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Commodores Comment

The old adage that you can please some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time certainly rings true at this part of the season. Typical spring conditions where the forecast changes hourly.

However this has not stopped the Learn to Sail Group kicking off to a brilliant start on November 4th and to prove it wasn't a fluke took advantage of our own sheltered Magazine Bay during gusty nor'westers the following Saturday to practice roll overs. Keen or what! This is the future sailors and administrators of Naval Point Club and I'm heartened by the enthusiasm that they hold.

So much for the northerlies for everyone else. Our Pier Race was all but blown to bits and only a handful finished from what started out as a large fleet. Holding the event later in the season may be the solution for future years as this is the third season in succession that conditions have been tough. The Starlings did fare better for their Match Racing regatta on the same day although I don't know how they managed to keep upright and at one point they took on the appearance of hang gliders! I'm proud of our young sailors and also of their supporters. Those that I refer to are the Coaches, the Rescue Crews, the Race Officers and the like. Well done.

The Marina development continues, and while there is little to report there is evidence that progress is there, albeit slow. Some of you may have noticed the Public Notice in the Press a couple of weeks ago where the Council wishes to swap some reserve area to facilitate the marina development. It's progress folks, but not as we know it.

The Charity Race has firmed up somewhat since last I had pen to paper. I'm proud to announce that through a part-

nership with the Smiths City Group the Naval Point Club will be hosting the event on Friday 16th February 2007. The chosen beneficiary is the Charity Hospital currently being established by Doctor Bagshaw. The event is a re-establishment of past forays into the charity arena and gives both the Smiths Group and the Naval Point Club an opportunity to display a public face, and at the same time achieve collectively which as individuals we could only dream about. At this early juncture the Smiths/NPC joint working Committee can confirm the event WILL take place and this is the result of the underwriting arrangement offered by the Board of Smiths City. Over the next few weeks there will be a call on some of you to provide craft for the event and I hope that you will give your best effort in supporting the Bagshaw Charity Hospital and also our own Club. I will keep you informed on progress as it is made.

At the time of writing the Twilight series for trailer yachts and keel boats is about to start the pre Christmas section of the event. Popular both as a competition and as a social event and made more so by the limited circuit racing that prevailed over the winter series.

Coming up soon is the Raft Up at Diamond Harbour and a pirate with a penchant for talking outside his group of Buccaneers' let it be known there is something afoot.!

The Picnic set down for the 3rd December (the day after Wakaroa Point Race) is also a special occasion that will be marked by treasure hunts and pirates and all that is bad for you.

But that's getting too far ahead... Mean-time good sailing

Graeme Moffat
Commodore

Welcome to the following new members

Rod Webb	Family Boat
Dayle Milne	Caribou TY
Allan Brown	Full Boat Noelex 25 TY
Ted Pearson	Full Boat Keelboat
Stuart Roberts	Full Boat Buccaneer Powerboat
Daniel Rivers	Full Boat Silhouette TY
Peter Short	Launch Launch Hinemoa
Tim Trollope	Family Boat Huntsman Powerboat
Todd Wells	Family Boat Starling Dinghy
Ken Hunt	Full Member
Andrew Long	Full Boat Powerboat
Layton Hern	U18 P Class
Fleur Bearda	Full
Scott Bell	U18
Julian Knapton	Full
Ian Cooper	Family Boat Trawler Launch
Ralph Traber	Full Boat Finn Dinghy
Warwick Nicholl	Powerboat
Naomi Wilde	Full
Pat Channings	Full
Geoffrey Savage	Full boat N 22 TY
Victoria Foxton-McCulloch	Full Boat Cruising Keelboat
Sarah Morgan	Powerboat
Ali Ensor	Full Boat TY
Trevor Wratten	Full Boat Dancer TY
Tristin Ornsby	Full Boat Noelex 22 TY
Adriaan Bakker	Full Boat N22 TY

Buy Your Xmas Presents From The Club.

Naval Point Clothing Range

CAPS:	\$20.00 ** New Item***
T – SHIRTS:	\$20.00 ** New Item***
POLOS:	\$35.00 ** New Item***
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(white)

SAILING CALENDARS \$20.00

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

Remember All Profits Go Back Into

Your Club:



Courses

Coastal Passage Planning—December 6

Geoff Wright has offered to run an evening session at Naval Point on December 6. This would be very valuable for those club members intending to take their boats North (or South) over the holiday period. Geoff will cover Planning, Safety, Navigation and Seamanship in a relaxed atmosphere in the Club ward-room starting at 19.30 hours.

If you are interested please let the office know as soon as possible.

