

TIMARU YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB

Rhumblines

Edition: 02 Mar 2023

THIS EDITION ...

- [From the Commodore...](#)
- [Juniors](#)
- [Sailing section ...](#)
- [Profile: James O'Connor...](#)
- [Trailer yacht Section Christmas "regatta"](#)
- [NZ Trailer Yacht Champs ...](#)
- [Firstmate BBQ at the club](#)

[Back to top](#)

FROM THE COMMODORE

A short update ...

A small subcommittee has been working on a **Long Term Plan** with a draft now before the main Committee. The subcommittee recommends the plan remain confidential to the Committee given the commercial sensitivity of material explored. That said, we'd welcome hearing your ideas, concerns or other input to the plan. Just share this input with someone in the Committee.

Patrol 1 replacement; After considering the options the Committee has decided to progress towards a Mac570 fisher. This is a rotational moulded open pontoon boat. An alloy pontoon would have been preferred but would be a one-off that no manufacturers are prepared to take on. We also considered two Naiad options but were put off by the price and recommended foam-filled pontoon replacement regime.

Next steps; the boat is being quoted with supplier-fitted equipment. We will then get competitive quotes for remaining equipment and begin to work on funding.

Information Systems:

Having tidied up the website, Warrick has now also set up cloud-based storage for documents to be saved centrally. This is to help retain important club documents and to ensure they are available to future management (committees) of the day and to support these documents to be worked on collaboratively.

SailGP:

Good luck to Violet and James for their FEVA races, and Nicos for his week's internship. Also wishing our team crewing the RIB all the best as they head to the water in support of SailGP

[Back to top](#)

JUNIORS

Juniors section are now sailing three days a week; Wednesday after school Boys High go out in the 420s, Thursday after school an open group of Juniors go for a sail then Saturday lunchtime is another sailing opportunity.

The last week has been quite disrupted by the strong winds with Boys High calling it off on Wed due to the conditions trying to join in on Thursday instead but again that had to be called off due to the rough weather.

So it was a relief for those who could make it on Sat 25th to finally get the conditions to get on the water. We managed to get several opti's out for some 'big seas' experience along with the 420.

[Back to top](#)

SAILING SECTION

Saturday 18th Feb: Frazer cup race 4

Just five boats turned up to race with four making it to the start.

John joined the elite group of wētā that manage to drop their mast unexpectedly after rigging. This was timed to perfection on the ramp, with the rig letting go alongside someone on the jetty who managed to catch the mast as it came down. All because a bayonet pin in the chainplate let go. Amazingly no damage.

Results from the actual sailing were: Les and crew in Guano first, followed by Bill and crew in Freak Bros, then Andy and crew in White Pointer and Gordon sailing Triskelion fourth.

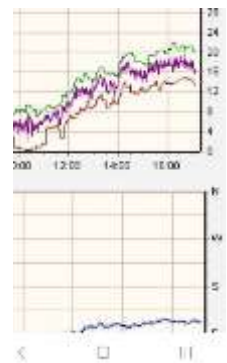
Saturday 25th Feb: Informal racing

The calendar had left a gap for the Age Group regatta that didn't run this year, meaning there was nothing in the programme. But a sunny day and forecast steady easterly wind brought a good collection of sailors out for some enjoyable social sailing. The Easterly built through the afternoon to a 16 gusting 22knot wind with the sea becoming lively.

Bill and Wayne (Freak Bros) did a VHF start towards the green mark for two simple windward-leeward legs. While there was a good sailing breeze there was also an incoming steep chop on the back of a good swell and this really dampened progress to the top. Peter rounded first in Sticky Fingers, followed by John in Ono then Simon in Ditto,



Bill and Wayne in Freak Bros and Guano. At that stage things got 'complicated' for me in Ditto. This started as I tried to take a few photos at the top mark. The old phone camera decided to do a 'samsung reset', then I couldn't see the screen with dark glasses so had them in one hand, camera in the other, Gennaker sheet in the other hand and the tiller in the other hand ... yep, ran out of hands. Camera packed away again I found I was held



< Peter led the way around the marks today

down by something in the cockpit... harness had attached itself to wetsuit seam. Then a 'wineglass' in the Gennaker which meant another downwind leg to unravel that (after the actual downwind leg). Whew. I came out of that lot to see Peter sail a strong race and finish first followed by John and the rest of us. Gordon had arrived late and launched even later in Triskelion and after a rigging mishap but took the opportunity to take a few others for a joy ride around the Bay.



Hannah Kane and James O'Connor in a 420 today



Ditto and Ono (Photo Gerrit Bahlman)

It was good to meet Gerrit Bahlman in the yard afterwards ... visitors from Omokoroa Yacht Club in Tauranga. Gerrit is one of four wētā who sail together up that way and just called in having noticed the wētā among the fleet today.

Torbay Wētāfest

Last week having announced our departure to drive up to Auckland for the Wētāfest, I felt a little sheepish to be turning up at the club today (25th Feb) as usual. Well, we tried.

