

Classic Yacht Association NZ AGM – 1 August 2023

Chairman's Report

It is a pleasure to present my first Chairman's report to you, the members of the Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand.

Thank you for your attendance and participation at this AGM.

Financial

I am very pleased to report that the Association remains in a financially sound position.

This year the Committee arranged 'Associations Liability' insurance and increased the Public Liability/Statutory cover to \$5m.

Membership

We currently have 314 members.

Launches

It was a tough season for the launches with weather delivering havoc.

Next season will include a new launch yacht event, the CYA Spring Rally then also Patio Bay, Mahurangi and Auckland Anniversary. We also hope to enhance our co-ordination with Waitemata Woodies.

Yachting

The racing format for the 22/23 Summer season reverted back to the Harbour and Passage series.

Seven harbour races were scheduled for a six-race series, omitting the Ponsonby ANZAC day Mark Foy race.

The Association's responsibility to help preserve vessels and equipment meant that regrettably, the Harbour series only completed half of the scheduled races.

The Summer Season Opening race at RNZYS was cancelled due to adverse weather.

Races 2 & 3, run by Ponsonby, were sailed successfully, although 1 gaffer in particular may disagree after her mud bank contact.

The Auckland Anniversary regatta, Race 4, was cancelled for only the second time in its 183-year history.

Race 5, Vintage and Veterans Regatta at Ponsonby was a success.

Race 6, Devonport Duder Cup was postponed. The postponement date required it's removal from the Summer Series. This was unfortunate for both CYA and DYC.

For the Passage Racing, four of the six scheduled races were achieved. The fleet size equalled the Harbour race fleet size.

Race 1 DYC Icebreaker and Race 2 to Patio Bay were a success.

Anniversary Weekend weather wiped out Race 3 the DYC Night Race & Race 4 Mahurangi return race.

Harkin Foster Kennedy Bay Race 5 was well attended, overnighing with a band, and was jointly hosted by the Lewis family.

Race 6 Round Rangitoto continued to attract strong support, and this year had wonderful sailing conditions. The Cake Day will move back to Patio Bay this season ahead.

The season's racing highlights included Pastime's arrival, The ABD Group Regatta with 26 vessels, Patio Bay being well attended, and some racing being achieved.

Patio Bay, Mahurangi (despite cancellation) and Kennedy Bay continue to provide destinations suitable for boat owners, crews and guests to enjoy our remarkable fleet of vessels.

The Winter series, of seven races had six entries. There have since been 2 withdrawals after equipment failure. Last Winter season had twelve vessels, eleven in 2021 and seven in 2020.

The ABD Group CYA Regatta had 26 vessels competing over five races in pleasant, varied conditions.

The new Prize Giving function format, of having all in the Squadron Quarter deck, received positive feedback.

Peter Brookes held a successful Open Yard Day in June.

Operational updates include:

- The 23/24 Season Calander has been published.
- A new boating event, a three-legged Spring season rally has been created.
- The Wooden Boat Festival is on the 2nd & 3rd March.
- The Heritage Landing continues to be optimised and has full occupancy.
- For the Heritage Basin, the communication channel is progressing with stakeholders.
- We acknowledge more work is required for youth participation.
- The CYA is now on Instagram, Facebook and Linked in.
- A WEB site refresh.
- We plan to retire the Top Yacht results management system and
- We are reviewing a new Member Management system.

The Committee needs to update it's strategic plan. To enable this to happen, we need a strong committee with people to hoist the sails.

We need to re-register the Association by April 2026, after a rules and compliance review.

Can I please mention that the trend of late race registrations and late RSVP's for events, is unhelpful for your Committee.

Going forward the CYA has solid plans. Our schedule reflects the Boat owner feedback, dates around Sail GP, the Ocean festival, and the Wooden Boat Festival. The new Spring 3-legged event with the Launches & Yachts will provide enjoyment for all. Other Classes have been invited to the Regatta. We are working on the opportunity to increase our vessel display. The forecast is for an excellent summer of boating.

I would like to thank the following:

My vice chair, Russell Brooke for stepping in mid-season with positive energy, broad thinking, leadership, enthusiasm and picking up some of the Secretary's role.

Peter Brookes for his passion as our Yacht Captain.

Shirley-Ann McCrystal our retiring Launch Captain for her valued input and support.

Chris Bierre, with his legal bent, offers well-structured advice.

Mike Pigneguy, for resurrecting the Speaker nights with total enthusiasm and perseverance. Regrettably Mike is resigning. We wish Mike well in his new role at Gulf Harbour Yacht Club.

Tom Bertenshaw, for his valuable inputs.

Jonathan Curtis, Kathryn Hobcraft and Antonia Jacob for their enthusiasm.

Particular thanks is extended to Chad Thompson and Andy Ball for their enduring support to maintain Heritage Landing, with background support from Shirley-Ann McCrystal and Bruce Tantrum. This asset requires significant management to ensure our tenancy.

I would particularly like to thank our Secretary Joyce Talbot, for her ongoing tireless and unwavering support, even while holidaying overseas. The role has grown from Yachting and Launch membership, to also now include multiple stakeholders.

Joyce has indicated a wish to slow down. We plan to split the Secretary's role into two, Administrator and Treasurer.

Anatol Perry for his Start and Finish line support.

Margaret Woolcott, thank you for your continued Regatta Prize Giving support.

Bob Still, a special thank you for multiple years of handicapping support and Jeremy Chapman for stepping into the Handicapping role.

Robyn Pearce for the Sheerlines support and Penelope Carroll for her Classic Journals.

Annabel Cave for her social media updates.

Jason Davies for assisting Joyce with the Prize Giving Trophies.

The Mahoney, Lewis families and also Postage Stamp Wines (Andrew Barnes & Charlotte Lockhart) thank you for your Waiheke destination support and sponsorship.

We are very grateful for our sponsors the ABD Group, Trillian Trust, RNZYS, Harkin Fosters and others.

Our Patron Hamish Ross, thank you, for your presence and help.

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All the contributions are vital to our Association's continued success.

To conclude my report, I thank you all.

Richard Cave
Chair, CYA Committee 2022/23