Trailer Yacht Clinic— December 10

The second Club Trailer Yacht clinic will be held on Sunday December 10. Designed primarily for Trailer Yachts the clinic will be conducted by our resident seamanship instructors and will include rigging and boat setup, launching, retrieval, sail trim and equipment. An opportunity to practice the skills on the water with starts, on course coaching and seamanship drills will be provided. This course was well received when conducted in September and should be all the more satisfying with a little more sunshine. Bookings should be made with the office with a registration fee of \$20 per person.

More Courses

We have had some interest in VHF and GPS courses but need more participants before a course is viable. If you are interested in Day Skipper, Boatmaster, Marine VHF, Basic GPS, Outboard Engine Maintenance Basic Sea Survival or Powerboat Courses you can collect more information from the Club Office. We are

Brighton Pier Race



Who said that ocean yacht racing is not a spectator sport?

Photographs courtesy of Viki Moore

Cruising—Social

**Raft up Diamond Harbour after racing
Saturday November 25th.**

**Pint to Pint / Xmas Party & the Pirate At-
tack.**

Saturday 16th Dec.

Dress up as Pirates.

Prepare your weapons of choice, i.e water
ballons.

Don't forget parents, Kids just love being
Pirates.



Noggin & Natter

Next speaker. 30 Nov 7.30 pm (note Thursday!!!)

Weather man, astrologer, scientist, (some say psuedo scientist)
Ken Ring.

Ken will explain his method of predicting weather months (even years) in advance using the moon. An entertaining and thought provoking speaker Ken has thousands of loyal followers who swear by his predictions. However there are a fair number of also vocal sceptics who decry his methods as nothing more than bun-kum.

Come an hear for yourself this most fascinating speaker. Check his website at www.weatherpredict.com

Note, Ken has a full schedule and at writing he is not 100% confirmed. Regardless our backup speaker is equally interesting!

P Class and Starling Trials

The Canterbury Yachting Association Trials to select the provincial representatives for the P Class Tanner Cup and the Starling Match Racing Nationals were completed over the past two weekends.

The results of the two events are:

The Canterbury Starling Match Racing representative is Ryan Donaldson and the Canterbury P Class Tanner Cup representative is Gabrielle Cross.

Both are Naval Point members. An excellent result for the sailors and the Club.

In both sets of trials the winners were tested by the conditions and some very strong competition.

The Match Racing Trials were held in strong North Westerly conditions which tested both boats and the sailors skills.

Ryan was pushed hard by Michael Glassford of NPCL before winning the finals series in wind conditions of up to 30 knots!

Gabrielle's win in the P Class trials also involved strong winds for the final Saturday races although the first four races on Showday gave an opportunity for all sailors to show their skills.

Kate Waghorn of NPCL dominated the fleet in the moderate conditions of Friday to post three wins and a second in the four races.

The final result was as close as it could be with both Gabrielle and Kate gaining the same number of wins and seconds in the counted races. The result was determined by the finishing places in the last race, won by Gabrielle.

Some quite heroic performances were produced by the young sailors in the fleet.

Brittany Wornall of MPYC completed the female domination of results with her very consistent third overall.

Brendan Campbell achieved a very creditable fourth place overall.

Morgyn Cowan, in his first year in the P, finished an excellent fifth, and Daniel Philpott and Mike Anderson completed all except one race in the sometimes trying conditions.

A special mention of Charlotte Corston, CBYC, is merited as she started in every race even though the regatta was her first in the P Class.

Well done to all of the competitors in both trials.

Congratulations and the best of luck to both representative sailors for their national events to be held in Nelson towards the end of January.



Ryan and Gabrielle, Canterbury Representatives 2007

South Island Finn Championships

Maurice Duncan

The South Island Finn Championships were held on Lyttelton Harbour on 29 and 29 October at a very well run regatta organised by the Naval Point Club Lyttelton. The courses were quadrilaterals with the number of windward-leeward legs on one side of the quad varying depending on wind strength and sailing time available. The wind on the Saturday was a strong cold easterly and there was heavy cloud resulting in very cold sailing conditions. Sunday was much warmer with occasional northerly winds shifts that benefited some and caught others out. Ross Gibb from Dunedin was a very welcome addition to the predominantly Canterbury fleet.

The contest was emphatically won by Denis Mowbray who won all races but the first and in spite of a capsize in one race. However, he was hotly and closely pursued by the fleet in some very close racing that saw many place changes during racing and between races. In the last race Andrew Macgregor got past Denis on the last down-wind leg and reach but Denis was able to pass him on the final beat to the finish. Ben Winters won the first race and was always in the hunt.

