



Naval Point News

South Island's Largest Water Sports Club

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Commodore's Comment

*Summer seasons come and go,
Often leaving tales of woe,
Racing travelers shortening fingers,
Four weeks on and the pain still lingers.....*

Yep, 2008 has arrived with a Woosh and we've had it all in the very first month. Initially it was the 22s to set off Trailer Yacht Week. A three day regatta in conditions that tested the mettle of the fleet, but when it was all done and busted our own "Hard Core Pawn" scooped the pool with six firsts from six races. Not bad huh? Worth all the blood and bruises? You betcha!

22s were followed by the National Trailer Yacht Champs which was a combined event with Farr 6000 and Ross 780 Nationals. Apart from the first day the championship was sailed in almost idyllic conditions and mishaps were few. Well, that's if you don't count the Sigrid capsized, and Trailblazer has given a whole new meaning to the term 'reefing"! Much late night hard work had her back on the water at start time on the first day.

The Naval Pointers acquitted themselves very well with the big money going to "Voodoo Magic" (Milton Bloomfield NPC), "Aquisition" (John Begg NPC) and "Piracy" (Vince Williams NPC) for divisions 1,2 &3 respectively for the TY Champs, and "Izzy" (Paul Wallis, NPC) for the Farr 6s and "Coalition Split" (Richard Hawkins PCYC) for the Ross 780s. It's worth noting here that this was the largest (12) gathering of Ross 780s for many years and credit must go to James Ensor for his terrier attitude in soliciting entries.

From a spectator point of view there appeared a lot of activity on the harbour but in essence several groups, like the Noelex 25s and Trojans weren't represented. Shame that.

Thanks must go to the sponsors for their support during the week. Oborn Nautical, Donaghys, and Mount Gay Rum who provided the elixir at the finish.

If you thought it's all been trailer yachts so far this year you're wrong. Keelboats have had their share of fun too with their annual Lyttelton/Akaroa race on 2nd February, and the week following have the Presidents Cup Challenge in Akaroa.

R Classes have had their poke at the water with the Leander Trophy up for grabs. A fleet of fifteen skiffs and some from as far a field as Auckland, but our own Sean Milner and Dan Leach made pretty damn sure it wasn't going anywhere but here.

And if you wanted to experience adrenaline you should have watched the "Rs" in their sprint series. More crashes than a wrought iron kite! "Crazy men racing with wet arses, They must've been sailing their R classes".

I took the time to watch the sprint series on our open day and was thrilled to see Naval Pointers win the day again. If you wish to see some spectacular photos from all of these regattas log onto the Clubs website www.navalpoint.co.nz. They are stunning.

Our junior Learn to Sail programme has developed into "learn to race" as Wayne Keen eyes the forthcoming South Island Champs then the Toyota Optimist National regatta. While on the subject of the Toyota Opti Regatta at Easter, be forewarned use of the slipway will be limited to outside the launch and retrieval times of the competitors. Keep an eye on the notice board outside the club

Now I have an appeal.

During the ensuing week days if you should see a tall bloke who answers to the title of Rear Commodore-Property or another fellow who answers to "Patron", and looking pretty grumpy while they're hunched over a whole mess of tyres, they want some help. They are desperate, and any assistance you can give will be most gratefully received.

Thanks Fellas. To you all, Welcome home and fair sailing.

Graham Moffat - Commodore

20 to 25 March, Easter 2008

Naval Point is Hosting the New Zealand Optimist Nationals. This event will involve 200 sailors Including many internationals The will need your assistance to ensure this event is a success.

Volunteers are primarily required to man Rescue boats
With some shore duties as well.

Full training will be given

During the event Lunch and a drink afterwards will be provided.

This will be a fantastic Event

To ensure this another naval Point success

Please register now to Wayne Keen Phone 355 6712 or
email keenclan@clear.net.nz

CLUB PICNIC

SUNDAY 17 February at Magazine Bay

Start 11.00

BYO Food, Drink & Togs

Will be in Clubhouse if weather inclement.

