



Naval Point News

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Opening day

Opening Day on September 29 this year includes the Tug Lyttelton Centenary Regatta.

The 100 year old Tug Lyttelton will grace our Opening Day racing by acting as flagship. She will anchor off our Club Start line and carry the Club's invited guests on a cruise around the race course area.

The day will begin with the first start from the NPCL shore Start Box at 1300 hours and starts will be in the following sequence:

13.00 pm	Eno Gro Cup* Div 1 TY
13.05 pm	Eno Gro Cup* Div 2 & 3 TY
13.10 pm	Eno Gro Cup* Div 4 TY
13.15 pm	Gourock Ropes Trophy Div 3 Keelboat
13.15 pm	Harroway Trophy Div 1 & 2 Keelboat
13.20 pm	Opening Day Cup Div 6
13.25 pm	Opening Day Cup Div 7
13.30 pm	Opening Day Cup Div 8
13.35 pm	Yvonne Cup Div 9
13.40 pm	Waka Race
13.45 pm	Veteran Boat Sail Past

The races are to be completed around 15.00 and the official Opening of the 2007-2008 season is to be held in the Clubhouse at 16.30

Celebrations to continue into the evening.

Commodores Comment

Opening Day, the one that seemed so distant, so remote at the finish of last season is back, and it's too late now if you haven't completed those last minute chores. The ones you promised yourself you'd attend to at the end of last season. A quick look at the haul-out yard tells me there is going to be much grating of teeth on the last couple of days before the big one. Most of the Keel Boat Fleet is currently sitting shiny bottomed, high and dry, and the present round of southerlies is not helping either.

Activity has already commenced and I did note a number of practice sessions of mark laying and computer programming for the start box crew and race officer. For those that intend racing this season remember "Rum" is the elixir of Mark Quail, our race officer. Naval Point's pre-season breakfast is becoming an annual tradition and last Sunday this years event was attended by about 50 excited souls. Along with the old stalwarts there were some new faces and this is a pleasing trend. A number were resplendent in crew colours, but ah - just visible on some was the pocketed protest flag just in case some thought the jousting was friendly. Thanks to Dave Munro and his team for organizing a very pleasant morning.

Opening Day Regatta itself sees a number of new boats on the start line and a few new skippers. Using the old tug Lyttelton on the start finish line seems something of a novelty, but brings back memories for many old salts as she was traditionally used on opening days past. A parade of veteran launches has been organised and up to 30 old-timers are expected to turn out for the occasion.

At the finish of racing your Committee extends to all members an invitation to join in the official opening festivities in the Wardroom, which will be attended by a number of dignitaries and officials. There will be food available and the bar will be open.

You could be forgiven for thinking you're in the wrong building as you roll up the Wardroom stairs, as many improvements have been undertaken since season close in April. For this hard work we give thanks to the skills of our Patron Barry Bowater, and members Ken Camp, Brian Parker and pirate Wiltshire.

But wait..... there's more!

Trailer Yachties may notice the extension of the concrete launch ramp. This will eliminate the low tide drop off problem that you've all encountered at some point. Thank you James Ensor, who got his feet wet on that one and Brian Parker got yelled at!

While on the subject of improvements I note with interest that the Council are about to embark on a programme to improve the access roads to Magazine Bay and also to repair the public ramp, which has been in a dangerous condition for a number of years. I'd like to think this has been hastened by our lobbying in light of the forthcoming Optimist National regatta. Dreams are free!

Also in the report mention is made of the "Covington" Marina proposal. Another two years!..... I dunno what I'll see first. The old age pension or the marina!

Back to the present. Naval Point "Learn to Sail" programme this season is filling fast and Wayne Keen is mindful of some limitations on numbers. This is an important part of the Club's activities and to some degree future proofs Naval Point. Wayne is keen to identify coaches for the coming season to assist in the development of junior sailing so please contribute if you possess the skills and time.

That goes for many areas of our Club. Volunteers are our lifeblood without who's efforts we would abruptly grind to a halt. This season I'm even more mindful of the voluntary contribution that is made particularly when the calendar is so full of events and regattas. Please make it known to the Club Manager Ken Camp or to Ross May, Member Services if you are available to assist in any facet of the Clubs activities. May I extend to you best wishes for an enjoyable and successful season.

Graham Moffat - Commodore

2007 Optimist Programmes

Learn to Sail Programme

Saturday mornings in the clubs new optimists
Commencing Saturday 13 November
There will be 8 Sessions starting at 9.00am to 12.00

Cost

\$50 for members

\$130 for non-members (including first year's club membership)

There are still 1 or 2 spaces available

Contact Wayne Keen to Register ph 355 6712

Learn to Race Programme

Own optimist required

Saturday mornings coaching starting at 9.00am

Saturday afternoon "**Green Fleet Racing**" on your own course

Commencing Saturday 6 November till Christmas

Cost

\$50 for members

\$130 for non-members (including first year's club membership)



From the archive—CYMBC Lyttelton 1964

CLUB NOTICES

Trailer Yacht Clinic

Sunday October 7.

