

New Zealand Trailer Yacht Association

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2016 Annual Meeting of Representatives Minutes

Date of meeting - 10:00 am- 16 July – Evan’s Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club

The President welcomed all present:

John Klinkhammer – Waikato Yacht Squadron
Alec Bruce – Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron – N22 Association
David Goddard – Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron
Andy White – Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club
Les Baker - Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club
Colin McDonald – Southland Trailer Yacht Squadron – South Island VP
Todd Olson - Plimmerton Boat Club
John Cullens – Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron
Mike Dunlop – Evan’s Bay Yacht and Power Boat Club – North Island VP
Dean Roe – Lake Taupo Yacht Club – Treasurer
Philip Kidson – Secretary
Alan Simpson - President

Apologies:

Brian Gilliland – Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron
Nikki Johnson – Noelex 22 Association
Jo Martin – Secretary Sabre Association Apologies accepted - Moved AS, 2nd AB - carried

Minutes of 2015 NZTYA AMR:

Taken as read and a true reflection of the meeting held on 25 July 2015. Moved AS, 2nd JC – carried

Matters arising from the 2015 AMR minutes:

Anchor position issue – Although the remit to the meeting (submitted by Les Baker) had been defeated, the idea was broadly supported. As such, the general committee decided to submit to YNZ that the Safety Regulations for TY’s be amended to include the requirement for anchors to be stowed within the confines of the boat while racing. This has been accepted and included in the new Safety Regulations. Les Baker expressed he was pleased the matter had been resolved and that it had been applied at recent regattas.

General Business for Discussion:

- Lifelines – should these be steel wire or synthetic rope?
- Aviemore Classic and its Future
- ‘Panic Knot’ application for registration as a TY.
- Encouraging Participation

Reports:**President's Report:**

Appended - Taken as read. No additional discussion. Moved this be accepted – AS, 2nd JC – carried.

South Island VP's Report:

Appended - Taken as read.

Discussion – There is a current issue with Sports Boats participating in Trailer Yacht events. Graham Wall has been promoting SB participation. However there is a general opinion SB's should have a separate Division. The issue of 'what is a trailer yacht' was raised. This is taken to be defined by the NZTYA rules and does not apply to any boat which arrives on a trailer. Naval Point – SB's sail with the Keelers, LTYC includes these in combined fleet.

AB pointed out the TY rules preclude SB's from TY events. Issues of safety exist where SB's do not carry safety equipment or motors which meet TY requirements. NZTYA does not have a means of excluding SB's from TY events but they don't fit any category. There are difficulties with rating these boats as their class rules are not defined enough – number of trapezes and the possibility of fitting foils. In mixed fleet racing, some of them are so fast, issues exist with time limits for small boats. SB speed can make mixed fleet racing dangerous.

AS stated SB's are very different to TY's and there was general agreement a separate Division should be created for them. Also, SB's would not be eligible for any TY Prizes.

Moved this report be accepted – CMD, 2nd AB – carried.

AS thanked Colin for his years of contributions to the NZTYA – echoed by delegates.

North Island VP's Report:

NI VP has been concentrating on developing TY sailing in Wellington. There has been an increase in participation, R780's growing in popularity. EBYMBC has growth in Div 3 despite there being fewer Hartley 16's.

Lowry Bay is a 'work in progress'. They ran the R780 Nationals.

Wellington TY Championship has been reintroduced and a new Trophy bought. TY activity is picking up with a number of 'younger' people buying boats.

Moved this report be accepted – MD, 2nd CMD – carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Appended - Taken as read.

Discussion:

DR - Association recorded a small deficit last year – One off costs relating to new Website.

NZTYA has \$25k in accumulated funds.

Anthony Byett (Senior Economist and Lecturer Waikato University) reviewed the accounts and verified they were in order.

AS – Income is slightly lower but costs are greatly reduced because of Skype meeting taking the place of Quarterly 'FaceToFace' meetings. Important to grow membership and NZTYA be Active and Relevant.

Moved this report be accepted – DR, 2nd MD – carried.

Technical Report:

Appended - Taken as Read.

