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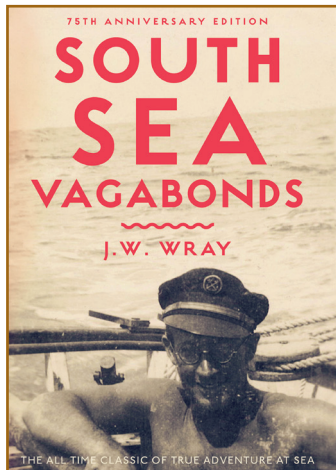
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## Return of a Classic: Johnny Wray's Ngataki Relunched

By Alan Houghton

The second week of August saw the Tino Rawa Trust relaunch Johnny Wray's iconic yacht Ngataki, after a four-year extensive restoration. The yacht and Johnny Wray became boating and adventure legends through the popularity of his book *South Seas Vagabonds*. Through the book, Johnny inspired a generation of New Zealand and overseas sailors to 'have a go'.

To coincide with the re-launch of Ngataki, the publishers, Harper Collins,



have published a 75th Anniversary edition of the book, with an insightful new introduction and additional photos. CYA members are encouraged to buy a copy (available at the Squadron Retail Store, or Boat Books, Westhaven). Red Cross, who are the benefactors of Johnny Wray's will, have advised that proceeds from book sales will be split with the Tino Rawa Trust to help maintain Ngataki.

We like that.



Tony Stevenson Photos

*Main picture: Debbie Lewis, who sailed Ngataki around the world, celebrates the relaunch. Top left: Ngataki's original launching after Johnny Wray built her. Left: The reprinted classic book of Wray's adventures.*

## Calendar on line

The upcoming season's event calendars for both the launch and yacht groups have been finalized and are now viewable on-line at:

<http://classicyacht.org.nz/events/>

Make sure you put the key dates into your diary. There is also a neat new calendar feature on the CYA website home page that shows the upcoming events, so make sure you check out the site on a regular basis.





*Rainbow and Waitangi doing battle on the Waitemata*

## Classics Grace RNZYS Racing Fleet

By David Glen

Photo by Stephen Craig

After four races in the RNZYS series, there has been a good turnout of classics, a wide variety of conditions and a good mix of performances and results.

Race One was a heavy airs affair, with no gaffers venturing out and the big sloops having a great sail.

Race Two was slow, with

the forecast breeze not eventuating and the CYA classic fleet being late into the bar. Complaints were lodged.

The sloops were to the fore with a solid windward needed.

Race Three in a building easterly breeze saw a standout performance from the gaffers, and especially *Waitangi* as they rocked and rolled up the harbour, sailing

by the lee, and defying a gybe.

Race Four was an upper harbour sprint in a nice SSW breeze that saw the CYA classics first back to the bar for the first time – we even beat the multihulls! *Ta'aroa* took line honours to defeat *Ranger* for the first time this series. *Katrina* did very well to hang in with the gaffers and secure the corrected time honours – again.

At the time of going to

print, with one race left to sail, *Katrina* looks to have the series in the bag.

It has been excellent to see a good quality turnout most race days.

Many very complimentary comments have been received from spectators about having the CYA classic fleet out there with the Squadron fleet in good numbers and putting on a grand display in the upper harbour most days.

## Classic Vessel Register presents showcase of a rich legacy

By now all CYA members will have received their copy of the latest Classic Register.

This year more than 230 classic vessels are featured, with great photographs and details of their pedigree.

There are also lavishly illustrated features, which highlight the CYA activities and the rich heritage of classic vessels still going strong and actively campaigning in New Zealand.

The register underlines

how fortunate we are to have such a strong on-the-water legacy.

Already we have had to do a reprint to cater for those who want a copy for home and boat. Copies are available to purchase for \$15+p&p from the CYA secretary – email Tanya at [admin@classicyacht.org.nz](mailto:admin@classicyacht.org.nz). But be quick.

*Breeze* readers can view the Classic Register on-line at <http://classicyacht.org.nz/vessel-register/>



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