Naval Point is running a Trailer Yacht Clinic for the less experienced owners and sailors. These clinics were well received last year.

Boat set up, launching and boat handling will be covered with an opportunity to ask about the issues which concern you.

Experienced instructors will be available. Start time is 0900 hours with an introduction session in the clubhouse. If the weather is good the clinic will continue for as long as required in the afternoon. If you are able to let the office know that you are coming we can organize to provide the instructors required.

Race Management Volunteers

With a very busy sailing programme planned the club needs keen volunteers to help man the shore based Start Box and to crew on the Committee Boats providing on water starts.

If you have any time to help provide this essential service please make contact with:

Ross May, Club membership services,
Phone 328 7029 (weekdays)

CANSAIL

The Cansail Charitable Trust is on the look out for volunteers to sail with them over the summer season. They take kids out sailing on the Fox II. They have a crew training day on Sat 20th October. Email pennytattershaw@hotmail.com or phone 379 9202 for more info.

Friday Drinks & Pot Luck.

Following a tradition started by some of the "Live Aboards" last season the club bar will be open at 5.30pm on the 1st Friday of the month and members are encouraged to come along and bring a dish to share a pot luck dinner after.

Next night to be held Friday October 5. See you there!

IT'S ALL HAPPENING ON THE RAMP



A recent working bee placed 6 metres of concrete in holes at the end of the ramp and stabilized the piles under the building.

Not the normal amount of traffic seen on the ramp!



Welcome to new members

Anthony Charlton	Full (PB)
James McPail	Full (Boat) TY "Tallulah"
Anthony Leighs	Full (Boat) KB "Medium Dry"
Richard Bendall	Full (Boat) KB "Cochise"
Andrew Luddington	Power Boat
Ian Williams	Family boat (Keith, Emma, Douglas & Catriona)
Blair Lloyd	U18 Boat Optimist "Outta Here"
Thomas Watson	Full Boat KB "Circe"
Trevour George	Full boat 3.7
Kent Burnard	Full boat TY Midnight
Sam Herron	u 18 Boat P Class
Robert Goodwin	Family Power Boat (Nicola, Jennifer, Richard)
Gareth Charles	Full
Tim Coop	Full Boat Noalex 22 "Murihiku"
Christopher Shiel	Launch "La Paz"
Glenn Wisker	Power Boat
Martin Lewis	Power Boat
Peter Turner	Power Boat
Darryl Bettridge	Power Boat.

Coming up

Show Weekend November 16 – 18 will be a very busy time with NPCL hosting three important events.

The Canterbury Cup Regatta. A new Interprovincial Regatta for Keelboats which is expected to attract a good number of Wellington boats.

The Noelex 22 South Island Championship. A lead up event to the N22 Nationals to be held at NPCL in Jan.

The P Class Tanner Cup Trials to select a provincial representative.

National Trailer Yacht Week from the 6th to the 11th of January.

This event will include the Noelex 22 national Championships, the Farr and Ross 780 NZ Championships and the Trailer Yacht Open Championships.

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Calling All Sailors, Families and Boats

This year's cruising committee is planning a great year of social events for those of you who like to take life a little easier rather than the fast pace of racing.

A great deal of progress was made by last year's committee and we plan to build on it this year.

We are planning events now and need to ask you, the members for feed back.

Our first challenge is to revive the Diamond Harbour "Raft Up". In its heyday of the Banks Peninsula Cruising club the event was a huge success and many cherished photos still linger around on club walls and in dusty cupboards.

We have a register of over 200 yachts on the club register and we shall be refining the club email distribution lists to contact all those owners who wish to join in.

If you are new to sailing or cruising then don't worry, we will supply some hints & tips on where and how to raft soon.

Rather than provide dates for this we are planning a more "spur of the moment, approach if the weather looks good for that weekend then we'll send you an email to say "its on"!

We shall be contacting you shortly with some suggested times and dates for you to consider and comment on.

Committee

Dave Munro - Young 88 "Swallows and Amazons"

Mark Quail "Spirit Wind 2000"

Dudley Jackson Whiting 29 "Sherona"

Daryl Crocker.

Crusader's Swansong.

From the French border till Zeewolde in the middle of The Netherlands, her new home harbour.

The river Meuse was flowing from Canal Des Ardennes till Namur through beautiful scenery. In my last journal I ended at Givet at the French border.

From there we motored to Dinant possibly nicer than Givet but extremely busy with tourist. We did the tourist thing and took the cable car up to the fort where a guide showed us around. Again much history about the 2 big wars of the 19th century.

Dinant to Namur again very pretty. In Namur we again stayed a few days as the facilities are very good and friendly. In early May we took the Sambre, which comes out in The Meuse at Namur so we crossed Crusaders waters.

