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Commodores Comment

Just in case you didn't notice I think the Club is on steroids!! No sooner back from Christmas and we have Naval Pointers cleaning up all over the show. First it was Gabrielle Cross representing Canterbury at the Tanner Cup and Britney Wornall taking 3rd at the Tau-ranga Cup and the Naomi James Trophy for best placed girl. That regatta was in Nelson and run in fairly trying conditions. Ryan Donaldson was 4th in the Starling Match Racing.

Then Ryan Donaldson, Kate Waghorn and Michael Glassford owned the podium at the Akaroa Canterbury Starling Champs.

That's not all. Ken Camp dragged his Noalex 22 Cannon Ball all the way to New Plymouth to compete in the N22 Nationals and came home third. What really tore his shorts was that the winner used some old sails of his that he sold with a previous boat. Sheeez!!

Now the next big event on the calendar was the Charity/Corporate Yacht Race. Held on Friday 16th February, and yes you're right, not the best ever weather. Blowing 22 knots at the start. Try loading 20 yachts with 150 odd novice sailors just off the landing and you get to know what hard work is all about. Then the fun thing was getting them off again in 32 knots!!

But the exciting thing about it was every person, every novice said "Heeey, what a great day". After an absence of 4 years this year it was run in partnership with the Smiths City Group, who with their support gave us the courage to take the event to a higher level. The result?? The final accounting hasn't been completed yet but \$27000 appears the likely figure that the new Charity Hospital will benefit by. Keen interest is already being shown for next years event. Doesn't that make you proud to be a Naval Pointer?

That's not all. We had the Young 88 regatta on the 3/4th March and that rattled some cobwebs out of the Wardroom. Mind you, I'd

been privy to some pretty underhand tactics that were developing in a lead up to this event and keenly awaited the results to see if they make any difference. If they did it certainly didn't favour the Naval Pointers to any great degree. The Akaroa 88 "Slipstream" took home the silverware.

Last weekend the Presidents Cup had its annual airing. Alas only six keelboats took the time to compete in what were idyllic conditions. "Smokey" smoked them with "Full Circle" a credible second.

Trailer Yachts also get a fair go at the water over Easter with the South Island Champs. Planning is well under way and sponsors have been sought. Oborns Nautical, Tissiman Marine, some furniture manufacturer, and Davie Norris Boatbuilders are the sponsors that we should thank for making the way easier for the organizers and more rewarding for the competitors.

For those of you that didn't make the Naval Point Open Day on Waitangi Day you missed a pearler. A cast of thousands. We could have made a remake of Ben Hur!

Both Phil "Full Circle" Folter and John "Sunseeker" Cullens made their boats available for inspection and for the odd ride. Odd turned out to be lots. Thanks guys. You helped in securing several new members.

After all that do I need to mention the Club Picnic? Sure I do! Once again enough people to storm the Bastille. Picturesque Magazine Bay was the venue and there were inflatables and club craft, canoes, waka, kids for ever. BBQs in a variety of shapes and everyone was having a good time. Yes, I'll be back.

Have fun and good sailing.

Graham Moffat

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Jack Findlay Bequest

Naval Point have been left a bequest from a former member Jack Findlay for an amount of \$6,200.00 The committee believes this bequest would be useful seed funding for a grant or scholarship for a developing sailor. Rules on how to apply/eligibility will be developed prior to next season. If you would like to contribute to the fund please contact the Club Manager.

Are you a diver?

We have realized that there are a number of divers in the club that are not getting the opportunity to dive. We are proposing to start a division of the club for those interested and plan to schedule regular trips. If you are a diver and are interested please contact the club manger or Mark Quail and provide your details and what sort of trips you would be interested in.