Discussion:

Issuing of 'T' Sail Numbers. AS to meet with YNZ to resolve this. Suggestion SB's get an 'S' number or Keeler number, but MUST NOT be issued 'T' numbers.

DR – What is a Club's Safety Officer to do if a boat does not carry an adequately sized outboard motor?

AB – No Result if any technical requirement is not met.

JC – Check a boat's fuel supply also. This must be adequate for the event and be stipulated in Sailing Instruction.

LB – Protest a boat if you know it is not complying.

AS – Race Management should refuse entries or protest a competitor rather than wait for another racer to complain. Race management has to set the rules and enforce them.

Ratings: AB reported E7 sailors have requested their rating be changed to take the Australian boats into account. Leach 8 Sports Cruiser is not sailing to its potential yet and rating may be too low. Shaw design's rating need to be moved. The rating for the DiDi 26 and the Dale 732 have been accepted. The owner of an E7.8 has complained the rating is too high – general amusement was expressed. New Rating list would be published on the Website.

AS pointed out approving the Technical Officer's report implied the new Designs and Ratings were approved by the NZTYA.

Moved this report be accepted – AB, 2nd CMD – carried.

Election of Officers:

No more nominations for Officers were received. The officers were thus presented as such:

- President – Alan Simpson – Moved JC, 2nd AB – carried
- NI VP – Mike Dunlop – Moved AB, 2nd JC – carried
- SI VP – Andy White – Moved CMD, 2nd AB – carried
- Secretary – Philip Kidson – moved AS – carried
- Treasurer – Dean Roe – moved AS – carried
- Publicity Officer – would remain with the President

Club Reports:

Waikato Trailer Yacht Squadron - John Klinkhammer – report appended.

Discussion:

Gulf Classic 100 Miler would be run in 9/10 March 2017.

Raglan has a growing fleet of TY's which has joined WTYS. Grown from 3 to 15 members in 2 years. They arrange races at very short notice using FaceBook.

Moved this report be accepted – JK, 2nd AB – carried.

Canterbury Trailer Yacht Squadron – John Cullens – report appended.

Taken as read.

No Discussion.

Moved this report be accepted – JC, 2nd LB – carried.

Southland Trailer Yacht Squadron – Colin McDonald – report appended

Taken as read.

Moved this report be accepted – CMD, 2nd JC – carried.

The President commended the STYS for their efforts in promoting boating activity in Southland – BZ

Otago Yacht Squadron – Alex Bruce – report appended

Taken as read. No discussion

Moved this report be accepted – AB, 2nd MD – carried.

Plimmerton Boating Club - Todd Olson

TY activities are very good this year with very few cancellations of racing due to weather. Fleet of 8-10 N22's and 4-5 E5.9's regularly participating. The club are encouraging younger members with some success. Strategy to get those who are moving out of dinghy sailing to help the 'older' sailors and get involved in other ways. One of the E5.9's won the Keel Boat series. TY's participating in the Winter Series.

Plimmerton will be hosting the N22 Nationals this year and the TY North Island champs next year.

Discussion:

AS – glad to hear the dinghy sailors are successfully transitioning to TY's.

MD – there seems to be a gap where the 20 – 30 year olds are 'missing' but come back to sailing.

AS – Promote the Hartley 16 as they are cheap for young sailors but keenly raced.

Moved this report be accepted – TO, 2nd JC – carried.

Evan's Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club – Mike Dunlop

It had been a tough season with much of the racing blown out. Evan's Bay Regatta – now three years old – had been a great success and is gaining momentum.

Hosted the NI TY Champs.

N25 fleet Champs is growing.

The club is in a good place and trying to promote younger sailors.

Looking forward to hosting the TY National Champs at Easter 2017 – a Facebook page was being set up for this regatta.

Discussion:

AS – NZTYA has no objection to EBYNBC getting the Nationals to be a YNZ sanctioned Championship Regatta. However, could this be achieved?

MD – the requisite NRO and Judges were available in Wellington and Mike was confident it could be arranged. Would liaise with YNZ.

AB – The cost of attending National Championships was prohibitive – the ferry crossing costing \$700 before any other travelling costs.

