: Leon Blewett

Please can someone volunteer for the Treasurer position.

Especial thanks to Wes Purvis, who is standing down as events coordinator.

## **Class Rules and Measurements**

The small changes to the class rules were passed, without dissent: Sail reinforcements; Mast positioning; and Booms and Goosenecks. These will be incorporated into the soon-to-be-updated rule book. The updated constitution is up on the website.

Canterbury-J Hull 358 is now available for sale.

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## Colour your cJ insignia!



There are no rules about the colour for insignia: although they must be legible. Henk Binsbergen has a set of new sails which display the class Insignia in red. This will be the first time the insignia hasn't been a dark blue or mostly black.

Leon Blewett writes:

At our recent AGM, I asked the question on the colour of our class insignia and the answer was that Appendix G of the Racing Rules of Sailing applies. Appendix E Radio Sailing Racing Rules makes some changes to Appendix G that adapts these rules for radio sailing.

*Clause 7* of our class rules combined with Appendix E and G dictate **The Canterbury J Class** sail identification criteria. It covers National letters, Sail numbers and class Insignia. One of the key points (G1.4 (a) is national letters shall be capital letters and sail numbers shall be Arabic numerals, they shall be clearly legible and of the same colour. (other typefaces with the same legibility or better than Helvetica typeface are acceptable)

If you are doing the identification on your sails, it will be very beneficial for you follow these rules, and a supplementary sheet is available from our website. If you want advice or help, please ask for it.

This short story ends with...., If you want your class insignia a particular colour or to match the colour of your sail numbers, you are free to do so.

Leon

## Winter Series 2021

This event is held in the winter! That is when it can be cold, inclement and the wind might fail us. Despite these challenges, another series (3 out of 4) of races was successfully managed: thanks to Wes, Leon, Tom and Vern and others.

**Chris Koskela** won the 2021 series – congratulations.



*Glen Church awards Chris Koskela the Winter Series Trophy.*

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## From the North

Antony Sisson reports: As the class rule has been tightened up there is a diminished number of Canterbury J's that qualify for certification. That does not mean that these boats are sailing less in the slightest. The North Island fleet is growing about half the speed of the South Island fleet. Regarding the Canterbury-J fleet, there are 4 current (legal) boats sailing regularly. Another half-a-dozen are in the Palmerston North.



A classic boat day has been organised in Hawera, where I think some of the Palmerston North folks are going to. "Scale Ship Regatta" is to set Sail in Hāwera - South Taranaki District Council (this was unfortunately cancelled).

I know of 2 boats in the Wellington area that are still under construction. The Mana Trophy is pencilled in for the 13th of November 2021 at the South end of Lake Tauriko.

About fittings (of which you know I have a vested interest): I'm in full support of the change to allow SailsEtc boom into the class. I have the opinion that it'll let the less dexterous the ability to tune your boats and thus lift the quality of sailing. I however would be hesitant to let Ball bearing Vang in, as the price jump from \$40 to \$105 for these items would be counterproductive for people on a budget.

Antony Sisson. North Island Rep. CJCOA.  
<http://www.radioyachtsuppliesnz.co.nz>

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## From the South

### The Dragen J Class RC Boats A mini J-Class boat!

Peter Vincent, so far has made 18 hulls for the small version of the Canterbury, called a Dragen J. This is the follow-up article from last newsletter. There were a few DJs launched on Lake Victoria a few weeks ago.



*Peter Vincent with DJ-1*



*Graeme Raxworthy and Finn with DJ-12*

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*Leon Blewett DJ-13*

*Ian Scott DJ-11*

*Doug Parker DJ-9*

These boats are fun to sail, easily fit in your car, and are suitable for children to sail on smaller ponds. Please contact Peter Vincent if you are interested in buying/building one.

## Canterbury-J Insignia

Remember!



Every Canterbury J-Class boat is now required to add the “C” to their sail. This will help us get used to calling our boats by her correct name: “The Canterbury J”. (not the “J-class”). We had until October 2021 for our boats to comply.



Not all Canterbury J-Class hulls end up with the official rig.