Club Gear

CAPS:	\$20.00
T – SHIRTS:	\$20.00
POLOS:	\$35.00
RUGBY JERSEYS:	\$80.00
VESTS:	\$85.00
CLUB TIES:	\$10.00

NAVAL POINT PIRATES WINE:

\$20.00 A BOTTLE
 \$180.00 CASE.
 PIRATES BLOOD (red)
 PIRATES PLONK(Chardonnay)

The Club Accepts Eftpos & Credit Cards.
 See Merchandise page on website for pictures.

Remember All Profits Go Back Into Your Club:

Courses

This year's Coastal Skipper course offering from Canterbury Maritime Training has been brought forward. Instead of a late June start, it will begin Thursday, 5 April. With all the goodies - from set, drift and running fixes right through to weather and passage planning - it's the cruiser's box of invaluable bits. David Martin is the tutor, but for course info please phone Peter Marshall on 0800 212-628.

A discount (\$25 instead of \$45) for MROC (formerly known as RRTOC) radio tickets for Naval Point Club members By arrangement.

Line 7 Regatta

Forever Young left Lyttelton on 7 February to sail to Wellington to compete in the Line 7 regatta from 9 – 11 February.

There were 10 boats competing in the Offshore series with Forever Young gaining 4th place.

The crew was Dave Anderson, Duncan Taylor, Jenny Balogh, Pete and Karen Clark, Ross Millar, Stephen Page and Dave Haylock.



South Island Trailer Yacht Championship

The Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron and Naval Point Club are organising this event to be held on Lyttelton Harbour on Saturday April 7 and Sunday April 8 2007

***Prizes for each Division and overall on handicap.
Line honours prizes.***

Good racing with six races over two days.

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Women On Water

Women on Water is a Yachting NZ initiative designed to get more women out on the water more often. This includes learn to sail, coaching for experienced sailors, trips away sailing on the Spirit of Adventure, learning to sail MRX's in Wellington or down to Queenstown to race the Etchells.

If you are a woman and interested in meeting up with other like-minded girls for fun, socialising and sailing then contact Kate Spackman, Yachting NZ regional officer on kate@cya.org.nz for more information.

New Zealand Zephyr Championships 25-27 January 2007—Akaroa

The fifty first New Zealand Zephyr Championships were organised by the Christchurch Yacht Club in Akaroa. Fifty one competitors helped make up what can only be described as a competitive fleet. The weather over the four days ranged from those hurry and wait conditions through to strong winds. At times the winds were really testing with large shifts that would punish those that were snoozing.

Ten races were held over the regatta with local sailor Glen McKenzie and Kelccy Gager from Auckland dominating the early part of the regatta. However Tim Snedden from the RNZYS consistently finished in the top five to make a comeback at the business end of the regatta.

On completion of race nine the points were even between defending champion Glen McKenzie and Tim Snedden. Glen scored the overall win on count bank. What was clear was all the hard work Tim put into his campaign really paid off. It was not only the guys in the top of the fleet that were having good racing. It appeared that everybody no matter what position they scored got good racing over this series.

The social side of the regatta was organised really well with one Hamilton sailor too ill to sail on the second day. There is a suggestion that this could have been a tactic of the opposition?

There was a BBQ held at the Akaroa Cruising Club dinner at the French Farm Winery to back up the socialising at the many watering holes round Akaroa.

Results were as follows;

Glen McKenzie	1 st
Tim Snedden	2 nd
Kelccy Gager	3 rd

NPCL Results;

Matt Hannah	5 th
Russell Wenham	26 th
Tony Park	33 rd

It appeared that all the competitors had a good time with their sailing in Akaroa and one thing is for sure that the class is really strong at the moment with demand for boats outstripping supply. At present there are a number of people purchasing new boats. There are even suggestions that Grant Beck could be buying a boat. How good would that be?

MATTHEW HANNAH

Starling Match Racing—Nelson

After our morning briefing on day one the other competitors and I looked out the window of Nelson Yacht Club onto the race course almost immediately in front of the yacht club, the decision was made to race us inside the cut to allow spectators to be involved in the action and if it was too windy outside the cut they wouldn't have to move us into lighter winds.

