

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

March 2019. CJCOA

The CJCOA had a Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## CJCOA Committee

Your current **Committee** and **Officer** 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 (Ferryhead rep).

Your Committee is looking to the future. This means bringing in a few more people onto the committee. You are invited to come as an observer to a meeting and contribute, and even join up. So don't be surprised by a tap on your shoulder.

We currently have 92 members. We welcome our **newest members** Nigel Armitage in Tauranga (J-317) and Lyall Kissell in Christchurch (J-140).

## New boats on the water

Rodney Ford J-284, Lloyd Harman J-324, and Graeme Raxworthy J-326.

The boats J-327, J-328 and J-329 are under construction.



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

Hulls currently available for sale have numbers J-330, and J-331. Contact Leon Blewett for purchase of new hulls and other boat-building items (mast box, rudder-tube, and excellent 3D-printed fittings).

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**Bow bumpers** are a mandatory item on all boats. You can get these from any of the committee members: \$10 for one, but only \$15 for two.

**Sails:** Peter Vincent (ellprv4245@gmail.com) is still manufacturing sails. Also, Power sails (<http://www.powersails.co.nz>) and Black magic sails (<http://www.magicksails.com>) are now CJCOA approved sail-makers and can sign off their sails. They will also add your sail number if you request it.

Please note that your sails will only be signed off fully if the sail-makers provide and attached sail numbers (ie: the sails are fully completed). If they do not put sail numbers on, the sails will only be certified as being dimensionally compliant. They will still require a full sign off once the sail numbers are on.

**Measure your boat:** We recommend that all boats get measured – this ensures that the Class rules are being followed. This is the purpose of a “One-Class” Association! Boats that should be measured include: new builds, substantially altered boats (including change of battery pack), and existing un-measured boats.

The process:

- 1) There is no fee to get your boat measured.
- 2) There will no lake-side measurements.
- 3) Contact a measurer in your region: Peter Vincent, Leon Blewett, Graeme Raxworthy, Chris Koskela, Rodney Ford (apprentice), Antony Sisson and Dave Hemsley.
- 4) Supply all forms downloaded from the website. <https://canterbury-j-class.nz>
- 5) Bring your battery pack, hatch covers and pennant for an accurate gross weight.
- 6) If passed, your boat gets an official certificate.

### Two Handy Winch Hints

**1) When reinstalling your winch.** Have trouble getting the machine screws lined up properly when reinstalling your winch? Try this. Use a small jeweller’s screwdriver or piece of say 2mm wire to line up the holes on one side. Use your drums thumbscrew on the other side, (it is much easier to hold than the machine screw) get it threaded right and tighten it firmly. Remove the wire or screwdriver on the other side and inset the machine screw and tighten very firmly. Remove the thumbscrew on the other side and insert the machine screw into nicely aligned hole and tighten up very firmly. Job done.

**2) Smart winches.** Don’t forget on a very regular basis to maintain your winch. A quote from RMG site: “For the motor, a regular drop or two of light machine oil or CorrosionX to the drive end bushing will keep the motor going for years. Avoid getting spray on electrical wires or feedback potentiometer and controller enclosure grommet. Note: These sprays may contain flammable propellants. Allow some time for the flammable components to evaporate before running the winch.” It doesn’t say how often but I don’t think every 3 months or so would do any harm.

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### **New Zealand Radio Yachting Association update.**

“As said in the November 2018 Newsletter, I did not put my name forward for another year on Council, but have still been partially involved and of course had carried on as an “interim” treasurer. I ceased doing all that on the 1st February 2019 and have since handed over all systems and items for the role.

Their “AGM” did take place late 2018, but has been subject to discussion on a number of technical points and has led to an unprecedented situation, far too much to write about in here, but to summarise, there has been some turmoil which saw the three new councilors resign, how will things go and what will happen, don’t know, but it might be quite interesting. One can only have some confidence that there are people with sufficient thought to the future who will get involved and the organisation will sort itself out, rebuild and serve all of us RC sailors, competitive and recreational, throughout the country, hopefully fairly soon.” *Leon*

**Insurance:** This is still being talked about, under consideration – no decision has been made. We are developing a Health and Safety plan that will affect and involve us all. It is not being done to inhibit what we do, more so to provide guidance to these who arrange, organise and run our events and ensure everyone continues to enjoy themselves, safely.

**Constitution:** This is being updated and a Special General Meeting will be called this year to discuss and ratify it. The purpose of the changes is to ensure legal ownership of the Canterbury J-Class design.

