



CYA Boat Owners Meeting 2nd June 2015, 6 pm at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron

Apologies: Russell Brooke, Larry Paul, Brett Evans, James Stonyer

Present: Rod Marler, Adrian Sully, Richard Allen, A Houghton, Chris Leech, Jason Prew, James Mortimer, Nathan Herbert, Daniel Renall, Chad Thompson, Derek Brandt, Iain Valentine, Ian Cook, Steve Cranch, John Street, Robert Algie, Graham Andrew, Hamish Ross, Eben Bruyns, Barb Cooke, David Cooke, Bill Falconer, Bruce Tantrum, John Duder. In attendance Tanya Ankersmit.

RM welcomed the members present and introduced Frith Walker from Waterfront Auckland to provide an update on the status of the Vos Shed and take questions from the floor. CT noted that there were four boat owners who would like to pull their masts out at and asked FW if there were other commitments for the building between late June to late September, and if not, could they utilise the space?

FW responded, noting that she will be attending a committee meeting on the 18 June 2015 to discuss the Vos Shed, so could not commit to any long term leases, but possibly short term. The vision for the shed is for it to once again be a working boat shed, whilst still honouring what Percy Vos did as well as the objectives of the CYA. JS is unhappy with the progress on the shed and considers that the redevelopment of the shed will never happen and will make a public statement of the current situation. FW requested to JS, to wait until after she has had the committee meeting on the 18th June, whereupon she will know the funding availability for the development.

RM thanked FW for her input and commended JS on his passion for the project, noting the parking issue which is the responsibility of Auckland Transport and also noting that the Vos Shed has always been considered a Heritage Item, but it does have funding issues.

Season Debrief

DR summarised the 2014 -2015 season, noting that some of the season's racing events had been experimental, however the number of entries had been low and clearly there are a lot of classics for sale on the market place. With the absence of Joyce Talbot, DR was kept very busy with race management and concluded that the CYA were not well set up for running their races.

Feedback from members present:

Season very good, quick fire races good, liked format and a good job done by DR.

Racing was either all on, or all off

There should be no more than one mark foy start in the passage series

DR response: There are a limited number of weekends available for racing due to the high number of activities on the water. Mark Foy starts were used more frequently due to the difficulty experienced with getting a start/finish boat and volunteers to assist with the race management. The quick fire races in the Harbour Series, gives the yachts a second chance on the day at doing better. DR also noted that he is

competing against those who want to keep the status quo in certain races (e.g. AAR) and requested the need for a consolidated opinion on race courses from the CYA members prior to approaching the AAR with any course changes.

RM tabled Russell Brooke's feedback on the AAR. DR reiterated the need to reach an agreement where the race is going to be run in the future, taking into account the exposure to the viewing public and course length. Further feedback:

'The AAR was one of the better races and we either go yacht racing or display our boats, but we can't please everybody'.

The AAR race was too long and the entrants need to be off the water before 3 pm so not to get caught up in other boating traffic.

The speed limit issue that had been raised at a previous meeting had been addressed.

The start time of the AAR could be made earlier.

The Commodores Cup will be reclaimed by the owner (Ross George) if no longer used. IC commented that this was due to people not entering the racing. RM suggested that the RNZYS could run a race in the summer series for the Commodores Cup.

The AAR course for B Division was good.

DR commended on a brilliant season.

Position of race courses depends on the hosting club. RM suggested on behalf of the executive committee that the CYA do not host races barring the Patio Bay race, due to the time and resourcing required managing races. Objections were sought from the attendees of the meeting, but no objections were forthcoming. RM noted that the CYA AGM will be on the 4th August and the Executive Committee will be calling for members to be nominated for the 2015 – 2016 season. Te Kouma Race cancellation: CT suggested that there be alternative courses set if the weather is too heavy for classics i.e. Motuihe instead. DR concurred that it may work for other passage series races too. **CYR Debrief** RM noted that the RNZYS may be prepared to host the CYR. They currently have all the facilities as well as race management, but RM suggests that further investigation will be required, with the possibility of using the CYR to celebrate other heritage items as well. IC noted that the RNZYS would be prepared to make visitor berths available.

Participation of Events Numbers of entrants have been low this season, with the weather, time and crew numbers being the key affecting factors.

Feedback:

Approach the 'not so frequent sailors' to join in with the events.

Boat owners should be encouraged to comment on races/ courses and events.

A Youth program could be developed to encourage young people to join up for crew experience on classics. JS noted that he has tried to get kids involved from the Spirit of NZ and Sea Scouts (CL) without luck.

Every member has a responsibility to encourage more people to become interested in

the CYA.

From the survey completed last year, a third of the CYA membership does not have boats, the membership numbers have remained static despite the number of people joining, and retention of members is the issue. AH suggests that the CYA need to provide more value for money for non- boat owners.

At the recent Riverhead brunch, those attending were mainly all new to a member, which may indicate that there is little mixing between members.

The CYA should hold a Boat Owners meeting more frequently, suggesting one prior to next season. **Australian Contingent: Festival of Sails 2016** IV enquired what this was about. The CYA had been approached by the CYAA about being part of a Festival of Sails 2016 about the same time as the CYR, with the idea of bringing out Australian classic yachts for the event. This has not proceeded further at this stage. IV commented later that the Australians may have reconsidered and decided to head to the UK instead for this event. RM concluded the Boat Owners Meeting at 7 pm thanking everyone for their attendance.