For the first 3 flights the breeze was perfect match racing breeze, but from then after it built to over the upper limit for racing of 18 knots and racing was postponed for the day. We all felt it was a good call on the race officers' account as at that wind strength, match racing begins to get difficult and tight maneuvers during the prestart cannot be performed, I'm sure Michael Glassford, Gabes Cross and Matt Hern understand what its like to match race in heavy wind as our trials were pushing 37knots!

Day two came around and it was decided that all the remaining races would be run that day, including the round robin, semi finals and finals, meaning racing throughout the day and a late dinner that night. A perfect match racing breeze developed with around 10 knots and stayed constant for the whole day. I was feeling in the groove to get some tough racing under my belt. The round robin had me racing 10 races against the other regional representatives across New Zealand. At least three of the round robin races were within 2 boat lengths at the finish. It was great to race closely against the best Starling match racers in New Zealand. By the time the round robin was over I had achieved at least a 4th place with the reps from Nelson, Matt Vincent in 3rd, Northern Districts, Andy Maloney in 2nd and Bay of Plenty, Sam Meech in 1st place. As expected, I was chosen to race against Bay of Plenty in the semi finals. The prestart was competitive and I took the lead in both starts, but Sam Meech had superior tacking and speed which put him in the lead for both races, allowing him to go through to the finals against Northern Districts. It was Nelson versus CaT^ in the petit finals to determine 3rd place in which I had the two most exciting match races I've ever raced. Matt Vincent and I were neck in neck around the whole track, with him taking the first win with only half a boat length. Race two and the decider for 3rd place saw me leading around the top mark, but unfortunately I was penalized and had to do my penalty to let Matt past. I was gutted to let him through with half a boat length at the finish.

On the other hand I was pleased to reach my goal of making the top four. The regatta was well run with races never stopping, the competitors were all very friendly and it's always good to see old friends.

Final Results as follows:

- 1st Bay of Plenty – Sam Meech
- 2nd Northern Districts- Andy Maloney
- 3rd Nelson- Matt Vincent
- 4th Canterbury- Ryan Donaldson

Ryan Donaldson



Classifieds

Stolen from truck at Inner harbour moorings
#1 Hood Genoa for keelboat in Yellow bag.
Taken early January.
Reward offered for information leading to recovery.
Phone Alan Robinson 364 2021

For Sale

Noelex 25 "Tawny Port"

Excellent cruising boat with full sale wardrobe plus furler, rebuilt trailer, near new Yamaha 8hp motor, autohelm, head with holding tank, inflatable, sail covers, lee cloths, stove, gas bottle, compass, log, depth. Plus much more.
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Note: Would consider part swap for a 10-12 metre Launch.

Volunteers Wanted

We still need crews for Rescue Boat duty.

If you can spare the odd Saturday afternoon for some time on the water in a power boat, contact the club office 328 7029

Starling Canterbury Champs

The weekend of the 10th and 11th was the Starling Canterbury Champs. Excited about my first contest in my new Starling we set off to Akaroa the night before as I'm not exactly a morning person and I don't think dad wanted to spend an hour with me in the close confines of our vehicle first thing in the morning. Saturday morning dawned bringing with it light southerlies, an overcast day and chilly temperatures. After a short postponement on land the 16 boats were sent out on the water ready for the days racing. Unfortunately for three boats the regatta didn't get off to the best start. The Two Ryan's and myself missed the start of race one (blame it on Ryan D as he was the one who wanted to check the course). Starting at least a minute behind the rest of the fleet was not a good feeling; at least I wasn't the only one! Emma Reeves sailed brilliantly to win race one, Michael Glassford close behind in second, and due to my brilliant sailing skills (or rather a lot of luck) I managed to come in third. The next two races Ryan D redeemed himself for missing the start, coming first in both. The last race of the day was much the same as the last three races, until the last beat. The wind died, the southerly making way for a late afternoon northeast (or a wind from that general direction, I'm not sure as I always feel a bit disorientated in places other than Lyttelton). The sudden drop of wind brought quite a change of position for me. I came from fourth to win the last race of the day, which I was quite stoked about, as the people within hearing distance would have figured. Thanks to my fairly consistent results and Ryan getting a 7th in the first race, day one finished with myself in the lead on 10 points and Ryan on 11. The second day's weather brought a smile to my face and tears to the eyes of those who had been praying for strong winds. Due to absolutely no wind racing was postponed for a few hours. Finally the wind started to come in, from the northerly-ish direction again, and we headed out on the water. The races were all fairly light wind races again. Ryan, again showing his skill won race one, I won race two and in a brilliant last ever race in his Starling Ryan T won the last race. The top five results are as follows:

