

TIMARU YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB

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FROM THE COMMITTEE: TREASURER

Despite various attempts by the Committee and others to persuade Laurence to change his mind and to stay on, he has confirmed his resignation as Treasurer effective at the next AGM. Laurence does a lot for the club and most of that is unseen by most.

So **thank you**, Laurence, and hopefully we'll still see lots of you around the place!

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CRUISE REPORT: LAKE DUNSTAN:

Lake Dunstan, 25th March

Four of us set out on two boats for a weekend cruise on Lake Dunstan, a hydro lake. Ecantadora & Chinook launched on Friday afternoon & sailed up to have lunch in the harbour behind the Sod hut. Wind was light so outboard sails were used but after lunch a good southerly came up and we enjoyed a good tacking duel, which Ecantadora won. It was exciting sailing, and congrats to Rob & Graham (Owaka Club).

Sunday was a lovely day but we had little wind. Great to be sailing again!

[Brian & Ben Hutton, Graham Storer & Rob Peck].

- Brian Hutton.



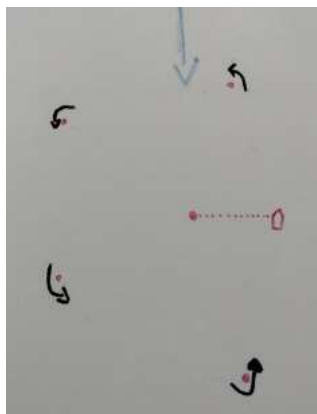
*Sorry no photos from the trip.
These are typical of Lake
Dunstan from the web*

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REGATTA REPORT – WAIMAKARIRI SAILING CLUB

... from James O'Connor

On Sunday 16 April Noah Barrowman and I travelled to the Waimakariri Sailing Club that is located at the Waimakariri River Mouth to take part in their North Canterbury Junior Regatta.



The regatta was open to Optimist, P-Class, Firebug and Starling classes which meant I had to ditch the usual Laser. Instead, I sailed the regatta in a Firebug which I borrowed from the Ashburton Sailing Club while Noah sailed 'Odey', a TYPBC fibreglass opti.

The event consisted of three races on a Trapezoid course. In the final results Noah finished 2nd in the Opti class and I also managed 2nd place in the Firebug class.

A special mention to Janene who showed up at the Waimak club recovering from an injury and with no kids! This was to help 'build relationships between clubs'. Thanks also to my Dad (Graham) for towing both the Firebug and Odey to Kaiapoi.



This was a great event and both Noah and I thoroughly enjoyed it. We look forward to seeing other TYPBC sailors participating in more regattas in the future.

How did you hear about it?

We first heard about this regatta from Sam Jones, the commodore of the Waimak Sailing Club when Dad and Janene were talking to him at SailGP and then we saw more information on the Waimak Club facebook page.

What attracted you to enter this one?

I was interested in this regatta because it gave me another opportunity to build my racing experience, particularly rounding marks/navigating the course with other boats to contend with, and to sail a different class of boat than I usually would.



I wouldn't say I learned a great deal, rather I just built on what I already had such as practising the adjustment of vang settings (courtesy of the SailGP coaches). But I did learn that in higher winds the Firebug tends to nosedive, so weight must be located fairly far back.

It was also interesting that while we were racing, the Kaiapoi River Queen came motoring slowly but surely through the middle of our course!

So what comes next?

I couldn't really say for sure but I'm looking forward to more sailing next season and am looking out for some more regattas.

- James O'Connor

And from a brief check in with Noah...

What stands out for you, Noah?

This was my first regatta besides our own AGR (when I was only 3 months into sailing), so it was great, and to come second.

What was the best part?

This Waimak regatta was really exciting with near-maximum wind strength for an opti. It was especially exciting down-wind where there was a real risk of nose-diving, like one of the others did.

It was good sailing somewhere new. I had to think more about where I was going and had to try not to hit the sand bars (which I did a few times... boat hits sand = stop).

Any surprises?

The two winning boats had very direct on-water coaching. Everyone is telling me that means I'll have learned more, but still... maybe I need to organise a good coach next year to help me decide when to tack (etc)??



So what comes next for you?

I'm keen to sail in more regattas, maybe even get to the opti nationals??

What would you say to those just starting out like when you were in the AGR?

I'd say keep going and you never know how far you might get.

- Noah Barrowman

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TIME FOR YOUR WINTER MAINTENANCE – STEP 1

Now is a great time to start your winter maintenance list while you can still remember the niggles and temporary fixes you've put in place through the season.

