

National Championship Season

This is the time of year when many Nationals are held. Naval Point is hosting a number of these over the next month or so with the first being the Zephyr Nationals last week.

A number of our junior members competed last week in the P Class and Starling Nationals at Parua Bay, Whangarei. We didn't bring any medals home but the kids gave a good account of themselves in a hotly contested fleet. This contest will be here in January 2010.

Zephyr Nationals



Last week Naval Point hosted the Zephyr Class National Championship. 42 boats participated and enjoyed a good week of racing and socializing. Many of these boats are older than their owners and the quality of some of the restorations is impressive (Boats, not owners!). Canterbury prevailed here with Matt Hix from Waimak comfortably winning the series.



Looking for crew?

A number of new names have been added to the crew list recently. Check the website for details.

Old EPIRB beacon system to be turned off this week

From 1 February 2009 the satellite system that supports old 121.5 MHz and 243 MHz distress beacons (EPIRBs) is being shut down.

This means that it will no longer generate an alert or give your location when your old-style EPIRB is activated. If you need help in an emergency and you try to use an old distress beacon to alert rescue services, the satellites will have no way of hearing you.

Those who use EPIRBs must purchase a 406MHz Distress Beacon and register it by 1 February 2009 in order to be able to signal for help in an emergency.

Club Events coming up

Keelboats
Long Harbour Race
Saturday 31 January

Trailer Yachts
Points Race
Saturday 31 January

South Island Champs, Noalex 22 & Farr 6000 Nationals
Port Chalmers Feb 6-8

Twilight Series 2
Wednesday 4 Feb. 18.30 start

R Class Leander Trophy
Worser Bay Feb 6-9

Open Day/Marine Swap Meet
Waitangi Day 6 Feb 2009

Presidents Cup South Island Keelboat championship.
February 28 and March 1 at Naval Point.

Young 88 South Island Championship.
March 7 and 8 at Naval Point