1 st Ryan Donaldson:	(7)	1	1	2	1	2	2	Total: 9
2 nd Kate Waghorn:	3	2	(4)	1	2	1	3	Total: 12
3 rd Michael Glassford:	2	4	2	5	3	3	(6)	Total: 19
4 th Emma Reeves:	1	5	(6)	4	6	5	4	Total: 25
5 th Matthew Hern:	5	3	5	(8)	4	7	7	Total: 31

Congratulations to the other Naval Point sailors, Ash-Leigh Campbell and Todd Wells, who competed in the regatta and a big huge thank you to the sailors who travelled up from Timaru to take part in the fun and the sailing.

Kate Waghorn.

National Starling Champs

The Starling sailors faced mixed conditions in the recent National series in Nelson. The wind strength ranged from 1 – 25 knots over the 5 day series.

Naval Point Club was represented by 5 sailors who acquitted themselves well.

With a fleet of 109 in total the results were –

Ryan Donaldson 17th Gold Fleet
 Gabriel Cross 21st Gold Fleet
 Michael Glassford 29th Gold Fleet
 Ashleigh Campbell 25th Silver fleet
 Kate Waghorn 47th Silver Fleet



Farr 3.7 Nationals



Kevin Holland
First overall

Kevin Holland
wins the 3.7
nationals
-a first for the
South Island

Malcolm Paine
bare-foot skiing



The last (and only other) time that the Farr 3.7 nationals were held in the South Island was in 1982. It was appropriate that the 25th anniversary of that regatta should result in a first win by a South Island competitor in the history of the class.

Charteris Bay sailor and long time Farr 3.7 class stalwart Kevin Holland sailed off with the spoils after a consistent regatta highlighted by three consecutive wins in races 4, 5 and 6 sailed in 15 – 25 knot breezes. After a one race discard in the seven race series Holland finished with a 5,3,1,1,1,3 result to edge out Auckland and top junior sailor Malcolm Paine by 3 points. Paine sailed a consistent series. Posting a 4,4,3,2,2,2 result after dropping his race one lottery result of 15th.

Bruce McCallum of Auckland was third after winning race two and leading at the end of day one. However McCallum didn't perform so well in the later heavy air races, scoring a trifecta of 6th placings one of which was dropped for a 5,1,2,6,4,6 series.

There were several hard luck stories with 11 of the 16 contestants having at least one DNF with gear failure. Class veteran John Elliott was asking for trouble when explaining to a few more junior sailors during Friday evening that "typically standing rigging will handle four racing seasons before needing replacement". His was nearing the end of season four and he was watching it. Alas he didn't watch well enough and the rig came down halfway through race seven while he was in third position. Elliott distinguished himself further in the race by sailing with a reef, which didn't seem to affect boat speed one iota. A few boats broke rudders in one way or another but inevitably were

back on the water for the next race after hasty repairs.

Tough luck award probably went to Alan Paine who enjoyed a big lead in each of the first three races but ended with only one win to show for it. He faded after breaking a centerboard in race four and couldn't match the speed of the top boats once the breeze picked up. Finishing fifth overall with a 10,2,1,4,6,8 series.