Rigging for the last time is an opportunity to inspect every part, looking for wear, fatigue, corrosion or other damage... and writing it down helps! Likewise, washing the hull and foils is recommended by many experts as a way to systematically inspect the hull for any damage. Check ALL screws and bolts for tightness (including those on blocks).

If you have an outboard then after last use is the time to 'winterise' it. What you should do depends on whether your outboard is 2 stroke or 4 stroke, has direct injection or carburettor. Don't forget to look after the battery and electrical systems, steering and controls, and the external fuel system where these are fitted. Take a look at the propeller for any fishing line or damage. It's a good time to flush the cooling system properly. Over winter you should check the state of the oil(s) and think about using the unused fuel elsewhere so you can start afresh next season. Also check the steering and tilt mechanisms move freely and are lubricated. *[extract from Coastguard outboard maintenance guide]* Or you can go and see Jim at Mr Boats or Andy and Timaru Marine.

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THE END OF THE SEASON IS NIGH

Club Closing Day Saturday 29th April



As the days are getting shorter and we feel that chill in the air it's just about time to hang up the gear and 'call it a season'.

The juniors' last day was last Tuesday, with them starting in 420s before swapping out to some opties and then mostly swimming with some fun capsized practice.

This Saturday (29th) the Seniors have two races planned for their last day of the season. These will conclude the Satherthwaite Trophy.

The past few weeks have lacked enough wind to make a decent race of it so here's hoping we can finish on a good note.

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MARK THESE DATES

- Prizegiving Sat 13th May (Change from handbook)
- AGM is on Sat 23rd July

Also

Mid-winter cruise – is in the planning.

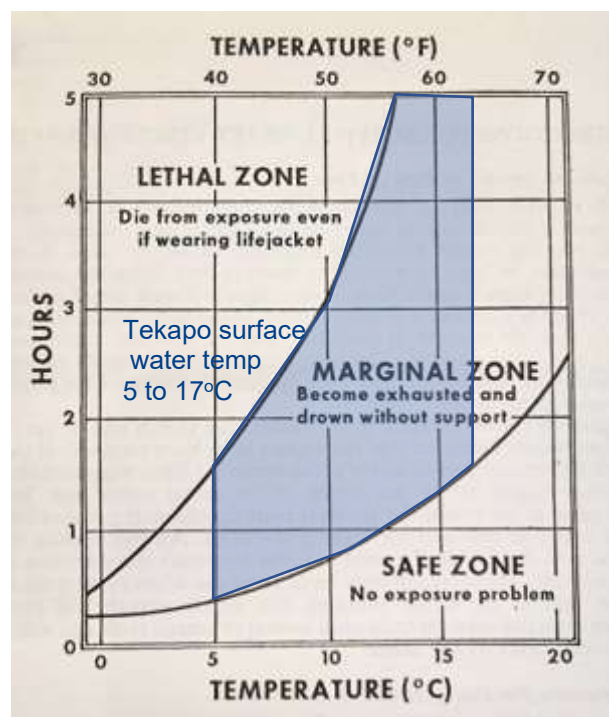


... Did you know... Hypothermia and boating in South Canterbury

Way back in 2019 stuff reporter Michael Wright wrote “More than 100 people drown each year, and the ones who are never found mostly go missing at sea, lost to the marine depths [with] a small, macabre subset who disappear in our lakes, often close to shore, almost always in a known location, never to be recovered”¹.

The old adage is:

1. Don't put yourself in a position where you need rescue
2. If it all turns to custard, make sure you can call for help when you need it
3. **Make sure you can survive long enough to be rescued.**
 - **Staying afloat**
 - **Staying warm**



In our part of the world, surviving long enough to be rescued should be a big deal.

Wright went on to report that “Police missing persons data is not kept in such detail, but Lake Tekapo, with at least seven, is thought to hold the most bodies”.

A 1980 marine notice² was issued to heighten the awareness of the impacts of hypothermia. This included the table above to which is added the lake Tekapo surface temperature range³ which shows that survival can become marginal from approx. 20 minutes.

PATROL 1 REPLACEMENT ... STATUS UPDATE

Quotes are in, now for the funding

We now have quotes for the boat and trailer ex Auckland (Mac570 Fisherman) and quotes from two local suppliers for outboard and fit-out. The next step is funding application which we'll aim to get underway in the next few weeks.

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

¹ Stuff, Michael Wright, 4th Feb 2019

² Marine notices are issued by the NZ Government for the boating community

³ Wikipedia