



# TIMARU YACHT AND POWER BOAT CLUB

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## SUCCESS AT NAVAL POINT WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' REGATTA

### Regatta report – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Alys and Hannah put on their Craighead Sailing bibs and entered the Naval Point Women's and Girls' Regatta on Saturday 6 April. They hired a 420 from Canterbury Yachting Association and race amongst the bigger boats. They were very pleased to gain line honours in all three of their races, but ended up placed second overall in the dinghy class as the FEVA they were racing against had advantage in the handicap. Primarily, the attendance at the event was to get used to sailing in a different venue, meet some other female sailors and to draw attention to sailing being back "on the cards" at Craighead.

- *Martin Kane*



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## JUNIORS AND ADULT LEARN TO SAIL WRAP UP

Their season ended last Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Was a great turnout in the bar despite some rugged weather with heavy rain and strong wind. 3 boats went on the water which was short lived when the southerly hit

Thanks to Simon Ussher for running the Learn To Sail and to Richard Johnson for supporting Adult Learn To Sail along with Peter, Gordon and Bill.

- *James O'Connor*



*Photos: James and Victoria*

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## Waimakariri Junior Regatta Report



Waimakariri Sailing Club held their Junior Regatta over the weekend of 9 and 10 March 2024. There was a fleet of 1 Laser, 3 Starlings, 3 Firebugs, 3 P-class and 4 Optimists. There was a good breeze and James O'Connor took to the water in his Laser, where he raced with the Starlings. He was off to a good start, enjoying the conditions during the first race. Unfortunately, early in the second race, he had a breakage with a fitting for the traveler parting ways with his boat and he retired from the race. After two regattas ending with breakages, perhaps it is time for the elderly Laser to enter retirement!



- *Gillian O'Connor*

## Vauxhall Yacht Club Laser Regatta Report

Vauxhall Yacht Club hosted leg three of the Southern Laser Traveler Series over the weekend of 17 and 18 February 2024. James O'Connor was the youngest of the 10 sailors, sailing the oldest boat in the fleet.

Saturday saw pleasant conditions with light 6-8 knot northeasterly for the first two races and then gradually increasing to around 15 knots over the remainder of the day. Six races were completed and there was some very close racing. James had a minor breakage with a rivet on a fitting on his boom and some insulation tape on the water did the job for the remainder of the day. Not to worry, Dad had brought a spare, so he was good to go again for Sunday.

Sunday morning saw a slow start with no wind earlier on, but 4 races were completed. There was a reduced fleet of only 6 boats on the water. The final race came to an abrupt end for James as he approached the first mark, he capsized and upon righting his boat, the boom snapped in two pieces! He tried to recover the situation, and eventually required assistance from on water safety boat crew; after removing the remains of the boom he was towed to shore.

Following racing there was a chance to chat with other sailors, race officials and volunteers over a few sausages in the clubrooms and talk through events of the weekend.

The members of Vauxhall Yacht Club are a very welcoming bunch of people and many were only too happy to share their knowledge and advice with James. While everyone was competitive on the water, there was plenty of positivity and encouragement towards other sailors. Traveling to regattas where sailors and their supporters are able to mix with "like minds" is a worthwhile experience and a great opportunity to learn and grow your skills.

- Gillian O'Connor



## SAILING SECTION

### Richard's blown his handicap!

Was that petrol driven? Was he quietly radio-connected to Noah, his shore-based tactician?? These were among the questions that swirled around the club last week. But no, it was a pair of straight wins!

Congratulations to Richard who on 6<sup>th</sup> April won both races on handicap, and one of these also first on the line. Can this really only be your third season sailing, Richard? Awesome milestone.

### Closing Day

Next week (Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Apr) will be the club's closing day, the last racing day of the season

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## NEW PATROL BOAT

### Joe B was launched on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024

A short ceremony was held on 6<sup>th</sup> April to mark the occasion of our new patrol boat naming and launching.

Below is a short summary of how that ran, for those who were unable to attend:

#### Welcome:

I opened proceedings with a welcome to everyone, especially the great number of life members and Kaumatua of Te Aitarakihi who came to bless the boat and support the club for this occasion.



*Left to right: Kylie Kiriana Kellas, Heni Martin, Raeleen de Joux Ani Haua, Hohepa Holland, Trish Holland*

A big thank you to those who have donated funding to support the club in purchasing this new boat. Donors were: Pub Charity Ltd who covered the cost of the boat and trailer, the Royal Arcadia Trust and Trust Aoraki who both contributed towards the cost of the motor and fit-out. Without their support this would not have been possible. Also thanks to Timaru Marine who went to great lengths to set the boat up well for the club, and to Peter Taylor who was the local point of contact for Timaru Marine and who, with Timaru Signs, arranged the great graphics (boat and sponsors names). Thanks also to Galloway who allowed us to purchase the Mac570 directly from them, the manufacturer.

**Richard Johnson** (Vice Commodore) stood in for Martin Kane who was in Christchurch and unable to attend. Richard said a few words about the significance of this boat and why the Committee has treated it as a priority. He mentioned that sailing is the heart of the club and the importance of a good patrol boat to support that. Also that the patrol boat supports the club to provide to other aquatic sports, such as swimming and paddle boarding. Richard mentioned the importance of volunteers to the club, and that its existence depends on us all stepping forward and helping make things happen. The boat was an example of this ... noting his appreciation for the effort the team had made in getting the new boat funded and launched.