The top five was rounded out by Bay of Plenty sailor Ashley Genefaas who showed great boat speed in a breeze and would have placed higher but for a DNF (broken tiller) while well placed in race five. Genefaas finished 6,7,6,2,3,1 for fourth overall.

Local sailor and returnee to the class after 3 years Donald King showed that it's not over till it's over by coming from 13th on the last leg of shortened light air race one to get the gun by half a boat length from another local Aaron Duncan. With the final beat turning into a down wind drift the entire fleet finished within ten seconds, first to last. Apart from Mark McMinn who was stranded in an airless hole a leg back and recorded DNF.

Top woman sailor (and only female entrant) Naomi Paine collected the ladies trophy. Naomi sailed consistently in the middle of the fleet and was near the top bunch in the early light air races. Her series was marred by capsizes when near the end of both race 5 and 7 when she was unable to recover and scored DNF in each.

Eight South Island sailors contested the series with five in the top ten. Local results were. Kevin Holland - 1st, Kim Humphreys - 6th, Aaron Duncan - 8th, Nick Jams - 9th, Donald King - 10th, Don Currie - 11th, Trevor George - 12th and Pierce Prendergast - 13th.

The Farr 3.7 is one of Bruce Farr's dinghy designs from the early 1970's. It is a restricted one design that has stood the test of time. The Farr 3.7 looks and sails like many far more

modern skiff designs and will reward precise and aggressive handling. It was noticeable that the leading skippers mostly stayed right way up around the challenging nine gybe M courses set on days two and three, while further back in the fleet positions changed regularly as competitors capsized in the big swells and breaking waves on the corners of the course.

Crash of the series was a hard fought contest eventually won by Mark McMinn for frequency rather than drama. Most dramatic would have to go to 6th place overall NPCL sailor Kim Humphreys who managed to nose into a wave at the end of a wiring reach while transitioning into a gybe, then lost his footing and swung forward on the trapeze with his immaculate boat literally balancing on its' nose before spiraling in to a messy cartwheel.

As expected the Naval Point Club organization was excellent, with inventive trapezoid and M courses, well organised race officials and efficient rescue boat crews. Lyttelton put on its' normal wide variety of conditions, from 0-5 knots of race one to the 15-25 knots of races 5, 6 and 7. Social activities were typically entertaining. The photo's of the sailing action shown on the big screen as competitors enjoyed a beverage after racing each day were outstanding and a great talking point for comparing sail sets and who messed up at the start.

Thanks to Naval Point Club and the 3.7 Association organizing committee for a great contest.

So for those sailors seeking cheap thrills and no crew hassles get yourself a 3.7, "The best by Farr".

Donald King

Young 88 South Island Champs



Island champion Alan Reay's "Slipstream"

South

Naval Point Club Lyttelton was host to two of the largest South Island keelboat regattas over the last couple of weeks. The Young 88 South Island Champs were held on the 3rd & 4th of March. Nine yachts competed with two of those coming round from Akaroa for the regatta. It was worth the trip for Alan Reay on the helm of his yacht Slipstream who successfully defended his title of South Island Champion. Paul Campbell from Naval Point sailing Hyperactive came 2nd, and 3rd was Steve Page and Victoria Murdoch on their yacht Smokey.

Presidents Cup

The Presidents cup was held the following weekend the 10th & 11th March. Six yachts competed and the regatta was won by Smokey owned by Steve Page & Victoria Murdoch, 2nd was Full Circle - Phil Folter and 3rd Forever Young helmed by Dave Anderson. It was also great to see Southern Fun owned by Ian Franklin back out on the harbour again.

Both regattas saw very competitive racing between all the yachts. Naval Point would like to thank the people that helped organise the regattas as well as all the yachts that made the trip round from Akaroa to compete.

