



Classic Yacht Association Boat Owners Meeting Minutes Tuesday 1 May 2018 at 7.00 pm at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron

Present: There were 22 members present

The Chairman, Peter Mence opened the meeting, welcomed all attending and advised that Tuesday 8th May would be the 23rd Anniversary of the formation of the Association.

Apologies: Paige Cook, Chad Thompson

1. Launch and Social Events

Riverhead:

Angus commented on the events noting the first event to Riverhead had been cancelled due to a prior OBC booking, but plans were in place to combine with OBC for next season to ensure both Associations could enjoy the Bath Tub race.

The second Riverhead excursion was very successful with 15 vessels attending.

Fairway Bay:

Inclement weather again prevented the event from happening and now the marina was being extended it wasn't possible to hold a gathering there..

Waitangi Day:

Nathan commented on the success of the combined yacht & launch event .

Mahurangi:

Nathan noted this event had been extremely successful with a long parade of launches and an excellent commentary being provided from the beach by Ken Ricketts.

Ideas and suggestions for the 2018-19 season were called for.

2. Yacht Racing Events

Harbour and Passage Series:

Email comments were received from Chad and Paige and are included in the following notes.

Harbour:

- Paige noted that the new format for the Upper Harbour races had been well received. Concern was expressed over skippers being aware of the importance of keeping well clear of ships in the shipping channel particularly in reference to the Devonport YC Round the Buoys race, and commented on how good it was to see so many boats racing in the Anniversary Regatta.
- A request from James Buttle for the yacht race start line to be at Orakei was noted but as James M pointed out most of the CYA races are now hosted by other Yacht Clubs and sailed under their instructions. James would approach the Clubs involved prior to next season.

Passage:

- James M noted the number of entries had increased which was pleasing. The start line was again mentioned and the possibility of the CYA organising their own start for Passage Races or requesting assistance from Devonport YC.
- James B commented on the success of the series and the opportunities it provided for combined yacht and launch events.

Mahurangi Regatta:

The increased numbers of competing yachts at Mahurangi was noted and appreciation expressed for separating the divisions on the start line.

Classic Yacht Regatta:

- Chad again requested the A Division/s start be separated but it was noted this was dependent on the number of entries received.
- Dave Nigh commented on the distance to go to Northern Leading for the start but it was pointed out the area was much clearer there. The possibility of launches assisting the smaller yachts to the start line was noted.
- James commented on the opportunities leading into the 2021 Regatta and the RNZYS 150th celebrations with the possibilities of 6-7 J-Class yachts being present and involved. Angus suggested the launches being involved with a parade prior to the start and heading to Riverhead after.
- Tony Stevenson was thanked and complimented on the huge amount of effort he puts in to the Regatta and the prizes on offer.

Peter thank James for his superb effort as Yacht Captain over the past few years and called for nominations for Yacht Captain for the 2018-19 season.

3. General Business:

1. Dave Nigh suggested the CYA nurture a division for smaller classic yachts which would also help ensure there would be future caretakers of the larger yachts coming through the ranks.
2. James B voiced his concern over the drop in modern classic yachts and the need for a concerted effort to encourage the Stewart 34 and Townson owners to become more involved. James advised that encouragement was offered and suggested skippers contact likely racers and encourage them to participate.

There being no further business, Peter thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.40pm.