



TIMARU YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB

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IN MEMORY OF JOHN BAIN

Who left us all on 28 Nov 2022 aged 83

John's recent passing brought back many memories for older Club Yachties who remembered him as a very supportive Club member. His early involvement in sailing was for Oamaru v Timaru Inter- Club Regattas that began in the 60's for the Baily Trophy sailing his "OK Dinghy" then later an "R Class". John did several Coastal cruises with the Gillies family of the well known Gillies Foundries and fondly spoke about competing at the Otago R Class Quadrant, an important Regatta in those days. He moved to Christchurch before transferring to Timaru with British Pavements (now Fulton Hogan) as Branch Manager, a real plus for our Club who acquired his knowledge and the unknown generosity of the Company maintaining and re-sealing our yard.

About 1970 John went up to Naval Point YC with Sandy Powell, John Middleton Athol Morrison to test sail the new 20ft Noelex that was making an impression in Yachting circles. This resulted in each of them building or buying one, and that formed the nucleus of Timaru Fleet that grew to 12 Noelex on the water most Saturdays and several National & SI Regattas.

John and local identities: Ray Johnstone cousin Eric, Bill Frater & Sandy crossed the Tasman on several occasions to Cruise the Whitsunday Islands in a Bare Boat Charter yacht and, with Freak Bros crew, he entered "Rakiura" - a Glassex Hull that John fitted out & rigged himself, in several Nationals, SI's the Aviemore Classic and Masters Games.

“I sailed with John in his later years and fondly remember him as a friendly and helpful man, who remained unflappable if things got a wee bit ‘salty’ out on the water”.

Thanks Sandy, David Gillies(Picton) and Ray for your sharing your “Memories”.

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JUNIORS SECTION ...

The juniors will be sailing after school on a Thursday from about 4pm.

All are welcome from learn to sail to experience sailors

Simon Ussher.

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