A big couple of weekends for keelboats



A big welcome back to Southern Fun—it is great to have them back in the fleet.

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New members

Welcome to the following new members;

Brent Newton	Full (Boat) Powerboat
Steven Marnoch	Full (Boat) TY
Alan Barr	Full (Boat) TY "Smiler"
Thomas Svensson	Full (Boat) Paper Tiger
Marcus Hutchinson	Club Supporter
Per Emanuelsson	Full (Boat) TY "Dram"
Brian Cannon	Full (Boat) TY "Lukosi"
Rhys Boulton	Full (Boat) Keeler "Husvale"
Michael Hore	Full (Boat)
Steven Bratt	Full (Boat) TY "Phoenix"
Pier Scala	Full
Norman Matthews	Family Dinghy
Calvin Floyd	Full (Boat) TY "Craigivar"
Simon Nice	Full (Boat) TY "Solitude"
David Haylock	Under 18
Vanessa Fraser	Full (Boat) Powerboat
Barry O'Neill	Full (Boat) KB Tanqueray
Tim Rudkin	Family
Amanda Rudkin	
John Dunne	Full (Boat) PB
Ian Whiteley	Full (Boat)
Michael Thomas	Full (Boat) KB Kittyhawk (Reactor 25)
Paul Mitchell	Full (Boat) PB
Michael Brown	Full (Boat) KB Kokamo
Jeremy Welsh	Full
Roland Saxon	Full
Karen Thomsen	Full
Matthew Bancroft	U18 (Boat) DY Laser
Barry McDonald	Full (Boat) PB
Edward Tappenden	Full
John Davis	Full (Boat) KB (Beachcomber)
Bart Vuyk	Full
Greg Wilson	Full (Boat)
Lance Nuttall	Full (Boat) PB
James MacKenzie	Full (Boat) KB Phantom (Lidgard 32)
Braeden Smith	Full (Boat)

Naval Point's "Nuplex" wins 2007 R Class Leander Trophy

The 57th R Class National Championship was held at Auckland Sailing Club, Orakei on Auckland Harbour from 8 - 11th March 2007.

Another great contest, well run by Phil Airey, Maxine Bartlett, Russell and Chris Skinner under sometimes very variable conditions. For the entire series the weather was fine and hot without a drop of rain. The usual Auckland hazards were present, the shore, ferries and pleasure craft.

Sean Milner and Dan Leech in Nuplex were deserving winners in their self designed and built L3 hull. After being close runners up last year, they finally had the bugs ironed out of the L3 rocketship. This was Leech's first win and Milners second. Previous winners Paul MacIntosh and Kenny Fyfe sailed well for second, but the pace of the L3 ultimately won out with Nuplex winning several of the races by large margins. Simon Ganley and Rod Chave (Dimension Polyant), always quick in the breeze, are now quick in all conditions and sailed consistently earning third place.

There was good racing throughout the fleet and everyone seemed to come away from the contest inspired having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The outright speed of the two L3's present generated a good deal of interest and it looks like there may well be a few more on the water next season. Now that the L3 has shown it really is a step ahead, some of the design oriented sailors may well be going back to the drawing board to work on some new innovations. There's always more speed out there and its definitely all looking good for the future.

Race Reports:

Invitation Race

Light and Flukey. NW course. Nuplex (Sean Milner and Dan Leech) cleared out with Martyn Hughes (Paul MacIntosh and Kenny Fyfe) clearly ahead of everyone else. David Pairman and Tim Allan sailing Merde rounded out the top 3. Paul Roe and Jess Hix in TheVirtual showed impressive speed up the last beat gaining 3 places up the final beat finishing fourth in the shortened course. Steve MacIntosh and Tony Park in Apple stole fifth from Dimension Polyant Sailcloth (Simon Ganley and Rod Chave) on the line. Marty Douglas and Geoffrey Wilding sailed the oldest boat in the fleet, R550 MRB, to an excellent seventh.

