

Canterbury J class (One Design) Owners Association Inc.

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November 2018. CJCOA

The CJCOA held our **AGM** on 13 Oct 2018 (with 23 members), and had a Committee meeting on 24th October 2018.



CJCOA Constitution

Your Association is founded on our Constitution. The first committee meeting for business took place on the 29th April 1998. The aim was to promote the Canterbury J-Class Radio Controlled model yacht. Clause 1.1 of the constitution has remained unchanged since first written, and is still applicable:

“The design is based on the full sized ‘J’ class yacht Ranger with design changes to provide a model with good sailing abilities that is easily controlled by radio. The rules serve to control the parameters of construction to allow for racing between boats of similar speed and characteristics.”

“Material specifications and methods of construction are controlled with the intention of encouraging home building and keeping the class affordable to a large range of people. It is intended that the rules of the class shall remain unchanged over time to ensure that all boats are able to retain a competitive position within the class and thus hold their value.”

The Constitution now needs to be updated to take into consideration the new *Health & Safety* requirements and *Personal liability insurance*. You can read the full constitution on our webpage - <https://canterbury-j-class.nz/constitution/>. Cyrus Berry and Tom Arthur are planning to revise this document over the next few months. Please let us know if there are issues that you think should be taken into account. Especially important is to stress that this is a voluntary organization, a non-profit, and the purpose is having fun with a specific model boat.

CJCOA Committee

Your current **Committee** and **Officer** members were re-elected at the AGM. They 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), Peter Vincent (Measurer).

Membership & Boat-building

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We have about 90 members, and welcome new member Grant Cowell with his boats J-9 and J-25. Please contact any of the committee if you feel overwhelmed or in need of more support. Your \$10 subs are now due – this is a reminder for those who have forgotten to pay (these yearly membership subs have remained at \$10 for the last 21 years!)



Three of the latest J-boats to be launched are: J-321 & J-322 built by Graeme Raxworthy, and J-323 by Bert Willimese. J-326 is under construction. Another 4 are getting started in the Tauranga group. Chris Koskela has poured 16 lead keels recently and Phil Winter continues to fabricate the fiber-glass hulls. The Canterbury J-Class is steadily growing.

Bow bumpers

The CJCOA has a good stock of bow bumpers for you. These are mandatory to have fixed on your boat at all times. This reduces any damage caused by collisions.

The deal is: get one for \$10, but get two for only \$15. Non-members price is \$15 each.

Available from Graeme Raxworthy, Leon Blewett and Jim Paterson.

Sail numbers

Another reminder. Please check your sail numbers and that they comply with the new rules. The class rules require **all numbers** to a maximum of three digits must be displayed. (The need to allow room for an additional digit no longer applies).

- If you have a 1 digit hull number then 1 digit must be displayed on both sails.
- If you have a 2 digit hull number then 2 digits must be displayed on both sails.
- If you have a 3 digit hull number then **all 3 digits** must be displayed on both sails.

New Zealand Radio Yachting Association update

The date of the AGM of NZRYA is yet to be set, but will be before December 31st 2018. This will see an end to a three-year term I have had on Council. Am I pleased it is ending? Yes, I think it's time, but also no as I have been very privileged to be part of our National body and while there, enjoyed the role as treasurer.

Has it been successful? Yes and no again. This year has been difficult, the organisation is changing, albeit slowly, but is yet to realise its constitutional obligations of promoting the sport and recreation of radio sailing in all its forms. I can only hope it will come but that is going to take an effort from every one and that 'effort' means active participation. Can that happen? Hard to say, time will tell all. *Leon Blewett*

Bay of Plenty news

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The news in the north is encouraging. After the hibernation of winter the warmer and longer days are going to get more of us out sailing again. Through natural selection we've made every second Wednesday a Canterbury J-Class (not exclusively) sailing day at Lake Gilmore, Waihi. Numbers attending have wandered between 4 and 7 yachts.

At the last count we had about 19 Canterbury-Js in the Bay of Plenty area. With another couple in Auckland. On the sales front a couple of yachts may be for sale soon. The owners have multiple yachts so we won't be losing them. Also, Antony got 4 hulls sent up to sell, making it easier for the locals who want a summer build project (thanks also to Wes Purvis for lugging the 4 keels up for us).

Another member has recently purchased a house at Papamoa (east of Tauranga) and has good sailing lakes near by. Maybe an after-work idea floating around somewhere there? Thanks to the continuing support of the CJCOA and all the help we receive from members down there. November, our windiest month of the year. So here's to wet Gunnels.