AS – Proposed using NZTYA funds to subsidise travel. N22/N25 association have formulae to calculate compensation. AMR decided to subsidise cross strait travel only. Mike Dunlop to investigate if discounts were available and if boats could be carried without having to bring a car as well.

Moved this report be accepted – MD, 2nd JC – carried.

Bay of Plenty Trailer Yacht Squadron – David Goddard - Brad Scott (Commodore) – report appended

Moved this report be accepted – DG, 2nd AW – carried.

Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club – Andy White

The club have been losing older members steadily over the last few years. There have however been some 10 – 15 new members a year to compensate.

Saturday sailing includes some 8-10 boats including dinghies.

The club is financially sound.

Cruising is reasonably strong with the Aviemore and Benmore being used. There is also cruising in the sounds, Southern Lakes and to Stewart Island.

The Aviemore Classic attracts more than 65 entries but there is concern the numbers are dropping.

The club runs a VHF repeater station which services the Waitaki Lakes and it is planned to link this to the Coastguard as well.

21 events are planned for next season which is always very social. They are pleased to often be joined by Otago Yacht Squadron.

Moved this report be accepted – AW/LB, 2nd CMD – carried.

Lake Taupo Yacht Club – Dean Roe and Alan Simpson

LTYC has a full racing calendar but very little cruising.

The TY fleet falling dramatically to 13 boats all of which are active in club racing.

The fleet is a mix of TY's and SB's

No racing was lost due to weather.

The cancellation of the Easter Regatta due to insufficient entries being received was most regrettable.

This regatta will be moved to Waitangi Weekend in 2017.

DR reported from the Commodore's Conference it was stressed there is no point on doing the same thing over and over again expecting improving results.

LTYC wants to have more open days – has anyone tried this and had success? Or are these a lot of hard work with little reward.

LTYC had success hosting regattas organised by Class Associations who took care of entries and organisation, LTYC providing facilities RO's and support boats.

Discussion:

Open days had to be well organised otherwise prospective members were turned off.

Two or three new members could be viewed as a 'success' for an open day.

The Volvo Publicity / Promotional tour was a good way to get people interested – contact them to have a display in the clubhouse. Combine as many activities together on one day to make a big event.

Moved this report be accepted – DR, 2nd AS – carried.

General Business:

- Change to the NZTYA Constitution

The President submitted a remit to the AMR to consider a change in Clause 13 of the NZTYA constitution regarding Auditing. This was circulated to all NZTYA affiliates clubs and individual members. No objections to this remit were received.

The remit proposed Clause 13 of the NZTYA Constitution be changed to read as follows:

“13) The NZTYA shall appoint, at each AMR, an appropriate person to undertake a ‘Best Practice Review’ of the NZTYA financial accounts.”

Delegates present at the AMR represented 91% of the present NZTYA membership – this being sufficient to change the constitution.

It was moved the remit be accepted - DR, 2nd JC – carried unanimously.

- Approval of NZTYA Spending

AS proposed a motion that the AMR costs and the Honorarium for the President, Technical Officer and Secretary to cover operating costs (\$300 each) be approved.

Moved DR, 2nd CMD – Carried

- Dyneema Lifelines

Mike Dunlop raised the issue of whether Synthetic material could be used for Lifelines as some class rules dictated Stainless Steel.

General discussion reflected that any material with sufficient strength would be acceptable but only if properly maintained and shielded from chafe.

YNZ Safety Regulations sections 17.7 and 17.8 allowed for both types of material with some provisions. Deferring to the Safety Regulations was advised.

- Aviemore Classic

Les Baker stated the Aviemore Classic was organised by the Cruising Division of the Club and succession planning for replacing the aging organisers was becoming a problem. Enthusiasm was flagging and the organisers were questioning the events future. LB asked if there were any ideas about making running the event easier. He suggested others in the South Island should be putting their hands up to help out. In discussion, it was questioned if the event was being ‘over organised’ and if alternative / existing facilities could be used instead. The scale of the organisation could be reduced, or get professional help to set out the event.

The general opinion of the AMR was that the event was too important to lose.

