

Chairmans AGM Report 2024

I would like to present the Chairmans and Executive Committee report for 2024. Welcome Members including CYA member Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Commodore Andrew Aitken.

I am pleased to report the financial results this financial year delivered a surplus of \$7,111.

As at 30 June we have 289 paid up members.

We thank ABD Group's doubling of their ABD Group Regatta Sponsorship and particularly thank Grant Burrell's support during the current economic turbulence.

In August, with the significant initial help of Russell Brooke and later help from Jeremy Chapman, we completed a good implementation of the Hello Club membership system. We are still learning what Hello Club can do for us and have found that the overall system is good. We are now seeing the benefits of streamlined club administration and financial control. We wait for a customised Hello Club page to enable the Hello Club shop. Please let Jane or Jeremy know if you encounter any problems, so we can find solutions and continue to improve the Hello Club experience.

In March, our Administrator/Secretary Joyce Talbot resigned, after 20 years of service. The committee appointed, Jane High as Secretary and Joyce as Treasurer.

The 2020 AGM members adopted that a new 'Crew class' of members was to be created with full voting rights. The Rules are being updated to reflect this.

We have explored establishment of a Marketing subcommittee. It has been recommended that the next Committee investigate this further.

Following a review of CYA's social media presence, Russell Brooke and Annabel Cave have established a social media content feed for and connecting Facebook, Instagram and Linked in. The feedback has been positive.

We reviewed the opportunity to create an online knowledge hub. For reasons of cost and limited benefit, this project has been set aside.

Our Heritage Landing discussions with Eke Panuku to strengthening the display of classics vessels at Heritage landing have been ongoing. As of today, we have not come to an agreement that safeguards our long-term tenure at this location. However, if we were to move, given present constraints within the Viaduct, Eke Panuku have said they would help us find a new home.

Eke Panuku has made a claim to charge annual operating expenses for Heritage Landing. However, this falls outside the terms of the 2012 memorandum of understanding and has been rejected by your committee. The terms and conditions of our use of this location remain the same as they have for the last 12 years.

The general committee and heritage landing subcommittee will continue to work with Eke Panuku, negotiating in good faith to preserve this facility for the display of the vessels and the enjoyment of the visitors to, and people of Auckland. When the agreement over strengthening CYA's continued occupation of Heritage Landing with a clear way forward is known, the Committee will come back to members with an appropriate update.

We supported The Auckland Wooden Boat Festival in March. This event was well attended by 11,700 people who had the opportunity to view 98 boats in the marina, and 70 boats and displays within the Viaduct Events Centre. Noted the festival had 500,000 social media impressions and reached over 200,000 people nationally and internationally. Mainstream media embraced the festival with features on the TV1 6pm news, Breakfast TV and Seven Sharp.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship with the Auckland Wooden Boat Festival and associated Trusts. We see this event as an endorsement for a strengthened permanent Classics display.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron has decided to adopt a partner club model. This model would have required the CYA to pay an annual fee to continue the Host relationship we have enjoyed with the RNZYS over the past 23 years. To this end the squadron gave notice on our 2001 agreement terms.

After discussions with the squadron, they decided that this was not the approach they wish to take in our case and have withdrawn their notice to terminate the agreement and given an apology. The relationship has reverted back to the 2001 understanding.

In the coming months the RNZYS will propose a new agreement to update and formalise the 2001 agreement and have said that there will be no charge for at least the first 12 months, with the intention that the agreement will be without charge if successful.

After the delivery of the termination notice from the Squadron, it was decided to set-up a host club subcommittee to look at possible alternative hosting facilities. This subcommittee has done a fantastic job, engaging with several clubs to generate workable proposals. The incoming executive committee plan to continue this work along with the subcommittee and report back to the members in due course.

The boating season was a success, completing six harbour races and six passage races which included a new race, the Motuihe Flyer. Being a great summer, we only used one rain day. Our first ever Spring cruising rally was a great success, attended by yachts and launches and will be repeated. Launch activity continued with good attendance at the Mahurangi Festival, Auckland Anniversary regatta and our Cruising Rally.

The ABD Group regatta had twenty-four entries. We had fourteen Australian sailors and one from America.

We acknowledged the passing of John Street in December.

In January we learnt of Joyce's recognition in the New Years Honours list.

The efforts of the 23/24 Committee and volunteers has been extremely appreciated.

Specifically, I extend immense thanks to Russell Brooke for his Vice Chair support. Totally instrumental in the Hello Club Implementation, his significant help for the Auckland Wooden Boat Festival while I was away and for his bringing of multiple fresh ideas to the Committee.

I would like to thank Jeremy who in his words 'when we spoke of Committee interests', said he would assist with, 'all things sailing'. In the CYA 'all things sailing', includes a lot of administration.

Josh for his significant involvement leading the Regatta sponsorship and the Host Club review.

Shirley-Anne for her amazing organisational strengths.

Anatole for his help and inputs in respect of launch activity.

Chris for his knowledge of the Constitution.

Pete for his common-sense approach in respect of yachting.

Thanks to those on active sub committees.

Chad and Andy, Peter and Tony for Heritage Landing support with Shirley-Ann.

Robin & Peter for their overview of the Spirit of Tradition Class rule.

Our Patron Hamish for significant Host Club work.

I would particularly like to thank Jane for picking up the mantle but also Joyce, Robyn, Penelope, Karen, Roger, Annabel and Stephen Horsley for all that they have done, and also our suppliers and most importantly our sponsors.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and support having had to work with our committee, mostly while I was away in Gisborne.

Thank you.