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*Newly relaunched Little Jim presents a magnificent picture*

## Little Jim relaunch: pat-on-the-back time ...

We CYA members really should take pause from time to time and congratulate ourselves on the great job the Association has done in promoting the rescue, restoration and enjoyment of

our heritage fleet of yachts and launches and on the increasingly high standards of authenticity now current in the fleet. Without those high standards of authenticity the ethical value of the fleet, and

hence the intrinsic value, would be much less.

Because of the great works of our skilled forebears we New Zealanders are blessed with a stock of well-designed and well-built pleasure craft

which is quite ancient to overseas eyes. Indeed, with our small population, there is arguably an over-supply.

As a result, Kiwis tend to take old boats for granted and concentrate their thoughts

and energies on doing what they do so well, producing cutting-edge new pleasure and racing craft for the world. We forget that other countries look at us with increasing envy and wonder at the quantity and the quality of our heritage fleet.

The Marler family has been deeply involved in yachting in Auckland for decades, especially since S.E. Marler bought the Logan Sydney crack *Rawhiti* during the Second World War and sailed her back to Auckland in 1946. Now Marler's grandson Rod and his wife Fiona own the 1934 Couldrey-built Arch Logan-designed keeler *Little Jim*.

*Little Jim* was extensively rebuilt by Hamish Ross and was a core member of the CYA's first generation first-class racing fleet. Hamish sold *Jim* to the Marlers when he became involved in the syndicate that recently restored the boat he had always wanted, Arch Logan's 1899 *Rainbow*. The Marlers decided on a further refit by Peter Brookes to fix a few minor problems, but the refit became an extensive one soon after it started, to meet their high standards.

After what turned into yet another rebuild, *Little Jim* was launched at the Viaduct on 12th June in front of a crowd of well-wishers who thought nothing of the cold and showers to see yet another milestone classic yacht event on Auckland's waterfront.

Rod and Fiona Marler were rightfully bursting with pride. Arch Logan, the designer, and Bill Couldrey, the builder, men who had infinite standards, would have approved. Indeed, they

would have been proud that their superb talents are still so deeply valued in this community.

Rod Marler pays tribute to the skills of those who carried out the rebuild, men from the new generation of great craftsmen we have in Auckland, Peter Brookes, now becoming a legend for his mighty works, nobly

assisted by Paul Tingey, who has recently restored *Rainbow* and other classics, Chris Dent, a master cabinet maker and talented paint hand Zane Dent.

*Little Jim* was first launched in November 1934, a whisker under 75 years ago, and yet, like all Logan yachts, it remains today an eye-catcher and a head-

turner by any standards, so beautifully does form fulfill function. The aesthetics of its lines remain exquisite.

Our dear late Des Townson gained his aesthetic inspiration from Arch Logan who, like Des, was no ordinary mortal. *Jim* is truly one of our taonga pakeha and we should all be proud.

*Harold Kidd*



*Above: The superb quality of the restoration is revealed in the impeccable interior*

*Below: Moana (A9) to leeward, Little Jim (A16) battling with Waiomo (A19)*







*Ron Copeland peers into the cavernous hull of Corona before work started. It is well under way now*

# All a-buzz at the ATBS

This CYA initiative goes from strength to strength and is a very busy place indeed. Apprentice training, hobby classes, one off courses and our very first full-time student course are keeping the three tutors, Director Ray Pilcher, financial controller Dee Ankersmit and Chairman of Trustees Robert Brooke fully occupied.

The School has been asked to lead a group to develop a learning facility at Hobsonville associated with the marine precinct. 3000 sq m of land is earmarked for the new building and there's a possibility of a very large building for the School's workshop as well.

Former Minister of Defence Max Bradford is one of three keen amateurs building a superb little clinker dinghy to a design by Ray Pilcher. New Zephyrs are being built to the order of the Zephyr Association while a very similar boat, a replica of Des

Townson's 12 footer *Nimble*, Q8, is under construction alongside. Restoration of *Corona* is well started with Ian McRobie, Ron Copeland and Morrie Ogden putting in many hours a week. Work on Jason Prew's *Wairiki* is rocketing along too. Indeed

there is so much going on out there that it's hard to condense it into a few paragraphs.

The CYA/ATBS Library is ready for use by members, so please ask Harold Kidd to arrange a gate pass and come and see the fun.

## *Alpha-numerical sail numbers*

The CYA has come to an arrangement with Yachting NZ to issue alpha-numeric sail numbers to CYA members' yachts in the APYMB sequence abandoned on the introduction of national numbers in 1970. YNZ will recognize these numbers for racing and identification purposes. The rules of issue are posted on the website and applications are invited for consideration. Joyce Talbot has forms available.

First in the queue was Jason Prew claiming *Wairiki's* original Auckland number, C5. It would be nice to see *Queenie* wearing C1 again, *Scout* C2, *Gale* C4, *Peri/TusiTala* C6, not to mention *Janet* C11 and *Gleam* C22.

# CYA Prize-giving



Above: CYA Patron Hamish Ross presents David Waddingham of Jonquil with the Koefoed Bowl. Joyce Talbot looks on.

Below: Katrina crew Trevor Turnock, Jonathan Tuohey, Richard Cave, Rob Taylor, Andrew Wilson, Joy Kruger, Tom Hunt and (inset) skipper Warren Tuohey



## Passage Series Winners

**John Brooke Trophy**  
(Winner Modern Division)  
ARROW

**Koefoed Bowl**  
(Winner B Division)  
JONQUIL

**Ranger Tiller**  
(Winner A Division)  
KATRINA

## Harbour Series Winners

**Bob Stewart Cup**  
(Winner Modern Division)  
WATER WITCH

**Robert Logan Trophy**  
(Winner B Division)  
JONQUIL

**Arch Logan Cup**  
(Winner A Division)  
KATRINA

## Trophies

Coudrey Memorial Cup  
(Winner on handicap A Division – first race in season)

KATRINA

Scott Wilson Classic Trophy  
(Winner on handicap – Patio Bay Race)

RAINBOW

Night Race Cup (Winner on handicap A Division - NYC Night race to Mahurangi)

RANGER

Arthur Angell Trophy (Winner on handicap B Division – NYC Night race to Mahurangi)

TUCANA

Queenie Gold Cup (Winner B Division – Mahurangi Festival)

THELMA C6

Mitchelson Trophy (Winner on handicap A Division – race to Te Kouma)

SAPPHIRE

Rangitoto Festival Trophy (Winner on handicap – Round Rangitoto race)

KATRINA

Newcomb Trophy (Winner on handicap A Division – last race in season)

THELMA

Tamatea Cup (Winner on handicap B Division – last race in season)

JONQUIL

NO. 9 Buoy TROPHY  
(Boat committing biggest navigational manoeuvre in season)

THELMA

Prize Tiller (Most firsts on line in season)

GLEAM

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