So then we travelled again past Huy to Liege, which also has a good marina the only horrible thing this time was that in Belgium they had accidentally emptied 80 kg of herbicide poison in The Meuse and we did see fish dying around us and floating in the dead end of the inlet of the marina which caused a terrible stink thank goodness we were parked quite a bit away from it. For days well into Holland we saw dead fish. There was a swimming and fishing warning out but still we saw silly people fishing.

Personally I think swimming in any European canal or river would be risky, as it doesn't look clean. In Maastricht, the first big town in The Netherlands we had a good time with some Kiwi-friends. They sailed in the group of yachts with us to the Pacific, now they were traveling Europe for the 2nd year by campervan. Both of us are thinking now to do America or Canada by camper next winter (one has to keep on dreaming).

We decided to go a bit different from Maastricht north and crossed again the border into Belgium there was a small very pleasant canal very quiet. Two days later we crossed the border again into The Netherlands, these few days in Belgium were expensive as we had to buy a sailing permit for 3 month the minimum one can buy in the Flemish part costing 25 euros. It would have been fair to charge a week or so. Never mind. In Walonie in Belgium one doesn't pay anything. The Flemish part and the Walonian part can't stand one another and there law's are very different. Belgium at the moment has because of that trouble forming a government, it may even come to a permanent split.

Slowly we kept on going north enjoying a few "Grint-gaten" these are dug out areas for sand and stones and formed into beautiful lakes with lots of recreation e.g. camping , marina's etc. There's good sailing on these as well. We now had "For Sale" plastered all over the boat. People did show interest and we felt that the price was right.

In Nijmegen more towards the middle of the country we advertised for 3 days on "Marktplaats" which is a kind of "Trade Me" We got a marvelous response and arranged with people to meet in Arnhem in a marina, one day further north.

The day motoring to Arnhem was a nerve wrecking and the most dangerous bit of water we crossed.

The river Rijn enters Holland and goes into the river Waal. There is busy freight travel from Switzerland to Rotterdam on these rivers. Day and night we did a count and it came to approx 1 freighter a minute, it is amazing they don't collide as they have signs they put out so now and then to be able to take the inside corner and pass one another at starboard in the dark they put a strobe in this sign. It is all by the book but very confusing I reckon.

Anyway we had to motor on The Waal for 12 kilometer against the flow which was 7 kilometers. Normally we do about 10 kilometer so we barely managed 3 to 4 kilometer and with much relieve could we turn after 4 hours being tossed about from the passing wakes of freighters onto the Pan-nerden canal, which still flow's fast but we got it with us which is much easier. After one hour at the end of this canal lays Arnhem at the beginning of the Neder Rijn and Ijsel. We got right away 2 lots of people whom were thinking about buying Crusader. But the 3rd couple were very keen and loved the boat.

While the 4th lot was waiting we sold the boat for the price we asked so were extremely pleased. Also because these people had no time to collect her so we offered a delivery which did suit us as we really still did want to live on the boat for another fortnight.

So we still enjoyed more lovely Dutch waterways, with the old towns at their sides.

After near 5 month on our little boat we covered approx 2000 km, used 960 ltr's diesel, motored 384 hrs. and went through 351 locks and 1 elevator of 73 meter high. And crossed 2 aqueducts. Still we are longing to use a real boat being a sailing boat.

We had a great time and can recommend this type of holiday to anyone. So for the final time;

Till opening day LOVE FROM CRUSADER.

Rudolph and Louise Meltzer (Sans Pareil).

Day Skipper Class

Women on Board

November 5, 12, 19, 26

Hours; Mondays, 9.30 am – 2.30pm

Venue; Christchurch Yacht Club, Moncks Bay

Enrol in a Day Skipper class tutored by Katie McNabb. Come on board this introductory course for those new to boating and join women wanting to ensure the safety of their family and friends on the water. Learn the rules of the road on the water, buoys and beacons, knots and parts of the boat. Have fun whilst learning with likeminded women so you can confidently sit in the skipper's chair for a change.

Cost for the Day Skipper course is \$35 exam fee. (Conditions apply, see below)

To enrol, please contact

Coastguard Boating Education Tutor

Katie McNabb

Ph 348 2169 or 027 433 2824

The Annual General Meeting of the Canterbury

Sailing Academy (Inc) is to be held in the PPLYC

Clubrooms at Bridge Street, South Brighton, on

Tuesday 9th October 2007 commencing at 6 p.m.

Moorings for rent

1 in Purau

1 in French farm

Both 12m capacity, available
from Mid-November

Contact:

Lew Harrison-Smith 352 5046

Out Board Motor Maintenance course

It's not much fun being stuck out in the middle of the harbour with an out board motor which refuses to start. Find out how to locate the fault and get it started .
The 4.5 hour Course costs \$60

If you are interested in doing this course please let me know asap. Once I know how many people are interested I will organise a date that suits everyone (perhaps the 2nd week of November)
If you have a friend that is a non yachtie but does own a boat with an outboard they are most welcome to attend

Kate Spackman

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy is 20th of the month prior to publication.
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