

Pre-season Breakfast,
 Sunday 23 September, 10.00 a.m.
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Naval Point News

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Major Events coming up

The coming season is a very busy one for our club. Even before you receive this newsletter the Club will have been busy with the **South Island Winter Championships**, a starter regatta to be held on September 1 and 2 for all classes but focusing on Junior and intermediate dinghies.

Opening Day

The Tug Lyttelton Centennial Opening Day Regatta will be held on Saturday September 29.

Show Weekend November 16 – 18 will be a very busy time with NPCL hosting three important events.

The Canterbury Cup Regatta. A new Interprovincial Regatta for Keelboats which is expected to attract a good number of Wellington boats.

The Noelex 22 South Island Championship. A lead up event to the N22 Nationals to be held at NPCL in Jan.

The P Class Tanner Cup Trials to select a provincial representative.

National Trailer Yacht Week from the 6th to the 11th of January.

This event will include the Noelex 22 national Championships, the Farr and Ross 780 NZ Championships and the Trailer Yacht Open Championships.

Handbook

The Club handbook is being printed at present and will be mailed to all financial members as soon as possible.

Race Management Volunteers

With a very busy sailing programme planned the club needs keen volunteers to help man the shore based Start Box and to crew on the Committee Boats providing on water starts. If you have any time to help provide this essential service please make contact with:

Ross May, Club membership services,
 Phone 328 7029 (weekdays)

Commodores Comment.....

Well if you haven't completed your boat's winter maintenance you just may have left your run to late. With three weeks left 'till Opening Day activity is kinda frantic.

While you've been contemplating the garden and lawns others have their heads down at the Club. The Dinghy Winter Champs are just one example of that. The Wardroom is another. A few renovations in the library corner, a new window and bingo! We have another view of our harbour. It doesn't end there either. The Phantom Upholsterer has been by and recovered all of the chairs. While his name for the time being will remain anonymous given time all will be revealed.

Your Committee hasn't been sitting on its hands either. Rear Commodore Keel Boats Phil Folter has been putting some final touches to the forthcoming inaugural Inter Island Challenge. At last count there are 15 boats sailing from Wellington in a two handed race before Show Weekend. They'll stay here for a bit and race against our own club over the ensuing weeks. From all reports there are some keen sponsors out there who have put their hand up too. Now that's encouraging!

The forthcoming Optimist Regatta is chewing up Wayne Keen's time and I'm pleased to report that arrangements are well advanced and augers well for a successful event.

Dave Munro, Rear Commodore Social has a few things up his sleeve during the season. I'm scared to ask too much but I think he mumbled something about pirates..... yeah right!

Now I know that you know that a club of our size and diversification cannot function without volunteers. It's gratifying to note the old hands that have returned for another season's toil. There are some new faces there too, and to me that is particularly rewarding. We should be grateful of that hard core of helpers that allow us to enjoy our boating interests.

I note that the Trailer Yacht Squadron is holding a working bee on Fathers' Day How did you get away with that? Rumour has it there is a BBQ organized, and I would hazard a guess some liquid refreshment too.

I see the haul-out compound has come in for a bit of a tidy up too, or is it just crammed a bit fuller than usual and we can't see the untidy bits.

If you're wondering about the marina I'm not the bearer of any further news suffice to say things have become a bit bogged down in the City Council, and with upcoming elections one must suppose that the issue will continue to hasten very slowly.

The last few weeks both Ken Camp and Ross May have been heavily involved in publishing the Club Handbook. It's now ready for distribution and will be made available on receipt of your subscription.

The first of the new season's events, the pre-season breakfast on Sunday 23rd Sept, is all arranged. Format the same as last year, but no walking the plank OK?

Of course Opening Day itself is on 29th September and it should prove a spectacular sight. The steam tug Lyttelton is celebrating its 100th year and will join with Naval Point in our opening day festivities. Sounds good to me too. Good sailing and best wishes for the coming season.

Graham Moffat - Commodore

Opening Day

Opening Day on September 29 this year will have a little extra character.