South Island Finn
Championships
Naval Point Club Lyttelton
28-29 October 2006

Sail Number	Boat Name	Helmsman	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett	Rank
19	Gryfinn	Denis Mowbray	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	5	1
25		Andrew MacGregor	2	3	2	2	5	2	16	11	2
3	No Name	Ben Winters	1	2	4	3	3	6	19	13	3
11		Ralph Traber	DNF	5	6	4	4	5	24	24	4
213	Doll-Finn	Maurice Duncan	6	6	5	5	6	3	31	25	5=
245		Chris Wells	5	8	3	DNC	2	7	25	25	5=
207		Hugh Dimock	4	4	DNF	DNC	7	4	19	28	7
206	Stranger	Ross Gibb	7	7	7	6	8	8	43	35	8

Coaching & Dinghy Report

A busy period for all club members since the start of the season:

Coaching:

John Leydon undertook coaching for the Trailer Yachts, John has had extensive experience as a sail maker and a skipper. His knowledge and his direct way of teaching helped many trailer yachties gain more from themselves and their boats.

Learn to sail:

We have 10 new sailors in the learn to sail program, the first day out saw them trying the new plastic optimists on the water in a light easterly plus some tuition before and after. Since then we have had challenging conditions with northwest and southerly winds however, the show must go on with some innovative ways to keep the young skippers learning. We are all hoping for better weather in the near future.

The photograph shows the keen new sailors with the new boats just before launching on the first day.



Dinghies

Regatta weekend on the 28th and 29th of October saw a great turn out of most of the dinghy classes, the Hobies and Finns had their South Island Championships, the Farr 3.7 had their Canterbury Championships and the Optimists, P Class and Starlings enjoyed racing towards the junior club trophies.

The Finns had 8 boats competing with Ross Gibb from Otago the only person outside of Canterbury to make the trip, the "Grey Fox" Denis Mowbray showed everyone a clean transom with only one skipper spoiling his perfect 1st place results, well done to Ben Winter for a good display of sailing. Andrew MacGregor came in a well deserved second with the other competitors battling for the minor places.

The Hobies had 14 starters with 2 boats travelling down from Wellington, the Godman team from Otago bringing 2 boats and 2 boats from Timaru. Fletcher Warren from Wellington showed some smooth skills to win all the races of the series, Warren Guy and Peter Evrard brought home the honours for NPCL in 2nd place and Murray Philpott with his son Daniel came in 3rd. The first youth team was Ryan Donaldson and Ryan Thompson in 9th place, with the youth team from Wellington Seth and Ethan Price showing potential. Our favorite social organizer Mark Quail and his daughter Tash crewed on different boats with Pearce Prendergast and Paul Kuipers, they both thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Tash now has a full time crewing job.

The six Farr 3.7's enjoyed some great racing with Kevin Holland showing the fleet just how to sail one of these technical trapeze boats. Nick James finished 2nd also showing some hard earned skills since moving up from a Starling. Our Vice Commodore, Donald King who has recently purchased a 3.7 enjoyed his time sailing and swimming with the promise to make the winners work harder at the next regatta.

The youth classes saw Brittney Wornall win the Optimist, Brendan Campbell the P Class with young Morgan Cowan in his first season in the "P" chasing him hard and Michael Glassford showing that practice and persistence does pay off by winning the Starling contest.

Starling Match racing 11 November 2006

Seven sailors braved the fresh northwest winds that were gusting in excess of 30 knots; the conditions were less than ideal for match racing. Four sailors Gabrielle Cross, Matt Hern, Ryan Donaldson and Michael Glassford progressed through to the semi finals with the final between Mike Glassford and Ryan Donaldson. Ryan clinched the title to win the right to represent Canterbury in Nelson in late January. The final showed some spectacular sailing with both boats at times capsizing off the wind and nose diving like a P Class. Congratulations to all the competitors for some inspired sailing.

New Zealand Sailing Calendar 2007

12 Months of New Zealand Yachts and Yachting



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photography.co.nz

Ocean Photography's Will Calver and Crew.org.nz's Zoe Hawkins-Wilde have launched a calendar of action packed New Zealand sailing images that promises a 'salt water injection' for anybody with a love of the sport.

The A4 sized calendar, which is printed on high quality paper stock, spiral bound, and presented in shrink wrap within a point of sale carton, is of a very high quality to showcase a collection of twelve images taken by Will Calver in the last year, and retails for \$19.90 incl GST. Each image is accompanied by the story behind it.

The calendar delivers action, colour and excitement in a range of photographs that capture what is great about New Zealand sailing: from Stewart 34s and MRXs on the race course to classics on the harbour, 12 foot skiffs, sportsboats and more.

Help the Club and buy your calendar next time you visit the Club, call 09 376 5100 or visit Crew.org.nz's online store and enter the club's name in the 'comments' box when you place your order.

Classifieds

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If the weather is right you can help set seven sails. Plenty of ropes to pull and no winches.

