



Minutes of the Classic Yacht Association Boat Owners Meeting
held at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron, Westhaven at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 May 2023

Chair, Richard Cave welcomed the 21 members present and opened the meeting at 7.09pm

Apologies: Peter Brookes, Mike Pigneguy, Tom Bertenshaw

1. Launch Events

Richard commented on the challenge organising launch events and the overlap presented by those hosted by Waitemata Woodies.

A discussion took place on what the launch events provided, and it was agreed events where yachts and launches could cruise together would be welcomed. The success of Patio Bay and Mahurangi events was noted and re-introducing the 'hitch-a-ride' for yacht skippers for the Riverhead excursion was suggested.

Shirley-Ann McCrystal was thanked for her efforts over the past season.

2. Yacht Racing Events

Debrief on 2022-23 Season

Richard expressed disappointment at the lack of racing due to adverse weather conditions over the summer. Tony Stevenson thanked the committee for their effort and attempts to proceed, and suggested a sheltered course be included in future course options.

It was also requested tidal movements be considered when courses are chosen and wind strengths

Harbour and Passage Series

Jeremy Chapman (CYA handicapper) spoke on the difficulties of performance-based handicapping with low fleet numbers and the lack of racing over the past season. He advised he would be keen to look into the JCH system incorporating length & sail measurements and configurations. He requested assistance to review the past couple of seasons results using this system to compare the outcomes. Richard thanked both Bob Still and Jeremy for their input over the season.

Race cancellations

Early postponement or cancellation calls were requested, and for one or two reserve days to be included in the calendar so skippers and crew are aware of the full time commitment for the season. This would also circumvent making changes to the calendar mid-season which may be unlikely to suit all entrants.

Rangitoto Light and Salt Works beacon were discussed, and all agreed neither were fairway marks so no changes to course descriptions were required.

2023-24 Season

It is proposed to run a similar program to the past season with Ponsonby CC, Devonport YC and the RNZYS hosting races.

It is also proposed to use excel to calculate results as opposed to TopYacht.

Winter Series

It was noted the 2023 Winter Series hosted by the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron would start on 13 May.

3. Classic Yacht Regatta

Richard thanked all sponsors, owners, and the committee for their input into the 2023 Regatta. He confirmed there were 25 entries in 2023 which was an increased number from 2022, and observed we are rebuilding after the 2020/21 Covid-19 lock down restrictions.

The preference for the first race to start prior to the Squadron rum race around 4.00pm on the Friday was noted, along with a longer race on the Sunday in lieu of two short races.

The change in the Prizegiving to a more informal style was approved.

A possible increase in the entry fee to cover the Squadron's new management fees was briefly discussed. Joyce Talbot advised that the CYA already paid race management fees to the Squadron and these were included in the budget prior to entry fees being set.

4. General Business

A Three-day Rally in the Hauraki gulf, similar to the Devonport YC event was suggested. It was agreed that this would be an ideal opportunity for yachts and launches to participate in a combined event.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.09pm