

Chairman's AGM Report 2025

I am very glad to be able to welcome you, our members, to this year's AGM. I thank you for taking the time to come to this meeting and participate in the discussions, the introductions, and decisions that we, as an organisation, need to make together.

I'd like to thank the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron for their continued hospitality in hosting our association as they have done for, I think, 22 years now. I believe our mutual support continues to bear fruit. Their hosting of our Perpetual Guardian Classic Yacht Regatta delivered 3 days of excellent competitive racing in all 5 classes.

A special thank-you goes to Perpetual Guardian and Andrew Barnes for their generous headline sponsorship of this flagship event.

This is my first AGM Chairmans Report and as I cast my eyes over my predecessors' words, I decided to choose mine on the next subject carefully.

One of the things that I wanted the committee to achieve was to take Heritage Landing off the agenda. I'm glad to say that this has happened with a new agreement with Auckland Council. However as many of you who have been to these meeting will know, I am not the first to say these words. Let's just say I hope it will be at least a couple of years before you hear them again.

We also wanted to lay a framework of entertaining events through the season to suit all classic vessels and their crews. We took the wonderful events to Patio Bay, Round Rangi, Kennedy Bay, and Mahurangi and added

the classic boat rallies, bringing together the spectrum of our community at some brilliant parties hosted by great friends of the association and organised by Tony Koia and the events subcommittee.

We hope everyone who attended had a great time and will encourage others to join us in the coming year to make these events even more special.

A new edition of the Vessel Register was produced this year with many thanks going to Shirley-Anne, Frances and Steve for all the hard work that went into getting this publication out.

The classic yacht regatta provided a mixture of conditions and was at times worryingly light, however in the end we had 5 excellent races with 21 boats attending.

There were a lot of boats out of the water for the last season. Many of the A class fleet needed love and attention. While individual races were attended quite well, the Passage series consisted of only 6 A class boats. No B class or Moderns.

The Harbour series had only 6 participants, 3 A class, 1 B class and 2 Moderns.

My most sincere hope is that in my next chairman's report I'm able to say what an amazing turn out we had for the series in 2025-26.

Chad's Spring and Autumn rallies continue to gain momentum, and the spring rally is now firmly part of the calendar.

We finished up with the open day at Peter Brookes' boat yard. It was not a warm day as I remember and there was quite a bit of rain between sunny

spells, but the hospitality was warm and welcoming. Many thanks to Peter and Mary.

Membership sits at a healthy 300+.

The association managed a financial surplus of \$15k

This just leaves me to say a big thank-you to the committee.

Pete and Josh for their pragmatic, level-headed guidance.

Andy for picking up several batons and running with them.

Shirley-Anne and Frances for the outstanding Vessel Register.

Anatole for his sage council.

Tony for the spectacular season of social events.

Chris for all his legal council and the amazing job of putting together the new constitution.

Hamish for his assistance and guidance.

Jane for ensuring that everything stayed on track.

Joyce for all her help and experience with the on-water racing events and for continuing to be the treasurer, even if it does appear that she is being held hostage.

A big thank you also to Robyn, Penelope, Corinne, Andy Ball, Chad, Karen for the effort they put into keeping this association vibrant and successful.

Finally, a big thank-you to all our members for making the CYA NZ a great community of classic boat enthusiasts.