Caution was expressed about changing too many things about the event so as not to alienate the participants. The event’s racing format was deemed to be very good as it was.

- **2017 AMR**

The date for the 2107 AMR was decided to be 29 July at EBYMBC. Accommodation would be arranged at the Brentwood Hotel again.

- **Future NZTYA Championship dates**

2016/2017 Season

New Zealand Championship	Evan's Bay	Easter 2017
North Island Championship	LTYC	5/6 February - Waitangi Weekend
South Island Championship	Naval Point	26/27 February - Provisional

2017/2018 Season

New Zealand Championship	Naval Point
North Island Championship	Plimmerton Boating Club
South Island Championship	Southland Trailer Yacht Squadron

2018/2019 Season

New Zealand Championship	BOPTYS / Waikato TYS
North Island Championship	Wellington
South Island Championship	Timaru

- **Encouraging Participation - Travelling Fund**

AS – NZTYA has funds which can be used to subsidise travelling to regattas. The AMR should decide size of the fund and how it should be distributed.

Discussion was about who should be eligible for funds – those who had participated regularly in club events only or anyone keen enough to want to participate?

AS reiterated the idea was to encourage participation and anyone who was a member of a NZTYA affiliated club was eligible.

AS proposed the conditions as follows:

“NZTYA will consider subsidising the Inter-Island travelling costs of boats, who are members of the NZTYA affiliated clubs, wishing to participate in New Zealand Championship Events. The maximum amount available in any one year will be \$2500, limited to a maximum of \$500 per boat”

The motion was moved by DR, 2nd DG – carried unanimously.

- **Repository of Trailer Yacht Information**

Many Class Associations were failing to keep active and valuable information and history was in danger of being lost. It was proposed the NZTYA actively seek to consolidate TY information from YNZ and TY Class Association to archive or host this on the NZTYA website. Members are encouraged to submit any information they have or leads they may have to defunct class associations to the Secretary or President to copy and store.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:02. Informal discussion about Mike Dunlop's fleet of surplus and non-conforming boats continued.

President's Report - 2016

2016 has been another steady year for NZTYA. We started well with the commissioning of the new website and Facebook page, both of which have proved successful, enabling us to reach more and more trailer sailor owners throughout the country. In particular the website has generated a number of queries from existing and prospective owners seeking advice or assistance with projects or boat purchases. There have also been a number of technical enquiries. Our website receives over 35 hits each day and has averaged over 1300 hits per month since the start of the year. While some are from overseas, the vast majority are from within New Zealand and would appear to be from genuinely interested users.

Perhaps the increased social media presence is one of the reasons why our membership has shown a 2% growth in the current year. A couple of years ago I lamented, in my first President's report, that membership continued to fall. Although this year one club and one owners' association have not renewed their membership, despite reminders, the growth in other clubs has more than compensated. But, as usual the picture is not that clear. In other clubs however membership has fallen reflecting, perhaps, the aging demo graph of our membership. We do need to continue to encourage new trailer sailors to join clubs and participate in our sport, as without new blood, any organisation slowly subsides. Maybe we should be looking to assist clubs where membership is struggling by using the examples that other, more successful, clubs have shown. The power of an organisation such as ours is that we can look beyond the local to the national scene and use best practice to assist where necessary.

One way that we can assist is by encouraging participation not only in our own annual championships series but also at local club level. Well run events such as the Aviemore Classic and the Elliott 5.9 Travellers Series are events that we should learn from and pass the knowledge gained to other clubs to emulate.

But we also need to be mindful that we need to tell our success stories to the wider sailing community to spread the word and that is our main function. Simply doing nothing will not see NZTYA and its members flourish. We need to be more than just the name on our trophies.

A big part of the Association for its members is our insurance scheme with Crombie Lockwood and I would like to take this opportunity to especially acknowledge Crombie Lockwood for their support since 1976 - that's right 40 years' service to trailer yachties. Without Crombie Lockwood's support, NZTYA would not be the organisation it is today.

As we move into a new year, I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their time and commitment over the past year. This year sees Colin McDonald, our South Island Vice President, calling time on his NZTYA role. Colin has been a stalwart of NZTYA ever since I can remember and we will miss your Southland twang at our meetings. May we wish you fair winds and smooth sailing. No doubt we will continue to see you at future AMR's, just to keep us honest.