### **Tauranga Radio Sailing Club**

Their “Canterbury J-Class "Champs" are planned for May this year at the TGRSC venue in Tauranga. You are invited to attend if you can make it – details are to follow.

We have made donation to the Tauranga Radio Sailing Club of \$50 to thank them for their continued support of our Class up there. Their Commodore Carl Smith is very appreciative for what we have done.

Unfortunately, it is not all good news. Sadly, Trevor Lane passed away last week. Trevor came to our Canterbury J Champs last year and will be remembered for his large and smart Italian campervan. The Tauranga Club is looking at using our funds to assist in buying Trevor's Canterbury J-Class boat (J-181). It will be used as a club boat and be ready for the general public who show some interest and want to try RC sailing.

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## CJCOA EVENTS in 2019: (some have already taken place!)

If you would like to help run any of these events, please let us know. No prior experience is necessary – we will give you coaching you on the job. More details will follow nearer the time of each event.

**Lake Hood Regatta.** Was to be held on Sunday Nov 25, 2018. Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

**Rakaia BBQ and sailing – Sunday, 20 Jan, 2019.** This was a casual get together organised and run by a Leon Blewett. On the Rakaia Lagoon. Starts around 10.30am, finishing at any time. Includes a BBQ lunch (BYO).

### Canterbury J-Class Championships: held 2nd & 3rd February, 2019

Members had a very enjoyable weekend of sailing. Congratulations to all the winners:

Match Racing Champion **Bruce Edgar**

Fleet Racing Champion **Leon Blewett**

Fleet Racing Silver Fleet winner **Ian Scott**

Overall Winner [lowest points score in Match & Fleet Racing]: **Ron Bedy**

Sportsmanship Award: **Rodney Ford**

Wes Purves again volunteered to be our Principal Organiser. Thanks to Leon Blewett & Jim Paterson, Race Officers for Match Racing; Keith May & Chris Koskela Race Officers for the Fleet Racing; and to all their assistants. The format for these Canterbury J-Class Championships: points of the match and fleet racing are added together to give an overall winner. For fleet racing the “Simplified Heat Racing System” with gold and silver fleets. No “handicaps” are applied.



*Trophy winners: Bruce Edgar, Ron Bedy, Rodney Ford, Ian Scott, Leon Blewett*

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*Race Officer Briefing*



*Tense start to fleet racing*



*The race is on*

## Coming Events for 2019

### **1). Twilight sailing: Monday 18 March, 2019 – at Ferrymead.**

The final twilight event had a date and venue change. We encourage you to come and have some sailing fun with us. The format is a casual meeting starting 5.30pm, ending around 7.30pm. No scoring system is used, there may not be a start box used, if not, the winner of the last race may do a 30 second countdown for the start of the next race. We have already had 2 of these events (3 Dec, 2018 – Lake Victoria; 28 Jan, 2019 – Ferrymead) the second one not well attended.

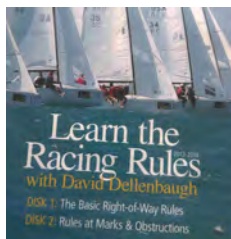
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**2). Old Mug handicap event. Sunday, 7 April, 2019.** Venue: Ferrymead lake. Start time not yet decided. It is a handicap based regatta, and may be Mark Foy or a handicap system where the object being to be ahead of your expected placing. The handicap 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.

**3). Enterprise trophy (Victoria)– Sat 16 Feb, Sat 30 March, Sat 25 May.** Organised by the Canterbury J Class Association and points compiled by a Tom Arthur. Open to all current financial members at the time of each race, boats do not have to be measured. It is a handicap event using club handicaps (if currently accurate). The handicap results may be from Mark Foy starts or another system for massed starts.

Three CMYC races have been chosen and the results from these three races are tabulated to provide a winner. Only those who are currently financial members of the CJCOA will be eligible for their results to count. The person placed highest against their expected finishing place wins. There are no “line honours”. Prize is: The Enterprise Trophy.

## Learn the racing rules! DVD available



An extract from our first AGM in 1999 by Peter Vincent says: “There have been a lot of problems on course lately with penalties not being completed. This is mainly caused by new members not knowing the rules.” 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.



*A complex mark rounding*

Happy sailing,  
Rodney Ford,  
(Newsletter editor) on behalf of your Canterbury J Class Owners Association  
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