**Dave Whytock** then gave a tribute to the late **Joe Butterfield** whose name is given to the new boat. See below for David's full address.

**Blessing: Matua Hohepa Holland** and **Whaea Ani Haua**, esteemed Kaumatua of Te Aitarakihī then undertook the blessing of the boat, with Kylie Kellas, the Operations Manager of Te Aitarakihī in attendance to awahi (Support). The blessing included a greeting, a blessing of the boat itself, for the makers of the boat and those who will use her. It called for good fortune from land, sea and sky with tuneful hymns and prayer.

**Naming:** Our patron, Ivan Stevenson, then named the boat "Joe B" with a spilling of bubbles as is the tradition in naming a boat

**Bill** was given the honour of being the first skipper, and laid the marks for racing.

Thanks also to **Catherine and Victoria** who arrange afternoon tea for those who weren't heading to the water after the ceremony

- Simon B

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## Joe Butterfield Tribute

JOE BUTTERFIELD ( 14/2/1940-----11/6/2022

Joe joined the Timaru Yacht club in 1950 as a 10 year old, the junior subscription was 2 and six pence. He would have started his sailing as a bailer boy in a 14 footer. These yachts were clinker, heavy, leaky, and wet and the bailer was usually an empty gallon paint tin.

In 1957 he went half shares in a Takapuna or Zeddie and in 1958 and 1959 represented the club at the national Cornwall Cup in New Plymouth and Paramatta.

In 1960 Joe bought an " R" class yacht these yachts were the fashion of the day, they were fast, light and wet and we became better at swimming than we were at sailing.

In the early 70,s the dinghy of the day was the Olympic Finn class several of the members bought second hand Finns. Joe decided he would build one. This was no easy task as they were an Olympic class with very fine tolerances and to make matters more difficult the measurements were metric we were still using feet and inches so every measurement had to be converted, I went to Christchurch with Joe to get the Finn measured and the measurer Dick Banks stood up after an hour long process and stated "that is the truest hull that I have measured, Joe went on to build other yachts such as an optimist a Sigrid trailer yacht and a power craft suitable for his judging duties and most recently he bought a Nolex "Razzamatazz" Built by Sandy Powell which he sailed until he retired from sailing in his late seventies.

From the late 50"s onwards Joe had served on the clubs committees and in early 1970 he represented the club at the Canterbury Yachting Assoc. Travelling to CHCH every month for meetings. He then went on to represent the Canterbury region at Yachting New Zealand Becoming Vice President 1986/92 and then President 1992/95. He went on to represent the South Pacific region on the International Yacht Union now the International Sailing Federation and to chair the finance committee, his contribution to the finances to all of these organisations was well known and respected. During this time he was also became an international Judge and officiated at numerous events all around the world including the Admirals Cup at Cowles, the



Congressional cup in California and the Goodwill Cup in Seattle and ST. Petersburg just to name a few.

Joe was instrumental in the formation of the Royal Acadia Yacht club. The purpose of this club was to support the younger members of TYPBC to represent us at National and International Regattas. The RAYC was functional for a number of years and most long serving TYPBC members joined our Patron was the King of Norway an acquaintance of Joe's the subscription was set at 10- pounds sterling. The flag is the 3 pronged crown of Norway

Funds from the windup of the RAYC were gifted to the TYPBC to be used for the purchase of a new patrol boat.

Joe is fondly remembered by the older members of this club for his sense of humour, his doggedness to get things done and his passion for the sport of sailing.

- *Dave Whytock and Wayne Morgan*

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### Photos from the launching and naming ceremony







*Photos: Gillian O'Connor*

**... and the old Patrol boat launch 35 years ago:**



*Photos supplied: Tony Lister*



## **OIL SPILL AT THE CLUB**

### **And some questionable behaviour**

**Alert:** On Monday afternoon, our Commodore received a flurry of phone calls from Primeport staff regarding public reports of a "significant oil spill" on the grounds of the Yacht Club.

**Response:** After ascertaining that this oil was in no danger of leaking into the ocean (and being presently tied up in the classroom), he asked the Port Security staff to check, along with Gordon Collister and Catherine Illingworth - with her helpful fireman, Rob.

The oil spill was covered with an absorbent (thank you Rob and FENZI!) to prevent further spread and slips, and the polluted puddle in the middle of the yard will be left to evaporate and let the oil soak into the asphalt.

**Learning:** Thankfully this was not an emergency or an environmental threat. However, from this exercise we have learned a few things that we would like to ask of members should this happen to you - anywhere.

**If you have an oil spill, please call Fire and Emergency to make it safe - safe for others and safe for the environment and waterways nearby - there is no cost involved in this process and no need to be embarrassed in the case of an accident - please deal to it - don't run away, as this particular culprit did.**

### **Questionable behaviour:**

Thanks for the gate entry data and the club's security camera footage, we have identified the offender and are much-relieved to say that he and his crew are NOT local.

It is embarrassing however to report that he is of significant standing in the environmental space and yet didn't have the sense to take immediate responsibility and action for this spill, and delay admitting fault.

- *Martin Kane, Commodore*