If this is your first AMR, welcome and please take this opportunity to meet others and tell tall stories. Enjoy this chance to meet others from around the country.

The timing of this year's AMR, in the middle of the July school holidays has created some challenges for travelling, but thank you all for making the time to join with us. May I take this opportunity to wish you all safe and speedy trip home.

South Island VP report - 2016

The 2015-2016 sailing season has flown by quickly and by now we should be well into the Winter maintenance, except those who are lucky enough to have a Winter sailing programme.

Due to a family health issues I have had very little sailing this year.

I have been promoting the activities of NZTYA where I can and also promoting the Crombie Lockwood Insurance plan.

I again fielded a couple of enquiries during the year regarding the purchasing of Trailer Yachts, what makes to consider and the good and not so good aspects of different makes. These people had obtained my contact details from the NZTYA web site, so something is working.

There has been some discussion on Sports Boats racing in and with Trailer yachts.

It is very interesting to listen to both points of view.

I still feel that NZTYA has plenty to offer TY sailors; it's just a matter of getting out there and doing our bit to promote the NZTYA and its benefits.

I will not be standing for re election this year as NZTYA SI VP and would like to wish the new SI VP well in the future.

Have an enjoyable 2016 - 2017 sailing season.

Colin McDonald
NZTYA SI VP

Treasurers Report for the AMR 16 July 2016

The Association recorded a small deficit this year due to the establishment of a new website. Despite this the financial position is still strong with retained earnings of \$25,365.

The annual report has been reviewed by Anthony Byett. His report dated 3 July 2016 confirmed that all bank account balances recorded as assets in the accounts have been verified and that he had no cause to believe that the accounts did not record a true and accurate picture of the Associations activities for the year. Anthony Byett is a former ASB Bank economist and we are very fortunate that he was willing to complete the review at no charge.

Dean Roe - Chartered Accountant
Treasurer NZTYA

NZTYA Technical Officers Report - AMR July 2016

The 2015 -2016 season started quietly. Later in the season we fielded questions and requests about trailer yachts raised by owners.

New Designs.

The Dale 732 - design has been approved as NZTYA Trailer Yacht. This is another design by the late Bernie Dale. Bernie built several one off designs. The Dale 732 was the last he built and sailed. Taupo sailors may know "Plyable" now renamed Tawhirimatra by the new owner from Nelson.

DiDi 26 - design has been approved as a NZTYA Trailer Yacht. "Panic Knot" was launched late 2000's in the upper south Island. The new Auckland owner asked for the DiDi 26 to be approved.

Shaw 7500 TY- I have not seen any results with this new yacht included. It is based in North Island. I would be very interested in knowing of races it is taking part in.

Wonderful to see the new approved Trailer Yachts showing up at some of the Trailer Yacht event
YNZ support of NZTYA.

Kelly at YNZ co-ordinates all the trailer yacht sail numbers. I thank Kelly for her assistance during the past season.

I do see there has been some Sports boats issued with Trailer Yacht Sail numbers in error. I find this frustrating.

SRI.

No Self -Righting tests have been completed this season.

Out board Motor sizes.

Small number of Trailer Yachts carry motors that a lower horse power for their length the Minimum required by the YNZ Safety requirements. Clubs are encouraged, as part of a proactive safety programme ensures each Trailer Yacht carry out board motors of correct size.

Sports Boats.

NZTYA supports sport boats being given their own results.

Ratings.

I have included the following rating list adjustments.

Elliott 7 Mod (T4047) has moved from 0.972 to 0.970
Elliott7 AusM (T4253) has moved from 0.960 to 0.975
Elliott7 Aus has moved from 0.951 to 0.968

Leach 8 SC (T4249) has moved from 0.953 to 0.965
Leach 8 has moved from 0.965 to 0.980
Shaw 750 ty (T4251) has moved from 1.010 to 1.020

Thompson 7500 ty (T4046) has moved from 1.000 to 1.015
Eagle 8 (Dibley 8) has moved from 0.985 to 0.995

Elliott 7.8 has moved from 0.950 to 0.962

DiDi 26 New at 0.890

Dale 732 New at 0.895

I am happy to continue as Technical Officer for the coming year.