HELP REQUIRED

Brian Parker and Barry Bowater are slaving away on a breakwater project - to benefit all

They are asking for assistance - labour - muscle power.

If you can assist contact Ken Camp at NPCL or phone 328 7029

Or

Brian Parker 384 5072 Or Barry Bowater 329 4828

From the Catamarans

*Our father who sails on two hulls,
Catamaran be thy name.*

*Thy wind will come and racing will be done,
on sea as it is in the (Club) bar.*

*Give us this day a race which starts on time,
And forgive those who are always late.*

*As we forgive (YNZ's ISAF)
who trespass against us*

and lead us not into the 2012 Olympic Games.

*But deliver us to the hot shower this Winter for my willy
is small enough.*

For thine is not the losing but the wining and the Glory.

To go fast and faster

AMEN

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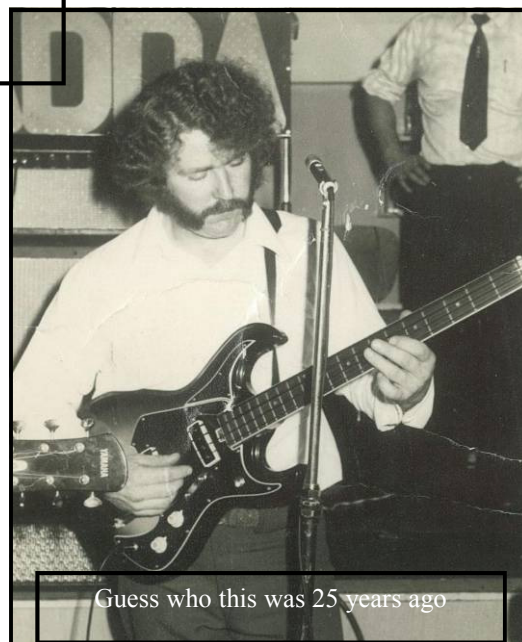
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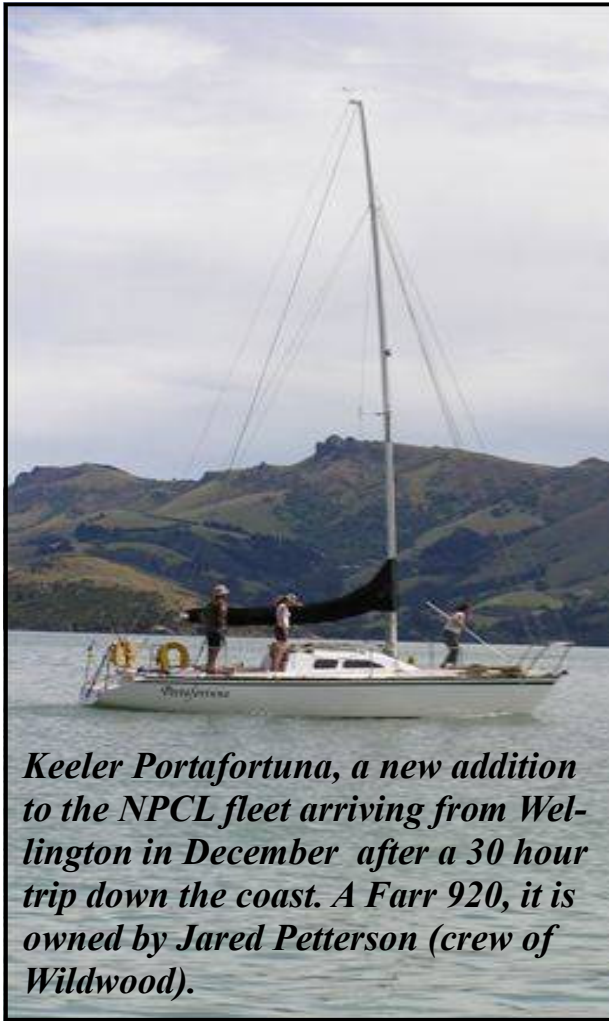
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Guess who this was 25 years ago