Roger Chisnall had rigged his Canterbury-J hull “Astra” with a gaff rig (GJ). The sails are made from Dacron and the rig design is from Alan Horne in Nottingham.

Beautiful.

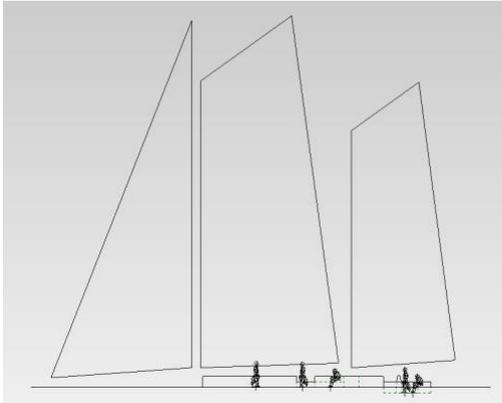
Check out our website for more details

<https://canterbury-j-class.nz/2020/11/j312-astra-maiden-voyage/>

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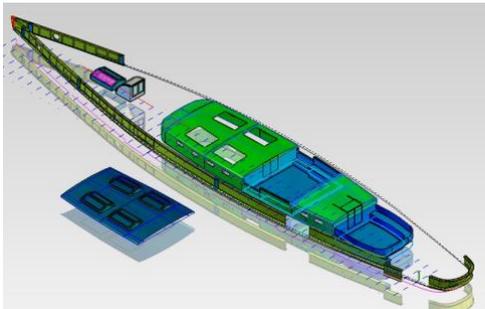
## What is happening with Hull J-335

Jürgen Laakmann, from Germany, bought Canterbury-J hull 335. He is transforming it into an amazing two-masted model yacht. It is an engineering marvel, with a completion date sometime next year. It will have full radio control and an electric motor to run the propellor.



He has made a sketch of the boat. He says: "It is only 2D because I've used it to calculate rig details like total sail surface, balance point etc. There isn't any previous example, so I'm putting together what I've seen on pictures to get what I hope will afterwards be an easy to handle model. But we'll see..."

Drawings of the person you'll see on file sails is to assure me that I'm not scaling anything beyond regular human beings. I attach a total perspective (not completed yet, it is work in progress) to give you an impression how it will look at the end. Some minor changes may happen but the basics are now set.



Kind regards,  
Juergen."

The report in our forum can be found at

["https://www.schiffsmodell.net/index.php?/forums/topic/17768-canterbury-j-class/"](https://www.schiffsmodell.net/index.php?/forums/topic/17768-canterbury-j-class/).

If somebody of your members will have questions beyond any kind of mechanical translation I'm open to answer them. Kind regards, Juergen



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## CJCOA EVENTS scheduled for the rest of 2021/22

Wes Purvis was given recognition and a round of applause for his role as event coordinator over the last few years.

### 1. Endeavour Trophy Event 5 & 6 March 2022 Lake Victoria

#### Two days of fleet racing

Details yet to be fully worked out.

### 2. Auld Mug Trophy handicap event. April, 2022 10:00 – 15:00.

Date yet to be announced Venue: Ferrymead lake.

A handicap based regatta, and may be Mark Foy or a handicap system where the object being to be ahead of your expected placing. The handicap is based on information built up from past events or applied on the day. The person placed highest against their expected finishing place wins. There are no “line honours”. Prize is; The Auld Mug.

A big thank you to Vern Rolton for keeping the webpage up & running smoothly.

#### Reminder! Your \$10 subs are now due! Please pay now!

Subs remain at the very low fee of only \$10. This has not been raised for over two decades. Please would fill in “update-your-membership-details” when you have paid: this is because we don't as yet have a treasurer (although Rax is assisting in the meantime).

<https://canterbury-j-class.nz/membership-renewal-update/>

#### If you have photos and stories for me, please get in contact.

Happy sailing,  
Rodney Ford,  
(Newsletter editor)

On behalf of your Canterbury J Class Owners Association. CJCOA



*Another perfect day at Ferrymead*