

**What a Scorcher!**

Welcome to 2009. The cruisers have really been getting their moneys' worth around the Peninsula over the holiday break. This is also the season for a lot of national and regional regattas. Naval Point crews have been featuring in quite a few, with more to come. P Class and Starling NZ Champs start in Whangarei next week with a strong Canterbury contingent

**Club Events coming up**  
**Sport Boat Regatta**  
 17/18 January

**Zephyr National Championship**  
 22-25 February

**Open Day/Marine Swap Meet**  
 Waitangi Day 6 Feb 2009

**Paper Tiger Nationals**

NPCL club members John Kennett and Pierce Prendergast made the trip up to Nelson for the NZ Paper Tiger Championships held last week.



Photo: The Marlborough Express

**Waikawa Regatta**

Naval Pointers did well in the fresh conditions, with Ian Franklin's Southern Fun taking line honours, Craig Edwards' Flying Machine winning keelboat handicap prize and Bill Hall's Outlaw winning the Trailer Yacht Division



There were 48 boats entered which is one of the largest fleets in New Zealand and of these 11 came from the South Island.

Bob Preston from Nelson was the clear winner of the contest with John Kennett winning the last race to end up a credible 4th overall.

This contest was selection for the New Zealand team to represent at the Interdominions in Australia at Easter with the top 10 making up the team.

Glen McKenzie also from Christchurch sailed into the NZ team with a 9th placing.

Pierce got caught up in the large fleet starts and was recorded OCS twice, which made things pretty tough.

Local interest is growing in the Paper Tiger class and it is hoped to have 6 boats sailing at NPCL next season.

For information on the Paper Tiger go to [www.papertiger.org.nz](http://www.papertiger.org.nz) or call John Kennett on 385-1255.