WELCOMES

new members



Robert Wellesley	Full (Boat) Member
Chancey MacDonald	Full Member
Jonathan Gerry	Under 18 (with Boat) DY
Matthew Oborn	Full Member
Alistair Smith	Power Boat
Wolf Hoheisen	Family (with boat)
Charles Pearson	Full (with boat) KB
Bruce McKenzie	Full (with Boat) TY
Wendy Goble	Powerboat
Richard Connor	Full (Boat) TY
Paula England	Under 18 (with Boat) DY
Andrew Shaskey	Club Supporter
Christopher Gardiner	Full (with Boat) TY
Newman Family	(Vonda, Mitchell and Tessa)
Mark Beharrell	Full (with Boat)
Rom van Stolk	Family (with Boat)
Chris Dimock	Club Supporter
Don Newdick	Full (with Boat) KB
John Carter	Power Boat
Dirk Klimanek	Club Supporter
Justin Julian	Full Member
Helen Shrewsbury	Full Member
Caro Ann Allison	Full Member
Anthony Armstrong	Full (with Boat)
Jared Petterson	Family Member KB (Porta Fortuna)
Harith Richards	Full (with Boat) KB
John Ashbey	Full (with Boat) KB H28 Shardeloes)
Stephen Wilson	Powerboat Family (with Boat)

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy is 20th of the month prior to publication. The aim will be to have the newsletter distributed by the first week of the month.

Copy should be sent to editor@navalpoint.co.nz

Preferably as a word attachment.

Your boating interest may be neglected in the newsletter if you do not contribute.

Kawau Island Album



Team Pink

The amazing training week was brought to our attention when Hayley got an email informing her about the Hanover National Youth training week. This was held at Kawau Island on an Elliot 6. She was keen to go so spoke to Ash-Leigh Campbell, Stephanie Lovelock and me (Natasha Quail).

None of us had to think very long or hard about what a great opportunity this would be naturally we jumped at the chance. The application was sent away as we all crossed our fingers hoping to gain one of the 11 places. The letter of acceptance arrived and we started training hard because we didn't want to look like idiots on the water. We were lucky enough to have an opportunity to train on the Elliot 5.9 (Voodoo Magic) and be coached by Milton Bloomfield.

The week before we left we were busy getting our team gear ready. As we are girls we decided that pink would be our team colour, HOT PINK!! Pink visors, pink wristbands and our nicknames emblazed in pink across our grey hoodies.

Hayley is Hailz
Ash-Leigh is Parrot
Stephanie is Aye Aye Captain
And I'm Quaillybird.

We wanted to be noticed!!

So plane ride to Auckland on the morning of Saturday the 6th of December and then an overly expensive taxi trip to Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS). Firstly a briefing, next a bus ride and then a ferry ride to Kawau Island! Phew a long tiring day but exciting as well.

As we took our first step onto the island we were met by Guy Pilkington; our main coach for the week. The first thing he said to all of us was "if you ask me a question the answer will be no no and NO!" Ash didn't know if he was being serious or joking. A briefing followed about how we all had to have a 7.30am swim and that we would be sleeping in tents. Most girls in the others teams got out of the tent thing but not us strong Canterbury girls. This sailing camp was starting to sound more and more like a boot camp. There were 11 teams so that made 44 students and only 10 of these were girls. Out of the 34 guys in our opinion not one was good looking or hot, this made us all wonder what the world of men in sailing was turning into!

Each day was the same drill a swim at 7.30 and on the water by 10am, we sometimes wouldn't get back onto land until 8.30pm. The first day out it was raining with a steady breeze, everything seemed to be going well until BANG the Otago boys crashed into the Canterbury guys and boat 2 was out of order for the rest of the week.