Antony Sisson & David Hemsley



Lake Gilmore at Waihi

During our recent trip up North Barbara and I stopped of at Waihi and spent a pleasant couple of hours catching up with the guys from the Tauranga fleet at the beautiful Lake Gilmore, during there mid week relaxed racing, sailing – mostly Canterbury-Js and 10Ms. It's hard to imagine a more scenic spot to do there sailing with Pungas and Native bush right down to the waters edge with a good concrete path to control the boats from down one side and was the same lake that the North Island Canterbury-J Champs were held on.

It was good to catch up with Dave Hemsley and Anthony Sisson and others who made us feel most welcome – checking out there beautifully finished craft with there amazing timber decks all done to a very high standard. One of the purposes of the visit also was to deliver the lead keels and weights for 4 new Canterbury-Js that Anthony is in the middle of constructing so was able to kill two birds with one stone.

Would really recommend anyone travelling up that way to catch up with the guys and check out the Lake as they have something very special up there.

Wes & Barbara Purves.

Historic J-Fleet Regatta

A very successful Historic Regatta was held on 30 Sept to celebrate the formation of the Canterbury J-Class Squadron 21 years ago. The historic boats J-1 to J-12 were tracked down and assembled. Thank you for these skippers who made a big effort to prepare their boats and

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to sail. A relaxed fleet-racing event with all other CJCOA members invited to take part. There was a large and enthusiastic turnout with 27 boats.



J-1 (*Shamrock*) was built by Dave Heanly (with Hugh Hobden) in 1996. It was bought by CJCOA and displayed in the CMYC boathouse. It was dusted off and displayed with the other available 7 Canterbury J-Class boats.

J-2 (*Thistle*) Hugh Hobden.

J-3 - (*Zingibur*) Doug Parker.

J-4 - (*Endeavour*) Peter Vincent.

J-6 - (*Thingy*) Rick Jury.

J-7 - (*Defender*) Leon Blewett.

J-9 - Grant Cowell.

J-11 - (*Blue Finn*, renamed *Jazzy Lady*) Graeme Hore.

J-12 - (*Strider*) by Rodney Ford.



The prize-winners were: Doug Parker (J-4) for the most original Historic J-Class boat, and Leon Blewett for winning the J-fleet racing.



CJCOA EVENTS scheduled for the coming year:

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If you can 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.

1. Lake Hood Regatta. Sunday Nov 25, 2018 . 13:30-16:00

Peter Vincent (Ashburton Sailing Club, Model Boat Division) will run this regatta again. It is an open club event – meaning that all boat classes are invited to take part. Venue is Lake Hood, on Sunday afternoon. We start with a picnic lunch (about 12.30), have a relaxed sailing event, and then join together at the local restaurant for an evening meal. Come and make a day of it.

2. Twilight sailing: on three Monday evenings. 17:30-19:30

Monday 3 Dec, 2018 – at Lake Victoria

Monday 28 Jan, 2019 – at Ferrymead

Monday 25 Feb, 2019 – at lake Victoria

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.

3. Rakaia BBQ and sailing – Sunday, 20 Jan, 2019. 10:00 – 15:00

A casual get-together organised and run by a Leon Blewett. Venue: Rakaia Lagoon. Starts around 10.00am, finishing at any time. Includes a BBQ lunch (BYO).

4. Shamrock Trophy event (formerly, Canterbury J-Class Championships)

2nd & 3rd February, 2019. 9:00-16:00



The format for these Canterbury J-Class Trophy events will be similar to last year: held on Lake Victoria. Points of the match and fleet racing are added together to give an overall winner. Current scoring format for fleet racing is Simplified Heat Racing System which may be single fleet or have gold and silver fleets). There are no “handicaps” applied.

Match racing on day one, Saturday 2 Feb, 2019.

Fleet racing on day two, Sunday 3 Feb, 2019.

Wes Purves has again volunteered to be our Chief Race Officer, with Match RO: Graham Parratt & Leon Blewett. And Fleet RO: Keith May & Chris Koskela.

5. Auld Mug Trophy handicap event. Sunday, 7 April, 2019. 9:00 – 15:00

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.

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6. Enterprise Trophy days: (Lake Victoria)– Sat 16 Feb , Sat 30 March, and Sat 25 May.

Organised by the CJCOA 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.

7. The North Island Canterbury J Class Regatta. No date set yet.

Organised and run by the Canterbury J Class Association and hosted by the Tauranga Radio Sailing Club.

Photo-essay of Canterbury J-Class Yachts



Rodney Ford has compiled and printed photo-essay book: “*The Canterbury J-Class model yachts, boat-builders and skippers: 1996–2018.*” This is an 80-page photographic record of the history of the Canterbury J-Class model boat. It marks the 21st anniversary of the CJCOA and all our achievements. The first 60 copies of this book have sold out (\$40 a copy). If you would like a copy, please let us know and another print run can be organised. A new print run would include any new skippers and their boats, and those who were not included in the first two editions.

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