Call Mike on 3899259 or 0274 355 239 only \$25.00 pp for four hours of fun.



LAKE BRUNNER YACHT CLUB



Annual club regatta
10/11 February
Including a classic boat division
and the National NZ Moth Championships



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Lake Brunner Marathon

17th February

A five hour race for trailer yachts, single and crewed centreboard yachts.
\$1500 in prize money for line honours, handicapped winner, and spot prizes.
Traditional BBQ evening meal.
Round the islands sail Sunday .

NOR will be available from the Lake Brunner website on www.yachtingnz.org.nz.

Division 1 Letter to the Editor

Dear Victoria

This, as you see, is an attempt to stimulate a little more interest in Div 1 trailer yachts. Do hope it's suitable.

ADVERTISING?

Most of us I guess are familiar with the typically Aussie TV ad where various attractions are designed to entice us across "the pond". It concludes with an attractive bikini clad spokesperson (wonder if she would be interested in crewing?) asking "where the blank blank are you?" Such expletives ! We never hear this sort of thing out on the harbour. Bloody hell no way !

Anyway, we ask the same question, more politely of course, of all those members who seem reticent to compete on Saturdays.

So here's a plug for trailer yachts Division 1.

Consider these advantages.

- Fewer boats compete in this division which has the first start providing clear air and relatively uncluttered water.
- There's far less agro than with all those hyped up types champing at the bit for subsequent starts'.
- It's such a relief to give up spinnakers, for spinnakers, like smoking, are bad for the health and empty the pocket. On the "downhill" bits the advantages become even more obvious for instead of making tricky decisions about when and how to set and jibe that unnecessary sail, the hardest decision for Div 1 folks is, "whose turn is it to make the coffee and pass out the cream cakes"

A reminder, however, to all who would like to compete but are reticent. A knowledge of the basic rules is needed but there is the assurance that the learning process is assisted enormously by having a go.

So come and have fun in Division 1.

Cedric Andrews

Cedric Andrews and crew,
Ed Jamie and Ron Wenham,
winners of the Oborn Trophy
in the crack Div 1 trailer
yacht, Harmony



The Oyster story



Oyster reflected in the mud exposed by the departed tide in January 1904

Oyster is a 31ft 6in LOA ketch built by Charles Bailey Jr in December 1902 as a centreboard cutter/yawl to a design by George Holmes, published in 1899 in the English *Yachtsman* magazine. The design had taken the fancy of John Glasgow, a Nelson solicitor, and foundation member of the Aurora Sailing Club, who had already done a lot of yachting in Nelson. He knew every part of the Tasman Bay coastline, including all of its shoal waters, and had bought his own patch of paradise in Torrent Bay which the Glasgow family still enjoy today.

Bailey adapted the lines from a canoe stern to a counter, lengthening her by 2 feet, and altered her to the typical NZ three-skin diagonal frameless construction method. There was a substantial lead shoe for ballast.

Oyster was shipped down to Nelson from Onehunga by steamer and immediately put to cruising. Glasgow was an intrepid

cruiser who fortunately kept extensive logs, which are soon to be published, and entertaining reading they will make. In 1924 he sold *Oyster* for a bigger yacht to undertake more far-ranging cruising (Kapiti was a favourite). He bought the sturdy 34ft straight-stem cutter *Arawa*, built by Roy Henderson in Auckland in late 1923, to a design by Gladwyn Bailey. Typical of the man, Glasgow sailed her to Nelson around North Cape and the west coast. *Oyster* went to Nigel Blair of Wellington.

She remained in Wellington for many years in the hands of several owners including R.G. Millman in 1937 (by when she had been renamed *Ariki*) and later Gilbert Beckett. Millman removed her centreboard and converted her to a keel yacht.

From 1955, *Oyster* had another long spell in her home port or in the Sounds nearby, during which she was rebuilt by Dennis Win in 1957 (who renamed her *Oys-*

ter), and again by Dick Young in 1977, when she reverted to her original gaff rig. In 1999 she was bought by Mike Rousow and put into survey at Lyttelton. She replaced his Albert Strange 22 footer *Cherub*, built in 1922 by J. Miller Ltd for E.B. Scarvell of Lyttelton. Under his Jack Tar Sailing Co., Mike has run *Oyster* in charter ever since. Fortunately, she rode out the big October 2000 storm on a swing mooring with minimal damage.

Mike has been associated with the sea all his life. After two years in the RNZN, he worked as a seaman all over the world until returning to New Zealand and swallowing the anchor in Christchurch. It was a great thrill for him in 2002 to have three descendants of John Glasgow aboard *Oyster*, son Ted, grandson Richard and greatgrandson Rohan.

It's a great story of the connections that still exist between our heritage yachts and the people who brought them to life.

Harold Kidd

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