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Commodores Comment

Let the fun begin.....Opening day has been and gone. This season it was a **Steinlager** sponsored event and from the outset nobody was going to get stressed in typical spring like light but flukey conditions. A total of 69 boats were racing and several more were taking the opportunity to cruise our waters which made an impressive display for anyone on harbour watch. A number of new competitors were evident, and the results of winter work made some of the established fleet almost unrecognizable.

Celebrations took place as usual in the Wardroom and some estimate the attendance at over 250 members and guests. It's rewarding to see so many members sharing and enjoying a common bondNaval Point Club.

Our resident Pirates deserve a round of applause, and "thank you" is due to the organizers of a spectacular day.

Of particular note is the programme set down for the season. The on water committee have arranged racing each weekend with some events on Sundays. Where this does occur entries close at 1800 hours the previous day. Some more fun day races are planned and we also see a return of the "Pint to Pint" before the Christmas break up.

Cruising Committee have planned several events but because of the fickle nature of the weather announcements will be made closer to the time via newsletter.

Planning is well under way for a return of the annual Charity Yacht Race. Negotiations are well advanced for the appointment of a major corporate sponsor, with an announcement due anytime. The beneficiaries of the day will also be announced at the same time. This is a major coup for the Club and is my hope that we all move in concert with the Committee so that success will be assured for some years to come.

It's good to see our Dinghy fleet so active so early in the season. 30 on the water for opening day and Learn to Sail kicks off with a full house with the first of a two campaign programme on the 28th October. The series is to be repeated early in the New Year. The 420's are burning up the harbour at every spare moment. I admire your dedication.

Last Sunday my Wife and I were invited by Ted Roughan (Rear Commodore-Waka-Ama. 9.30 start on a calm spring morning sounds like it could be good for you. They didn't tell me you had to keep time with the leader! The skipper of our waka tried to convince me to join in a mid week and a Sunday paddle and "I'd loose possibly 8kg". I didn't have the heart to tell him that if I lost 8kg I wouldn't need a canoe to get to the reef - I could walk there!! All good fun, and the camaraderie awesome. Good luck, Waka-Ama - enjoy your regatta at Lake Brunner this weekend.

Labour weekend is a busy time for the Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron with many of the fleet travelling south for the Meridian Energy Lake Aviemore Classic. Good luck.

For those left at home most of the Keel Boat fleet will likely head off to Akaroa and the remainder of the Trailer Yachts have the option of a cruise to Port Levy (that sounds like me) or the Club Pennant race at 1300 hours on Saturday. No matter what you are doing or where you are going.....have fun

Graeme Moffat
Commodore

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Welcome to the following new members

Roger Drummond	—Powerboat	“Fishbusters”
Martyn Waldron	—Full	
Gerald Irwin	– TY	“Graceland”
Grant Mulholland	—TY	“Miss Molly”
Richard Ward	—TY	“Keen Az”
Tim Blackman	—Dinghy	NZL870 Moth
Daniel Keis	-Full	

Marina Happenings

The Commodore and Facilities Development Sub Committee were invited recently to meet with staff from Ian Athfield's office to discuss development plans for the Naval Point and Magazine Bay area. Ian Athfield is a prominent New Zealand architect who comes with a huge reputation for his work particularly with public spaces. His office has been appointed by the City Council to work on the over-

all planning of the site including shore facilities to be developed by Covington Group. We were able to provide input into the requirements of the club and recreational users which we believe will assist with their planning and design. It is expected that that the club will continue to have consultation and dialog with Athfield Architects and we will keep you advised of progress.

Craig Edwards



Courses

A Two Day Race Coaching Clinic is planned for the weekend of October 28 . John Leydon of Doyle Sails is to be the lead coach.

A YNZ Club Instructor Course is planned for Labour Weekend.

A keelboat coaching clinic is yet to be considered. A possible suitable time is expected to be early February.

Coastal Passage Planning with Geoff Wright and Radio Certificate Courses are being investigated.

If interested contact: Ross May at the club.

Noggin & Natter

Our last speaker, Graham Charles from Action Philosophy absolutely enthralled NPCL members with his still and moving images of the historic first ever kayak circumnavigation of South Georgia island, deep in the southern ocean.

Obviously a well accomplished speaker Graham had the audience hooked from the start when his video clip of paddling through brash ice in a snow storm flicked on the big screen.
A great evening.

This month the topic is a bit closer to home and should be of great interest to all members who will be enjoying fresh water boating this season.

Bio-Security NZ speaker (TBN) will be talking about the threat that Didymo poses to our waterways and what to do about it.

Sort of a serious topic and probably won't be too many laughs but it is a talk that should concern us all. Would be great to have a big turnout.

As usual, last Tues in the month, **31st Oct 2006**, commencing 7.30pm, bar open.
See you there.

Donald King

Safety Checks

Keelboats and Trailer yachts will be randomly checked for safety equipment on Saturday 28th Oct and on Saturday November 11 before the Brighton Pier race.

Check your rule book for the YNZ safety prescriptions for your boat.

Cruising—Social

Ripapa Island Raft Up

When: Sunday 15th October

Time: 11.00am or if you need a ride be at the club 10.45am.
Bring a picnic lunch. Beware of the Pirates.

Guy Fawkes

When: Saturday 4th Nov

Join the Pirates for a sail to the pier to watch the fireworks.
If you want to sail with them on Waitani leave a message at the club.

Raft up Diamond Harbour after racing Saturday November 25th.

