



**Minutes of the CYA Boat Owners Meeting
held at the Royal NZ Yacht Squadron on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7.00pm**

Rachel Orr, Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed the 20 members present. Rachel introduced Richard Cave, Yacht Captain who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

1. Launch Events

Jason Prew, Launch Captain, commented on the numbers attending the launch events and that this had been a year of rebuilding with the new Launch Series attracting 8 entrants. There were 6 formal events one of which being the Poker Run to Patio Bay – Haydon Afford commented on how good this event was and the wonderful prizes offered for the launch skippers. In answer to a query, Jason explained the Poker Run to the members.

Jason thanked Alan Houghton for his assistance for the first two events and noted a new event up the Waihou River was in the planning stages and details would be advised.

Larry Paul offered his congratulations on the six events and looked forward to participating with the launches next season.

2. Yacht Racing Events

Richard thanked the skippers who participated in the 2020-2021 Season, the sponsors, Hummingbird Photography, RNZYS Race Officers, Margaret Woolcott, Mike Mahoney (Patio Bay) and the Lewis family (Kennedy Bay) along with the support of the committee. He noted the difficulties presented by the impact of the America's Cup on available water space enforcing many amendments to the Sailing instructions and the multiple challenges faced learning TopYacht with a complex Series structure in place.

Using a power point display Richard showed a summary of the 16 races that took place. He then followed with responses to the survey that had been sent to all competing skippers prior to the Boat Owners Meeting, noting there had been a 31.25% response.

Series format

Series and scoring type	Percentage response
1. 2019/20 (Harbour & Passage) series	46.6
2. 2020/21 (Summer & Premier) series	26.7
3. No preference over either series	26.7
Total	100.0

Richard explained the difference between the two formats. Richard Dodd commented on the possibility of the Summer Series attracting more participants.

Survey: Patio Bay to be reviewed for inclusion in Series results?

Include Patio Bay in the 'Series results'?	Percentage
1. Review Patio Bay for inclusion in a series results	47.7
2. No opinion if Patio Bay should be included in the Series results scoring	53.3
Total	100.0

The option of a Friday afternoon race, a Saturday race around the Islands followed by a function and race home on Sunday was put forward. A discussion followed with most commenting on the difficulties of getting crew on Friday afternoons.

Regarding the Mark Foy option, Bob Still explained how/when the start times were calculated in advance and were very weather dependent. Comments included a Mark Foy race was a 'fun' race as opposed to a serious Series race and perhaps better to either retain as a conventional race or remove it from the Series.

Survey: 2021/22 series to include Oneroa

Conscious of thoughts?	Percentage
1. Try to include if possible, Oneroa	60.0
2. No interest in Oneroa	13.3
3. No opinion on Oneroa as a destination	26.7
Total	100.0

Andrew Barnes commented on the possibilities of the onshore event being funded by Waiheke Tourism and the optional finish at Opunake if required by inclement weather at Oneroa. It was also suggested this could be an opportunity to involve the launch fleet.

Survey: Challenger Series

Inclusion: Mahurangi Night Race, Mahurangi Return, Anniversary Day Regatta and CYA Regatta

Views expressed	Percentage
1. Yes – reinstate	60
2. No opinion	40
3. Do not reinstate	0
Total	100

The return of the Challenge Series appeared to be a popular call in the survey, with no dissent from those in attendance.

Survey: Regatta planning improvements

Feedback received	YC recommendation
1. Avoid Harbour area	Accept – keep Northern Leading starts
2. Reduce course sheet complexity e.g. Day 1, Day 2, Day 3	Accept and ask 2022 OA
3. A social programme with a bit of variety - attractive for visitors to Auckland that shows off our venues, cuisine, art, etc	Accept

It was agreed the Northern Leading starts should be retained and the course sheets simplified. The preference for two races on the final day was noted.

A request for a review of the handicaps mid-Regatta was received. Bob Still advised this had taken place in the 2021 event due to the gap between the first and following races but it was very challenging to achieve this after each race.

2021/22 Suggestions for Improvements

The suggestion of a return to the CIM handicapping system was mentioned but noted the heavy penalties for non-compliance to CIM standards.

Andy Ball commented on the current system which was working well, and Bob Still noted the advantage of the TopYacht system had been providing an analysis of the handicap data.

It was also suggested the date of the DYC 3-legged event be kept free for CYA members who wished to participate – this was agreed to.

Racing in less common waters was put forward and to be considered in future race planning.

The A Gaff v A Bermudan split was noted and provided in the Regatta and Anniversary Day Regatta which resulted in a major drop-off of entries in the Bermudan Division.

Winter Series

The Winter Series, organised by the RNZYS will start Saturday 8 May and consist of 7 races for the Classic Division.

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The CYAA has advised the dates of their CUP Regatta from Friday 29 October to Monday 1 November. Tuesday 2 November will be a social gathering to watch the Melbourne Cup.

There being no further business the Chair thanked Richard and Joyce for the preparation of the meeting, the members attending for sharing their thoughts and closed the meeting at 7.58pm