Race 1

Slightly more breeze and gusty and flukey. Course moved down to Bean Rock into Tamaki (SW). Nice breeze to start the series with. Pretty much the same result as the invitation race, but Dimension moved up to 4th.

Race 2

SW breeze built nicely. Nuplex lead round the course again followed by the ever present Martyn Hughes. Apple finished third with dimension fourth. Only things of note reported from the spectator launch were TheVirtual sailing upwind for 5 mins with a jammed kite halyard and Marty and Geoff on MRB sailing with a wineglass most of the way down the last run.

Day 2

Sailed out on Friday morning into nothing, half the fleet only got just off Orakei Wharf before morning racing was abandoned.

After lunch we sailed out for 3 back to back races.

Race 3

Sailed between Bean Rock and Orakei wharf. Nuplex lead for the first lap before swamping up the second beat. Handing the lead to Apple with Merde in close pursuit. TheVirtual managed to pass Martyn Hughes down the run to finish second in the shortened race. Apple had been over the line at the start and were disqualified.

Race 4

Course change again across to between North Head and Rangitoto. Good breeze with a slightly confused seas. Martyn Hughes lead round the course with Dimension second. TheVirtual managed a spectacular mine just after the top mark and was subsequently passed by the fleet. Merde were third and Dave Andrews and Bevan Mark in Dave-O fourth. Several boats hit the bottom off North Head with Bulley Hayes managing a boat crunching cartwheel which bought bikini clad rescuers from the shore. They hit the bottom, ruptured the centercase, stood the boat on the prod and popped the mast off the mast post and through the foredeck. Not a bad effort.

Race 5

Slightly more breeze. After a bad start Nuplex had good speed up the first beat, tacking just in time to avoid hitting the bottom at North Head, TheVirtual and Esky both went just too far, and went straight to the back of the fleet. Nuplex was first back followed by the ever consistent Martyn Hughes. Dimension Polyant sailed well for third, Merde held on to fourth Dave and Stretch were a clear sixth and Jess and Paul managed to haul themselves back to sixth. Apple had their worst race finishing 8th after swimming at the bottom mark.

Day 3

Race 6

Northerly course. 1 minute to go and the start was abandoned, evidently they'd temporarily lost the general recall flag. Normality was rapidly resumed with pretty much the same stuff up the front, apart from Dave Andrews and Bevan Mark on Dave-o sailing well for third. Dimension were again fourth and Merde fifth, with Apple sixth.

Race 7

Slightly Stronger Northerly, with Dave-o sailing extremely well to another third on Daves 71st birthday. Nuplex were first with Martyn Hughes second. Simon Ganley and Rod Chave sailed another consistent race for 4th, with Dave and Tim on Merde fifth and TheVirtual recovering to 6th after tangling badly with HiRev on the start line. MRB and CRC both lost their rigs and were towed back.

So its all poised closely for the final race.

Day 4

Race 8

At last a harbour course. Moderate breeze slowly building. Nuplex won convincingly from Dimension Polyant, with Merde again third and Martyn Hughes fourth. Nuplex were unbeatable in these conditions even with their second kite. Dave Andrews and Stretch finished fifth, cementing their fifth position overall.



For more on the R class see: www.rclass.org

Naval Point Club Lyttelton Inc

PO Box 19-733

Christchurch

Noggin n Natter

Tues 27th March.

A real treat. Lee Hughes author, humorist and adventurer.

To conquer his fear of sailing (or rather fear of drowning) Lee sailed (and camped on) a 16ft open day boat from the Florida Keys to New York by way of the inland waterways and short coastal passages of the US East Coast. The adventure became the subject of Lee's third book "The biggest boat I could afford". The book is a humorous and motivating read and I have to think his talk will be equally good.

Lee and wife Adrienne are now resident in Christchurch with the boat Wanderer recently back in his possession and spotted on Lyttelton harbour.