Pint to Pint / Xmas Party & the Pirate Attack.

When: Saturday 16th Dec.

Dress up as Pirates.

Prepare your weapons of choice, i.e water balloons.
Don't forget parents, Kids just love being Pirates.



Sale!!!!

NAVAL POINT CLOTHING SELLOUT:

GREAT FOR ADDING YOUR BOAT'S NAME ON FOR YOURSELF & CREW.

VEST:	\$110.00	NOW\$85.00
RUGBY JERSEY:	\$99.00	NOW\$79.00
POLO SHIRTS:	\$39.90	NOW\$29.00
CAPS:	\$29.95	NOW\$19.90
CLUB TIES	\$39.95	NOW\$10.00

PLEASE NOTE:

NOT ALL SIZES AVAILBLE:

CONTACT CLUB MANAGER or BAR STAFF TO PURCHASE. EFTPOS & CREDIT CARD WELCOME.

Dinghy Report

Several club members attended the coaching and Winter Championships (Winchamps) at Murray's Bay in Auckland recently.

Philippa Cross finished a credible 13th place in the Optimist Green fleet, this is her first major regatta so she did extremely well. Her big sister Gabrielle finished 13th in the Starling fleet which had 44 boats competing, Gabrielle suffered under the Black Flag with two disqualification but through all of that she was the first female in the Starling. A great effort.

The 420 class featured the new pairing of Riley Dean and Andrew Brown, in a very competitive fleet they finished 4th overall with a 2nd place in one race. This is a great result and my spies tell me that they are putting in big hours training for the Worlds in Auckland in early 2007.

Danielle Bowater one of the local Academy's 420 graduates paired up with Susannah Pyatt from Auckland to finish a credible 12th and third all female team.

Opening day saw a good fleet of Optimist and P Class dinghies out practising in the morning and competing on their own course in the afternoon, the Starlings are still to come out of hibernation. The more senior classes were down on numbers with only one Finn and three Hobies competing, there was a good fleet of Farr 3.7's and R Class to round out the dinghy fleet to close to 30 boats. Once everyone gets over the winter and completes maintenance we should see a great fleet of all dinghies sailing.

The learn to sail fleet should be underway this month in the new plastic Optimists, we will have 6 new skippers training through to Christmas so if you see them on the water give them a wave before you call Starboard!

All classes from Optimists to Keelboats are offered the clubs facilities for coaching, if you have any specific requirements please talk to Ross May or myself to set aside the clubs resources.

Alastair Donaldson

Learn to Sail—Optimists

The Learn to Sail Program in the club's new optimists is scheduled to begin on Saturday 4 November.

There will be 6 sessions.

There are still 1 or 2 spaces open.

Contact Ross May at the Club Office to register.

Cost:

\$40 for members

\$120 non-members (includes first year's club membership).



Classifieds

For Sale

Trailer Yacht
Lloyd 6.9 "Basic Instinct"
Cruiser/Racer
Big volume Boat Sleeps 5
8HP Suzuki
7 Sails, VHF, Stereo, Gas cooker, Toilet, Pop Top
Extending drawbar braked trailer
Price \$22,000
Contact Rob Palmer 981 3618 or 027 280 9533



Opening Day



A View from the Start Box

. Every week there are three or four people whose sole function in life is to provide a day's racing on the water and produce some results at the end. Wonderfully simple until some person who should know better makes life difficult.

Sail Numbers

The computer, bless its little cotton socks, does not recognise your boat name, only the sail number you write on the entry sheet. If you provide an incorrect number you do not get a result until a volunteer physically checks the TCF list and corrects the error. Very time consuming when they are trying to produce an overall result sheet by 1700hrs.

Please make sure your sail number is the same as the one beside your handicap on the TCF sheet on the notice board and the Club Hand-

book.

If for some reason you are using a different number, please note the alteration on the entry sheet together with your original number and our life will be much simpler.

The classic was on Opening Day two boats, same class, both with the same sail number.

Keep Clear of Others Starting

A "no no" that should be obvious but still needs pointing out is "Keep clear of the starting area until it is your start" . Please give those starting ahead of your class some clear air if it's not your start sequence

Shortened Courses

We will be endeavouring to avoid late finishes in future by shortening courses if required. Please be conversant with sailing instruction 12.0 in the handbook and watch for the flag signals.

We have a very dedicated team of volunteer helpers on and off the water, who your race management would be lost without, our sincere thanks to them

Have a great season, we'll do our best to make it one.

Malcolm Ramsay

Race Coaching Clinic—John Leydon

Fri 27 Oct-Sun 29 Oct

We have been fortunate to secure the services of John Leydon (Doyle Sails Nelson) to run a coaching clinic aimed primarily at Trailer Yacht and Keelboat sailors although senior dinghy sailors would also benefit from John's expertise.

John is well known to many members at Naval Point who have benefited from his practical approach to getting the best out of your boat.

This clinic is aimed at those who are looking to improve their skills in boat handling, sail setting and rig setup.

If you are a new boat owner, this is an extension of the recent one day clinic held at the club. More experienced sailors -this is an opportunity to improve your finishing position.

The format will be; Fri 27 Oct - evening A lecture/discussion session in the clubrooms.
Sat Oct 28 -am Further lecture/practical demonstrations
- pm Participate in club race (John will observe)
Sun Oct 29—am Review individual boat setups, Conclusion.

Cost per participant: \$40
Register at the Club Office.

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