All the best in trailer yachting

Alex Bruce

NZTYA Technical Officer

Waikato Yacht Squadron NZTYA Report 2016

The Waikato Yacht squadron has had a good season with one of the better seasons weather wise, although a few of our races were a bit protracted due to the wind dying out completely making it one of perseverance for us, great for long lunches. The results were a bit erratic because we had different boats taking part in each race for whatever reason.

We had a few resignations but also new members and a few boats changing hands, so membership is still good and our compound is still popular and well used this season. We had a successful Open Day in conjunction with Hamilton Yacht club. They are all Centreboard boats so we took along about 10 yachts of different designs ,5 of which were used to take any interested people for a sail on Hamilton Lake, even one 8.2 metre "Joker", just had to watch the depth. We also had 5 yachts on Static display which proved popular. It gave a few centreboarders an option for the future. This was our attempt at promoting the sport. I think we got 3-4 new members, so all good and the fostering of other clubs contact is also worthwhile.

The Gulf Classic was again held and although numbers were down. The weather was good and the sea favourable. We hope to promote this event throughout the clubs and want to liaise with other clubs in the region to see if we can't improve it for the future.

The YNZ restructuring of fees didn't affect our club too much because we don't have many social/non sailing members. We use Hamilton Yacht Club rooms but don't have clubrooms at our Kawakawa bay compound. Our boat ramps there are now manned/controlled by Kawakawa bay boating club of which we are all members. W are thankful for the improvements this has made.

John Klinkhamer, Waikato Yacht Squadron

CANTERBURY TRAILER YACHT SQUADRON - REPORT TO 2016 AMR

It seems unbelievable that over five years after the 2011 earthquake the future of the Canterbury Squadron's facilities at Lyttelton are not settled.

As mentioned last year there is a new resource management plan for the area. It is nearing completion but the decision on the oil companies' exclusion zone around their tank farm is some months away from being settled. This together with a proposed cruise ship berth can seriously limit the way the squadron operates.

The trend of changing wind patterns is continuing with winds from all parts of the compass. There have unusually light winds as well.

Saturday fleets ranged from 8 to 20 yachts except for early in the season where for a few races there were more contestants. 41 different yachts raced during the season.

The Wednesday twilight and the winter Sunday series attract the biggest fleets. Sometimes the fleet is well into the twenties

Back to the weather. Three races in the winter series had to be cancelled because of adverse weather. This is most unusual! Had the breakwater at Lyttelton, destroyed over ten years ago, been replaced, trailer yachts could have been safely launched and sailed at least on one occasion.

There has been little change in the squadron's membership during the season and one encouraging thing has been that some younger members with children have started racing.

The fleet is much the same size but there have been more changes of ownership during the season.

Tony Rondel has retired after 19 years as the squadron's secretary. Last season we had a large committee starting at 14 and ended with 13. It was unwieldy with some members not contributing or even turning up for meetings. So far the now seven member committee is working much better.

John Cullens

Southland Trailer Yacht Squadron - 2016 Report

The 2015 / 2016 year has been a busy year for the STYS.

The 2015 Southland Boat Show was another successful event that was well patronised and proved to be a good fundraiser.

The cruising and racing were scheduled and supported by as many as possible. Numbers were slightly down on previous years but there are a few new members showing up which is pleasing. The sailing is always good.

It was good to see the launching of Peter Henderson's new yacht Hettie's Gift which was well attended by the Southland Yachting community.

STYS have been active in allocating funds raised from the boat show in a way to support yachting and water safety in Southland. I am pleased to report the following activities that have been supported

- Donation of life jackets to Te Anau Primary school to enable the safe and full participation of students in water sports and activities
- Continued support of the baiting and clearing trap lines on Pomona Island, Lake Manapouri.
- A donation of \$5,000 to the Manapouri Boating Club to assist with repairs to the bridge. STYS in return has been given free access for the Manapouri Classic and any boat involved in maintaining the trap lines for a period of 10 years
- The donation of \$7,500.00 to the Riverton Coast Guard towards the purchase and installation of a new VHF repeater at Riverton. This repeater will enable the coastguard to have better hand held reception around the coastal and inland waterways on a private VHF channel used by Coastguard and emergency services
- The purchase and installation of a toilet located on Dome Island, Lake Te Anau.