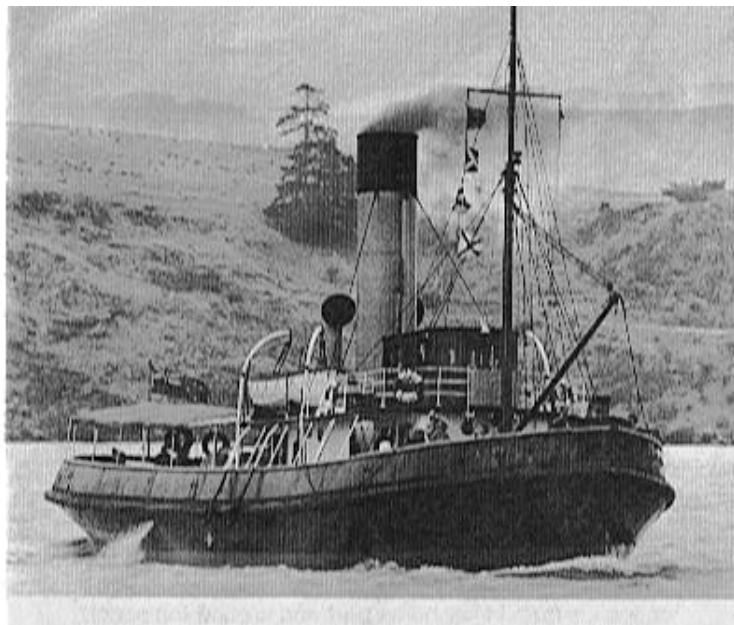
The historic Tug Lyttelton is 100 years old in September of this year having steamed from Scotland to Lyttelton in 1907 to begin her long career for the Lyttelton Harbour Board.

Harbour board vessels were often used as flagship for the Canterbury Yachting Association Regattas of the past. Many of our older members will remember the tug, dressed with bunting and making smoke, anchored off the end of the start line for the Waitangi Day Regattas of the 1950s and 60s.

Tug Lyttelton will grace our Opening Day racing by acting as flagship once again. She will anchor off our Club Start line and carry the Club's invited guests on a cruise around the race course area.

Our thanks go to the Tug Lyttelton Preservation Society who have made the vessel available for our Tug Lyttelton Centennial Opening Day Regatta.

Opening Day Programme
 Racing 1pm
 Official Opening 4.30pm
 Party till late



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Short Handed Race Wellington to Lyttelton

The Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club is running a short handed race from Wellington to Lyttelton in early November to coincide with the inaugural Inter-Island Regatta at the Naval Point Club. The Naval Point Club is holding a major keelboat regatta over Canterbury Show weekend (16 -18 November 2007) RPNYC will run the shorthanded race from Wellington to Lyttelton, leaving in the first good weather from Tuesday 6 November and is seeking expressions of interest from Skippers and Boat Owners. If any Naval Point boats wish to join this race it is suggested they contact the RPNYC to register their interest.

Special Meeting for all NPCL Opti Parents and Sailors

**Sunday Sept 2
At NPCI Club rooms**

All parents are requested to attend, including all last years Learn to Sail and racing Optis.

The meeting is to develop a programme of racing and coaching to prepare out sailors for the Opti Nationals at Easter 2008 at NPCL

Looking forward to meeting all our parents
Wayne Keen

Just past Epernay we left the Marne to go north past Reims with its beautiful Cathedral(where many French kings were crowned) to Canal des Ardennes, this canal climbs up to The Meuse one moters through forrest cladded hills, specially the 2nd half was very pretty en very quiet, not much birdlife, not even ducks, but then someone told us they are caught for food. At the end of this canal we had a day of 28 locks over 12 km with an average rise of about 3 meter. Luckily these were automated, one gets a remote controlled "Le Beep" which will activate the process of gettingt the water at our level so the doors can open(automatic) ones in the lock one pushes a blue or green pipe, and the door will close water rises or falls , what ever is needed, and the other side doors open.

From canal des Ardennes we came on The Meuse, which we will follow till well into Holland. It is beautiful and meanders through The Ardennes. The river flows fast about 3 km. Close to the Belgium border there is Givet with a big Fort Charlemont which throughout centuries is used for defending the border in the 2nd World War there were 22 000.—American and English soldiers housed (Battle of The Bulge – Ardennes)

We crossed to Belgium on the 28th of July and have we finished our trip through the French canals and rivers. It has been great. Cruised 300 hours up to now and went through 305 locks. We now will go slowly through Belgium and still spent about a month on the water in Holland, may still write a bit about that. Till then.

Rudolph and Louise Meltzer (Sans Pareil).

