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## *Another success for Trillian Trust Classic Yacht Event*

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The 2017 Trillian Trust Classic Yacht Regatta hosted by the RNZYS was a resounding success, with plenty of action on the water, a classic launch parade doing a loop past the RNZYS and some great after-match comradery at the RNZYS.

Despite the odd incident including *Rainbow* receiving a new samson post overnight thanks to the skills of boatbuilder Paul Tingey, and *Rawene* having to pull out due to a leak, all was well that ended well and we look forward to catching up again for the CYA prizegiving night.



*Above: Andy Ball's Aramoana leads into the city; Left: Committee Boat Wild Duck on station at RNZYS; Below: Paramour and Serene beat to Bean Rock.*



### *Join the CYA Committee*

The organisation of the Classic Yacht Association is taken care of by a committee made up entirely of members. Each year there is the opportunity for new members to come aboard with fresh enthusiasm and new ideas to help shape our great association. The committee meets one evening a month at the RNZYS and comprises a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Yacht Captain, Launch Captain and General Committee of not more than 5 people. Look out for the upcoming date of our August AGM and get your nomination in!

# Hunting Historic Tawaki

Some of Auckland's most valuable records of its early yachting history were produced by the famous photographer Henry Winkelmann from the 1890's to the late 1920's. From dramatic photos of A- class keelers on a broad reach to dignified shots of proud little oil launches, his images are impeccable.

When Winkelmann wasn't clinging to his camera from up a racing yacht's mast, he was aboard his perfectly balanced small launch, the Logan Bros-built *Tawaki*. At 18', the small launch would



*Henry Winkelmann's Tawaki*

be dwarfed by runabouts of today, but this allowed her to be lifted onto the deck of coastal steamers and shipped to destinations such as the Bay of Islands for his work.

Fast forward 111 years and two young descendants of the Winkelmann family, David and Anthony Wiseman,

would love to have *Tawaki* back in the family, restore her and get her back out on the Waitemata Harbour once more.

Both the Winkelmann and Wiseman families have a long history on the Waitemata, and these two brothers are keen to keep it up. Here's

where it gets tricky: we don't know where *Tawaki* is, or if she even exists! Last heard of about 10 years ago in the Auckland area, if you can help in the search, contact [admin@classicyacht.org.nz](mailto:admin@classicyacht.org.nz) with any leads, it will be much appreciated.

**By Nathan Herbert**

## A Boy's First Boat

Remember your first boat? Your first 'real' boat. Mine was a wooden Optimist sailing dinghy painted orange outside and blue inside, aptly named *Jaffa*. I wasn't interested in being competitive so much as I was keen for my boat to take me places. The adventuring began, with trips up and down the Kerikeri river and so started my boating life.

Young George Renall has just celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, and with it came

his first boat. His father Dan Renall (*Jonquil*) has been hiding in the basement for months with sandpaper, paintbrushes and varnish working on the P class sailing dinghy, which he sailed as a youngster. A full strip down of paint and damaged timber revealed a sound little boat, ready to live again. Recycled kauri got the Awlwood MA treatment as did the spars, and once painted, a gold stripe was added to the gunwale.

A combined birthday and launching party was held at Rothesay Bay on 22 April with a Rangitoto Lighthouse cake and a great turnout of people. Officially christened *The Mighty Eagle* by George's friend Emily, P 126 hit the water in a gentle breeze, just enough for father and son to



*Labour of love – dad Dan Renall helps George launch The Mighty Eagle with 'Pop-pa' looking on – Nathan Herbert Photo.*

drift across the bay and back before the crowds all wanted a ride as well.

George has plenty of hours in his log book sailing

on *Jonquil*, and though a slightly smaller classic, *The Mighty Eagle* should prove to be everything a boy could wish for in his first boat.