We learnt a lot of new stuff about sailing and were pretty much exhausted by the end of the day. Evenings were spent playing pool, the coaches drinking and everyone in the teams getting to know one and another.

On behalf of "Team Pink" I would like to thank Naval Point Club for the sponsorship they have given us, I would like to thank Milton for coaching us on Voodoo Magic, Dave Anderson for coaching us on Forever Young. A big thank you to our parents for giving us the opportunity to participate at Kawau Island. Finally thank you to RNZYS for hosting the event and Hanover Trust.

Natasha Quail.



Images from TY Nationals held Jan 2008

More images and full results available on website.



First by Farr

Naval Point Contests North Island Regattas

Naval Point Club was proudly represented for the first time this year at the Bay of Islands Regatta Week. This is the biggest 3 day keelboat regatta in New Zealand and typically attracts upwards of 100 yachts. This year Andrew Reid took his Auckland based Beneteau First 34.7, First by Farr, to the Bay to compete under the Naval Point banner. Craig Edwards and Pete Hollow from Flying Machine joined the yacht in Opuia for the contest.

After several days of a tropical cyclone leading up to the event Day 1 dawned windless and failed to register 5 knots all day. A great opportunity to circle in the humidity and admire the high calibre of racing yachts on display. Day two produced the breeze we had been waiting for with 10-15 knots of SE in the morning. With two windward leewards out of the way it was obvious we were in the wrong division, a 34.7 foot boat chasing a fleet of 40 footers. We were paying the handicap price for the previous owners who won their division in the yacht last year.

The Bay Race in the afternoon took us to the edge of the Pacific in a building breeze. Rounding the top mark in a good position we hoisted the asymmetric as the wind puffed in at 20-22 knots. With the cyclone's left over swell giving us a great ride we were soon "yahooing" as the log hit double digits. The excitement was soon put into perspective as we looked to leeward to see the big Z class canting keeled "V5" cruising past fully loaded up under groaning winches at 15 knots plus. Chasing in the 50 foot canting class was the big budgeted race campaigns of Wired and Pussy Galore... a great spectacle anywhere!

Day 3 saw similar moderate conditions with 2 windward leewards and a Bay Race where the buoys are made of stone providing a few anxious rounding for the out of towners. A credible 4th on PHRF was achieved in our divi-

sion and a mid fleet finish on club handicap.

A couple of guys flew home leaving Andrew, Will, Dodge and Craig to deliver the yacht back to her berth at Bayswater. The boat was quickly converted to a game fishing trawler and the hunt for King Fish ensued. A great work up just off Omaha Beach saw a marlin sighted, 4 Kingies landed and two in the fridge.

Overnighting at Kawau the boat was quickly converted back into to a race machine in preparation for the 25 nautical mile Anniversary Day Mahurangi to Auckland Race the next morning. Light winds greeted us as we watched 4 divisions start off on their way to Auckland ahead of us. Right on the start we popped the gennaker and were off. The Beneteau just loves the light and in the 5-7 knot westerly we were weaving our way through the fleet as if we had the motor on. Within about 20 minutes we had cleared out of 5 divisions and were stretching out an impressive lead. We had struggled to keep up with our division in the Bay of Islands in 15 knots plus, especially down wind, but suddenly we found ourselves in our element. The numbers were amazing for a boat of this size. In 5-8 knots of breeze on a tight reach we were achieving boat speeds only a knot or two below true wind.

As we rounded Whangaparoa Peninsula and set a heading for Rangitoto Channel it soon became a horizon job. The wind swung SW and built to 15-18 knots as we came on the wind. Fighting a big tide we mixed it up with the Anniversary Day Regatta fleets in the Waitemata slop. Rounding the top mark at Resolution Buoy we soon had the kite up again for the sprint to the finish off Orakei Wharf. First by Farr lived up to her name this time with victory on line, PHRF, IRC and club handicap.



Craig Edwards



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