In Southland we are fortunate to have a dedicated committee who work well together and this shows in the events and activities that they have organised over the last year.

We are looking forward to another good season in 2016/17

Doug Riley
Commodore STYS

Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron - 2016 NZTYA AMR Report

The Otago trailer yacht squadron has had a solid season of racing and cruising events. The racing events have been well supported by a small number of keen club members. Aviemore classic was well supported by the Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron members. The Squadron run a "Cocktail Cruise" the weekend prior to the Aviemore Classic at the same venue. This allows yachts to take their yachts up and leave them at Aviemore for the week. Many members stay the week and assist the Timaru members set up the Classic marquee and other infrastructure. Large number of squadron yachts compete in the Loyal Carey's Bay Winter Series during the winter months.

The Squadron had great support from members and other trailer yacht from lower half of the south Island. The Easter Cruise was again the largest and supported by perfect weather.

The Otago Trailer Yacht Squadron has a static membership and it is ageing. It is unclear how to attract member's especially younger members. The committee is undertaking a review of its activities that members want. There is a thought that the racing part of the squadron's activities could be eliminated. Just about all racing members presently are members of other harbour clubs so they have access to racing events. Squadron racing events are scored with over the line, Handicap and Rating results. Harbour clubs just us a personal handicap that includes all club yachts.

November 26th 2016 we are running the annual International Paints Harbour Classic.

November 12-13 2016 the Noelex 22 and 25 South Island Championships are being run at Port Chalmers Yacht Club.

The Squadron is looking forward to full season of events.

Alex Bruce

BOPTYS Report 2015/2016

Welcome and thanks to NZTYA for the chance to present this report, my apology for not being present. BOPTYS is located on Lake Rotoiti (Rotorua) and has a 120 boat park facility, launching ramp, jetties and moorings. This last year has been another successful year for BOPTYS, membership remains steady and support is good for our activities.

The Squadron has had many highlights this season and I'd like to highlight some of these and other interactions we have had in no particular order;

- In November we hosted a spring regatta based on a 'Round the Lake course', with the larger boats completing 3 laps, medium ones 2 laps and the smaller ones 1 lap. Due to strong winds on the day we sailed a shorter course. The event was well supported by locals and out of town visitors.
- This last summer we saw a status quo in our membership, following an explosion the previous year.
- Our membership breaks down into 3 groups, those that store their boats and do not use them very often (we are a cheap source of boat storage), the keen 'cruisers' who use their boats often, many mid-week and those that enjoy to race only.
- On the race scene we have 4 very successful series:
Winter Series (6 races) sailed 1st Sunday of month (May to October)
Wednesday night Olympics (2 series; 1 before and after Xmas) using NZTA Ratings,
Wednesday night WASP (2 series; 1 before and after Xmas) using club handicaps
Summer Series (7 races + 2 around the lake races, and a Ladies, Seamanship and Night trophy events). These are sailed 1st Sunday of month.
- Socially we have also been active with monthly pot luck dinners down the lake in summer, Noggin n Natters (with guest speakers) every other month and our annual AGM and prize giving.
- However getting support to run the Squadron was hard, we had 2 positions unfilled after our AGM, including the Commodore.
- We have also engaged with Yachting NZ attending the AGM and other meetings with the CEO and staff. We are supporting the individual membership, with members getting the discount card (little feedback so far).
- Our communications with members is primarily via a newsletter, sent by post to about 10%, the rest read it online via the web page. We mass email members important notifications, reminders etc. Our web page environment primarily supports use from desk tops, however we attempt to support iPads, smartphones, tablets etc. Use has grown a lot in the last 2-3 years.

Thanks to the NZTYA for your support.

Brad Scott

Acting Commodore

BOPTYS