



**Classic Yacht Association Boat Owners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 7.00 pm at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron**

Present: There were 25 members present

The Chairman, Peter Mence opened the meeting, welcomed all attending and encouraged constructive comments from those present.

Apologies: Chris Leech, Alan Good, Michael White, Lin Pardey, Martin Robertson, Mike Mahoney

1. Launch and Social Events

Fairway Bay:

Angus reported on the Launch program noting the trip to Fairway Bay hadn't gone ahead due to bad weather but it was a small marina inside Gulf Harbour with BBQ facilities so ideal for a spring excursion.

Riverhead:

Angus noted there had been two successful Riverhead excursions and thanked Tony Stevenson and Michelle for their assistance in ferrying people ashore.

Waitangi Day and Round Rangi Cake Day, Easter/Labour Weekend Cruises:

Angus requested comments from launch members on how to make these excursions work better.

Proposed events for 2017-18 Season:

To run a similar program and build on the launches involvement in the Classic Yacht Regatta.

Comments:

Bruce Mitchinson commented that the Russell Boating Club would like to see more launches involved in events in the Bay given the number of classic launches based in Russell.

Alan Houghton suggested social gatherings ashore would be well supported such as at Mahurangi, and suggested organising other social events on land such as marine engineering and 'How To' evenings.

Nathan commented on the popularity of the visit to Chris McMullen's shed.

It was noted that better communications to launch owners was desired and that this would be reviewed for next season.

2. Yacht Racing Events

James commented on the change to the high points system this season and the handicapping becoming performance based. He noted that while the series entries were low, there appeared to be more boats out on the water.

SPINNAKERS: in response to a query re clarification of the handicapping for extras, it was explained the current performance based handicapping would take use of extras into account over the course of the season.

Chad suggested issuing separate handicaps for harbour, passage and the Regatta.

HARBOUR SERIES : Opening Day; Upper Harbour; Paremoremo; Round the Buoys; Anniversary Regatta; Duder Cup; Vintage & Veterans; ANZAC Day Regatta

James asked the skippers if they considered there too many Harbour Races to consider if there were too many races given there were 8 Harbour and 5 Passage races in the current season.

Feedback was welcomed.

Richard commented on the safety issues encountered on the harbour with the Stewart 34 fleet for example as the classics do not have the same flexibility to manoeuvre.

James advised the choice of courses was not under the CYA's control but feedback will be given to the RNZYS.

PASSAGE SERIES: Patio Bay; Mahurangi Weekend x 2; Round Rangī; Man O War Bay

Alan Houghton suggested organising a ferry to take families and crew of racing yachts back to Auckland. Classic Yacht Regatta

Hamish advised he considered the program well thought out though suggested returning to Auckland on the Monday – he was advised the current program would stay in place for a further season.

The lack of support for the Waitangi Day event and Cake Day (Round Rangī) was commented on by Ian Gavin.

WINTER SERIES: James advised the Winter Series with RNZYS was starting the next weekend and produced an overall summary of the handicapping for those interested.

COLLISIONS: Concern was expressed over the 5-6 collisions over the season and the need for skippers to be more vigilant.

Attendance at a Squadron Rules night was suggested.

3. Classic Yacht Regatta

Suggestion and comments:

- the lack of one long race was noted

- the starts & finishes of races in the harbour wasn't favoured

- suggestion to make the Friday race a 4pm Rum Race with more emphasis on the Saturday & Sunday racing for serious points, which would assist skippers who struggle to find crew on the Friday

- the multi division starts were discussed but the loss of emphasis was noted and a longer start line requested.

- a bigger emphasis on attracting the Stewart 34 and Mullet Boat fleets needed

Tony Stevenson thanked James for his time and effort in a successful season of racing and a great Classic Yacht Regatta.

Wooden Boat Festival: Peter commented on the possibility of hosting a Wooden Boat Festival – anyone interested to contact Michelle Khan.

CYA Expo in October and suggestions were requested

There being no further business, Peter thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.