

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

June 2019. CJCOA

Last week, in June 2019, there were over 30 Canterbury-J Class boats, with their skippers sailing on Lake Victoria. And many more skippers at Ferrymead, Timaru and Tauranga.



CJCOA Committee

The CJCOA had a Committee meeting on 11th June 2019. Observing the committee were Glen Church and Tom Wilda. Welcome!



The current members are:



Leon Blewett (President), Vern Rolton (Secretary), Graeme Raxworthy (Treasurer), Rodney Ford (Vice President, Newsletter editor), Chris Koskela (lead pourer), Cyrus Berry, Ashley Glubb, Wes Purves, Jim Paterson (Ferrymead rep).

We currently have 95 members, which includes two life members: Hugh Hogben and Norm Hill. We welcome our **newest members**: Andy Allison (J-202), with Warren Vaudrey (J-181) and Russ Maddox (J-297) from the Tauranga region.

New boats on the water

Carl Bout J-78, Andy Allison J-202, Warren Vaudrey J-181, Russ Maddox J-297, Doug Parker J-327, Ashley Glubb, new owner of J-324.



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Please send me your new boat photos so that you can be included in the newsletter.

The next hulls available for sale J-331. Contact Leon Blewett for purchase of new hulls and other boat-building items (mast box, rudder-tube, and excellent 3D-printed fittings).

Bow bumpers are a mandatory item on all boats. We now have lots in stock. Get yours from any of the committee members: Member prices are \$10 for one, but only \$15 for two.

Health and Safety plan: This is still under consideration. The 'powers that be' require all clubs and organizations to develop a Health and Safety plan. It involves us all and is now an obligation for the CJCOA. Its purpose is that we run our events and ensure everyone continues to enjoy our sailing, safely. More details will emerge as we grapple with this issue.

Constitution: This is being updated and at our AGM this year we will discuss the issues and ratify it, if accepted. The purpose of the changes is to ensure legal ownership of the Canterbury J-Class design. AGM is scheduled for 12th October, 10AM at club rooms.

Tauranga Radio Sailing Club

Photos and results for North Island Canterbury J Class Champs are all here, take a look!
<https://sites.google.com/site/tgarsc/>

Leon Blewett writes this about their competition. "The main venue used and set up permanently for the club is at the other end of this lake quite some distance away, it's a big lake and an irregular shape. This end was just for us. Note in some photos you will see a "committee boat" used on the start line, a great and novel idea.

I started off with Friday afternoon with Antony Sisson, met The Tauranga Radio Sailing Club Commodore, Carl Smith, whom I have spoken with but not previously met, spent the night with Antony and then to the venue on Saturday morning.

Carl Smith was Race Officer for the day and that wasn't easy as the lake was like glass and what little breeze came through changed constantly but we had two fun races before stopping for lunch, we got a bit more breeze in the afternoon and completed 10 more races.

The Tauranga club made arrangements and laid on a small feast in the local pub within walking distance and it was great to sit and chat. Spent the night in Katikati with Dave and Gaye Hemsley and back to the lake on Sunday where Graham Roberts was Race Officer and the day much better. 10 races were done, the last two of which were a real marathons, each leg maybe a third longer than Victoria here in Christchurch and it was twice round.

The Canterbury J is in good hands, well looked after and the traditional or classic timber deck type of build is all there is, these boats look fantastic and are well cared for, long may that continue. Be real nice to see a few Southerners up there next year, I know from the hospitality and friendship shown to me, you will enjoy yourselves.

A big thanks to Carl Smith, Graham Roberts, Ant Sisson, Dave Hemsley and the Tauranga Radio Sailing club for a most enjoyable two day event, It was thoroughly enjoyed. Leon

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CJCOA EVENTS for 2019/20

Winter sailing at Westlake: This is being held on 3 Sunday afternoons, on 23 June, 21 July and 18 August.



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The June event has already happened! Leon Blewett reports: “Day one of our new event series at our new venue and it went “pretty OK”, just a bit of a shame about the wind but not much we can do about that, we did ask for better!

Firstly, a big vote of thanks has to go to Paul Johnson and the Pegasus Radio Sailing Club for the ongoing loan of their inflatable boat, the loan of this has made life very easy. Our numbers at 16 were pretty good and probably about right for the venue. We did not overload and flood the place with cars, boats and people, everyone behaved in an exemplary manner and showed ourselves as a pretty sensible lot appreciating the position we have to be sailing there, great stuff.

Was good to see some of you chat with several of the local community who stopped for a talk, thanks for that. One person I spoke with expressed concern about the resident swans and explained their nesting habits to me but we parted company with a joke and a smile and she was pretty happy. We did something a little bit different with this event, the day being something between twilight sailing and the Auld Mug with only the one Race Official and it worked quite well, thanks to Graeme Raxworthy for not sailing and assisting.

With future events we have the option of following this pattern or we might try the day with no appointed Race Officer but have one participant do duty for one heat only, take average points for that missed heat and share the role amongst the others. We all want to continue to sail there, the last thing any of us want to do is to defend our actions, argue our case for the future or worst position, lose the venue entirely, lets make sure we do the same next time. Thanks to all for an enjoyable (windless) day. On behalf of the CJCOA committee. Leon.”

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CJCOA AGM for scheduled for 12 Oct 2019, 10am

Venue: CMYC club house, lake Victoria.

Shamrock Trophy Feb 29 & 1 March.

This has been scheduled for the weekend with Match racing on one day, and Fleet racing on the other.

News on the Previous Events for 2019

Auld Mug handicap was held on Sunday, 7 April, 2019 at Ferrymead lake. It is a handicap regatta based on information built up from past events or applied on the day. The Prize, “The Auld Mug” was won by Mike Inns sailing J-310. Congratulations to Mike!



The Enterprise trophy.

This was sailed over three Saturday races: 16 Feb, 30 March, and 25 May, on Lake Victoria. Organised by the CJCOA and points compiled by a Tom Arthur. This year's Trophy winner will be announced at the club prize giving

Learn the racing rules! DVD available



Do you want to get to know the Racing Rules a bit better. Well help is at hand. We own this excellent DVD that explains all of the rules in as much detail as you want. Easy to follow and well worthwhile to have a look – please contact me for a loan of these discs.

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“Traditional” type of build for the Canterbury J-Class deck.



Leon writes: “This is a bit of a plug for a “traditional” type of build for the Canterbury J. I’ve now been to the North Island Canterbury J Champs twice and I find it hard to adequately describe the appearance of the fleet up there, the boats just look fantastic.

I know we have a great looking fleet in Christchurch but there is just something special about a boat that has that “traditional” look and feel about it especially when the deck is timber planked. Antony Sisson makes these decks and we will get something together for another newsletter on how he does it. Antony tells me his decks can laid up flat or, with a camber that runs in a straight line from bow to stern.

I know there are three of these decks in Christchurch right now in various states of finish or preparation, it will be nice when they surface and can be seen, which I hope isn’t too far away. If anyone has even a small thought of trying this out, I can only urge you to think a bit more about it, please have a chat with me and I can arrange something for you or put you in touch with Antony direct.

We already have a few newer boats in Christchurch with a wooden deck and a few more would really compliment the fleet quite nicely as well as make a terrific show.” Leon.



Autumnal sailing: crisp air, crunchy leaves, quacking ducks.

Happy sailing,
Rodney Ford,
(Newsletter editor)

On behalf of your Canterbury J Class Owners Association. CJCOA