Richard and Lyn were due to cross on the same ferry the day ahead of us and we knew we were in trouble when Richard text us to say their Ferry had been delayed then cancelled. Our ferry was duly cancelled the next day and we started lingering in Picton along with a pent-up crowd of frustrated travellers. After a couple of days and with no accommodation available in Picton or Blenheim (pent up travellers again), and with the next available ferry being way out later in March, we pulled the pin and set off home again.

We understand the reliability issues with interislander ferries caused some backlog, then the cyclone caused sailings to be cancelled due to swell, and then the new Bluebridge ferry had a breakdown (week 2 of it being in service). With the interislander still having issues the backlog was going to be huge. The Bluebridge staff were awesome through this but simply had nothing to offer us. So we packed up and set off home again.

We are a little over planning, booking, cancelling, chasing up refunds.

But then we looked North and soon appreciated there are others with way bigger issues right now, and thank goodness we didn't get caught on the other side of the ditch.

- *Simon and Marjorie Boys Entered Wētāfest double handed*

PROFILE: James O'Connor

How did you start sailing?

"My Dad Made me" he said with a smile. "He's encouraged us to have a go at things and that included sailing".

What is it about sailing that you like?

It's a place where I'm in control. I can decide what I do and how I do it. It's like the freedom to be able to drive when I'm not old enough to do that yet. There's nowhere else I have that... just me, the boat and the water.

I've tried other team sports but I like sailing and shooting because its all down to me.

James O'Connor beside the laser

If there's a message for other young sailors, what would that be?

There was a moment a few years ago where I didn't like it and didn't want to carry on. So Dad took me out to do some capsizes and it was then I realized capsizing was ok. Dealing with that worry changed things for me and I then enjoyed my sailing. *[Ed: If something worries you, talk to a coach about it].*

What regattas have you been to lately?

Over the last few months I have been sailing in the Southern Laser Traveller Series in Cromwell, Wanaka and Dunedin. As the youngest sailor It has been a great learning experience sailing alongside Jenny Armstrong, a former Olympic sailor, Her son Zach, and others from around New Zealand. The other competitors were friendly and quick to give advice when we were back on dry land.

The first of these events was in Cromwell last year followed by Wanaka in January, the most recent being in Dunedin. Dunedin's racing started out with a gentle breeze slowly building to over 20 knots during some races."



James sailing his laser in the Wanaka New Year regatta



... and in Dunedin

- James O'Connor

TRAILER YACHT SECTION CHRISTMAS “REGATTA”

The Trailer Yacht Section Christmas party had a delayed start in December due to Covid, but in January people were back from holiday and feeling festive so the Elves got to work to put on a Christmas lunch which went down a treat with the Trailer Yacht Section (thank you to all the Elves). We had a few apologies but 22 members and partners turned up for the lunch and everyone brought something special to eat and what a treat it was with cold meats, salads and delicious desserts. Our special guests from Ashburton were able to travel down (Geoff, Ngaire and Catlin Swan) which topped off the day with so much talking going on. Geoff was able to see the finished award for the Aviemore Classic that he had submitted the entry to Yachting New Zealand. Well done Geoff from all your Club friends.

There’s already been talk of a midwinter dinner so look forward to being part of that.

Steve Hutton



NZ TRAILER YACHT NATIONAL CHAMPS

Naval Point Easter weekend Fri 7th April to Monday 10th April

Get your entries in on the NPCL website - <https://www.navalpoint.co.nz/events/171890/>.

lpc Lyttelton Port Company

DCMARINE LTD TOTAL MARITIME SERVICE

2022/2023 New Zealand Trailer Yacht National Championship

Easter 2023: Friday 7th April 2023—Monday 10th April 2023

at Naval Point Club Lyttelton

Entry Fee Subsidised to \$50.00 per boat

Enter Now at:
www.navalpoint.co.nz/our-water/hobceboard

For more details:
CTSComps@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook: 1212058188

Lyttelton Port Company

NAVAL POINT CLUB

FIRTMATE BBQ

Reprinted from the Timaru Herald ... in case you missed it...

Community

Timaru barbecue

A family barbecue at the Timaru Yacht Club will be hosted by FirstMate, a charity that supports the health and wellbeing of people across the seafood sector. Being held on March 18, from 11am to 1pm, it will also be supported by Talley's Group, Sanford Ltd, ITM Timaru, Prime Port and Pegasus Fishing. Those who have wondered about the fishing boats in the harbour can listen to a special presentation by the event's chief organiser and FirstMate navigator Brendan Woodnutt in the Yacht Club at 12.30pm. As a FirstMate navigator, Woodnutt is aware of the challenges fishers may face. The Timaru seafood barbecue is a family-friendly event. There will be colouring packs available to keep the little ones busy.

[Back to top](#)

Don't want the Rhumbline? Reply with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the header and we'll take you off our list