Sailing Academy

The Canterbury Sailing Academy in conjunction with Lincoln University is happy to announce the Sports Science sessions coming up for the next season. These sessions focus on performance enhancement and athlete development. This is open to sailors of all ages and ability. Pre-registration is essential and places are limited.

Sailing Fitness Testing And Training Programme

Date: Tuesday 18 September **Time:**6.30pm **Venue:**Lincoln University **Cost:** \$35.00 per sailor

Sports Psychology Session

Date: Tuesday 30 October **Time:**6.30pm **Venue:** Lincoln University, **Cost:** \$25.00 per sailor.

Performance Nutrition Session

Date: Tuesday 4 December **Time:**6.30pm **Venue:**Lincoln University **Cost:** \$25.00 per sailor.

These seminars and workshops all have different information to what we covered last season. We require minimum numbers to go ahead with each session. It really helps if you advise your interest well in advance to allow us to make a call to go ahead.

Please enrol me on the:	Fitness Session	\$35.00	?
	Psychology Session	\$25.00	?
	Nutrition Session	\$25.00	?
	All 3 sessions	\$75.00	?

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 I enclose payment of \$ _____
 Signed: _____ Date: _____

Further Adventures of Crusader Rudolph and Louise Meltzer (Sans Pareil).



Leaving Paris we still had about 80 km to do on the High Seine before we could come on Canal du Loing, more or less the start of The Bourgone.

As per usual coming out of a big city one gets industries and is it less attractive. Still lots to look at for instance the many houseboats on the side often old Dutch Tjalken and Klippers, some very nice and well cared for others rotting away and a disgrace. The river was very wide with steady commercial traffic. We shared the locks with 1 or 2 freighters. After the 1st lock the scenery improved and did we pass beautiful houses we guess people commuting to Paris. Also quite a few small yacht clubs, one of the 3 days we spent on this part of the Seine was a Sunday and was there much pleasure boat evcnting, from water skiing to canoeing and sailing.

A few days later we could turn of on Canal de Loing and peace. We stayed a few days in Moret sur Loing a lovely small village with history back to 1200 and church and some houses were from that era.

We cycled to Fontainebleau where throughout the centuries French kings had resided and near all of them aiding wings to the castle. It was huge with ponds and gardens, very impressive.

From Moret we motored slowly through the lovely landscape, rolling hills, with forests and wheat fields through many small locks and villages.

The locks are so small (just enough the have one small freighter in 38x5 meter, they are few and far between and mainly used for transport of wheat, lucky for the fish that there are few as they are chopped up in the locks by the propeller) that one helps the lock-keeper opening and closing the doors as it is still done by hand. The water difference is as an average still about 2.5 to 3 meter though.

Outstanding places were Montargis (Venice of France) and Briare. In Montargis we locked the boat to the quai with a chain as the previous night mooring ropes were cut and boats were drifting (Naughty boys/girls everywhere in the world).

The aquaduct of Briare was also a highlight It crosses The Loire which at that point is very wide. It is 662 meter long, some books say the longest in the world, which isn't true. Canal Du Midi has a longer one and possibly other places in the world as well. It certainly was possibly the longest in the time it was built late 1800 designed by Mr. Eifel(same as Eifel tower). Rudolph did put me off halfway the aqua duct(walking lanes at the sides) while he motored further to turn at the other side. It gave me a chance to take photo's of Crusader on The Pont of Briare, crossing The Loire.

This was about the time where we sadly lost The America's Cup. We managed to see so now and then some of it on TV. NZ gave it a good go though, it is always easy to say from the couch what should have been done. We were glad to hear the government is helping for the next challenge.

Canal Du Loing and Canal De Briare are the nicest we have been on though personally I like the rivers better and was The Marne we came on after one of the nicest we have been on specially a bit higher up close to Epernay one is in the middle of Champagne and surrounded by hills with grape vines.

In Epernay we did visit a wine maker and the kilometers long cellars under Epernay. 120 km lenghts of cellars are under Epernay used by about 10 wine makers.

All along the Marne one can remember the terrible 1st world war, as the allies kept the Germans out along this line of the river. Impressive monuments remind us of the terrible cost of these battles.

Wanted Urgently

Coaches to develop the next Dean Barker & Russell Coutts

We have a great bunch of sailors who have graduated from the "NPCL learn to Sail".

This Season they need a coach to teach them to race in preparation for the Nationals at NPCL Easter 2008.

