

**Warm but Windy**

NW gust over 40 knots on Saturday morning deterred many sailors from turning out last week. The breeze settled in the afternoon and the keelboats and a few hardy dinghy sailors made the best of it.

**Barn Dance**

A great night was had by all at the Barn Dance on Saturday evening. It may take us a few weeks to get rid of all the traces of hay from around the building!

**New Addition to the fleet**

Graham Moffat's new "Indecentsea" hit the water for the first time a couple of weeks ago.



**Tides on the LPC website**

LPC have added a tidal predictions and current tide height for Lyttelton Harbour on their on line weather site [www.lpc.co.nz](http://www.lpc.co.nz) . It shows the standard tide predictions for any date and the actual data recorded .

It's interesting to see the recorded tide height varies from the prediction depending on the local weather conditions etc.

**Racing Rules Quiz.**

New rules are coming into effect on 1 Jan 2009. The major change is to rule 18—Mark rounding. A session will be scheduled shortly to explain the changes. New rule books will be available from Yachting NZ in November

**Dates for the diary**

**Racing this Saturday 25 October**

Club Cup for TY's, dinghy racing, no keelboat racing.

**Commodore's Raft Up**  
23 November

**Friday Night Match Racing**

Naval Point Club played host to a corporate challenge last Friday night. Having lost the Simes Cup to their clients the Christchurch City Council Property Unit in the last Match Race in 2006, Simes were keen to reclaim the trophy. With Simes aboard Flying Machine and the City Council on Full Circle the two teams lined up for first start under match racing rules.

On the Umpire Boat Ross May was kept very busy with a series of protests and infringements keeping the action tense. The first start went to Simes with CCC over early, but they came back strong with a big shift upwind to lead at the top mark. Following closely on the final run Simes secured an overlap and gybed onto starboard enforcing a penalty on their opponent to seal race 1. In race 2 Full Circle coming in from the starboard side scored an early penalty on the Simes team with a port starboard on the first cross. A clean start however allowed Simes to get away and extend enough to complete a penalty turn before the finish to go two nil up. Race 3 had Simes carrying a penalty again pre start, this time for entering the start zone early. This time the City Council team kept the pressure on, starting cleanly and controlling the race from the front to take a win in the final race.

It was a great evening of fun and excitement for all those involved. Many had never experienced sailing, let alone match racing, before and enjoyed it immensely. Many thanks to Phil and Daniel Folter for making themselves and Full Circle available and to Mark Quail and Ross May in providing such a great event for us. It has been two years since the last match and Simes are happy to defend the cup against new challenges (apparently the Lawyers are drafting a 'Deed of Gift').