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Trillion Trust CYA Classic Regatta

**By Daniel Renall &
Nathan Herbert**

Friday 28th saw the CYA classic fleet descend upon the Auckland Viaduct for the 2015 Trillion Trust CYA Classic Yacht Regatta. This year, we were fortunate to integrate with the Volvo Ocean Race and secured a prime position for regatta HQ overlooking the Volvo finish.

This created an interesting contrast when stepping off a centenarian wooden race yacht and then passing a \$4.5-million, carbon fibre, canting keel ocean race

machine – yachting feast for young and old.

Friday's race began with light shifty conditions, but shortly after rounding Chelsea buoy, skippers could be forgiven for thinking they were racing the Volvo themselves, with a freak thunderstorm ripping through the fleet, bringing 25 knot winds, torrential rain and lightning.

An interesting situation developed with 20-odd hard-pressed classics barreling under the bridge in limited visibility. Some went to hero,

others to zero. Within half an hour the fleet was again basking in sunshine, drying out soggy sailors.

Unfortunately the weather gods had a day off on Saturday and racing was abandoned.

Sunday's racing saw a strong fleet greeted once more by sunny skies, but a weak breeze. Anxious crews waited out a one hour postponement before racing got the green light. Eyes were on stablemates *Innismara* and *Ranger* to put up a good fight, and minds on tactics for the just-announced course.

Nathan on *Wairiki* reported that the conditions were favourable and she enjoyed an excellent 'Gaff B' race hitting 8.5 knots on a broad reach from Torpedo Buoy to Chelsea – enough to keep well in front of her division and many Bermudans too.

With the breeze freshening to around 8 knots, all experienced a competitive race and a happy last race with some great results.

As always, the prizegiving was one of the highlights and everyone left with a smile on their face.

Light going in Round Rangi Race

By Rod Marler

This year's Round Rangi race got off to a relatively relaxed start. Steve Cranch, our race officer of the day, elected to send the fleet of 11 A and B division boats on Course Two (clockwise), which meant an eased sheets slide to Rangi Light in about 7 knots of breeze. The relaxed start was due to most of the fleet arriving late and heading off in single file with the last boat starting nearly 20 minutes after the start gun!

The breeze filled-in and the lead A-division boats made good time with *Advantage* first boat home in 2hrs 5min. She was followed by *Prize* one minute astern and *Moana*, a further five minutes behind.

In the B-division, *Dolphin of Leith* was an early retiree due to difficulties with the incoming tide. The first home was *Corona* in 2hrs 47min, very closely followed by *Wairiki* six minutes later (*Wairiki* narrowly won on handicap).

A great day's racing with an early finish that allowed

much merriment aboard! The decision was made to hold the Cake Contest on board the committee boat, *Wild Duck*.

Over 30 joyous contestants and crews crowded around the cake offerings on display in the aft cockpit. This year, a 'people's choice' judging format was elected with prizes for both appearance and taste.

The prize for appearance was unanimous and carried off by the crew of *Jessie Logan* with a scaled replica of the good ship, together with crew (see photo comparison).

The prize for taste was a little more closely contested. The CYA chair cast the deciding vote and the prize went to the hard-working family team from *Dolphin of Leith*.

Another great event held in perfect conditions. A special mention goes to the launch Tuna and Jill Hetherington, who joined in with the post-race celebrations.



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Diary Note

May 20 – Annual
Prizegiving 7pm @ RNZYS
May 24 – Launch Cruise
to Riverhead Hotel

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