Are you:

- A competent sailor
- Love working with young people
- Enthusiastic
- An excellent Communicator

Then you're the person we are looking for.

Coaching Training and support will be provided.

This is an addition to our "Learn to Sail Programme" which will be continuing with the 2007 intake of sailors.

Phone Wayne 355 6712 for further information;

- If you know any sailors who wish to join the learn to sail programme
- If you know any sailors who wish to join the Green fleet Racing programme
- If you wish to Instruct in our Learn to sail.
- If you wish to Coach our Green fleet.

From the Editor

As I am new to this job I have taken a little time to work out who does what in relation to the newsletter. Consequently this issue is a little late- My apologies.

You will see that the format is a little different as we are trying to rework it so that not only does it look OK on the web site but is appropriate to print in Black and white and at an economic cost. No doubt the style will evolve as the months go by.

Obviously the content is reliant on contributions which should be forwarded to Ken at the club by email preferably as a word attachment. He will forward it on to me.

Please do not assume that I know all that is going on in the club and keep me up with what is going on in your special area of interest so that the Newsletter is balanced.

Shirley Dunick -Editor



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Automatic Weather Service Now in Southern Region

Coastguard has introduced a VHF radio based Automatic Weather Service (AWS) to the Canterbury Area. The service provides up to the minute weather conditions at certain locations within the VHF radio coverage area. **Tuned to Marine VHF Radio Channel 21**

AWS was first introduced into the Hauraki Gulf by Auckland Coastguard twenty years ago and is considered by its members to be one of the top safety services provided by Coastguard.

The service has been introduced into the Canterbury area as Phase One of a four phase project which will see further AWS broadcasting sites being established in Otago, Southland, and the West Coast.

The service which is now operational from Kaikoura down to Timaru obtains data from three weather sites operated by MetService and one operated by Coastguard. This information is then turned into a voice message and broadcast in Marine VHF along with relevant local weather forecasts, tides and Weather Warnings. The information is continually updated so that what you hear on the VHF radio is up to the minute. This is a free service available to local boaties to assist with the planning of their boating activities for the day. Boaties will now get to know the weather conditions they may face before they head out. This way they have the ability to make sound decisions on where to go for safer boating and ultimately if to go out at all. Also, while they are out enjoying their boating they will be able to monitor **Marine VHF Channel 21** to hear if bad weather is approaching or is changing in the area of their final destination.

- The strongest three second gust over the last minute
- The average wind speed over the last minute
- The average wind direction (degrees true) over the last minute.
- Weather forecast
- Tides

As wind is a critical factor in sea conditions, this information provides a very good picture of what the actual weather is at the following sites which are used in this area: Kaikoura, Timaru, Le Bons Bay, Lyttelton Harbour

While the broadcast provides what is happening at those specific areas, it also gives us a clue as to what can be expected in regard to local conditions and what can be expected along the Canterbury coast.

It is hoped that it becomes a major part of all boaties safety checks before they depart on their voyage.

Funding for the AWS in Canterbury was supplied by the Scottswood Trust. Special mention must also go to the hard work of Coastguard volunteers and AWS Gurus – Kevin O’Sullivan & John Cowan. It is through their hard work that the AWS system in Canterbury is now operational. Also, special thanks to Tait Electronics, DOC, Metservice, and the Christchurch Gondola.”

Advertising in the Naval Point Newsletter not only reaches a desirable target market but also helps fund our newsletter

Notices and Classifieds

Wanted a dinghy to replace my missing one. 1.8 to 2 metres capable of carrying two adults. Repairs no problem but would prefer fiberglass and a price around \$150.00 max. Ph Alistair Donaldson. 981 3818

Has anyone cruised Greece (Cyclades) and purchased a chart compatible with Garmin Handheld (GPSmap76CSx) I think the relevant chart is Euro 015. If anyone can help Sandy Millard Please contact at sandy.millyard@paprills.co.nz

CanSail Trust has the following positions available for 2007 season

Youth Workers - 2 positions, on board Sail Trang Vessel "Fox 11" Oct-Dec 2007

Volunteer Crew - on board Sail Traing Vessel "Fox 11" Oct -Dec Monday to Friday

Secretary - Administration skills required and an understanding of preparing funding applications, accounting and corresponddence.

Contact Programme Manager, CanSail Charitable Trust Ph 3849269

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