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*Jenanne took honours in the night race to Mahurangi*

## Anniversary Weekend Classics on Show

Anniversary weekend at Mahurangi once again proved to be the year's biggest gathering of classic boats in the country. The various clubs and the Classic Yacht Association held races on the Friday evening from their home ports to Mahurangi, with earlier starts experiencing barely a breath of wind!

The Mences and esteemed crew took out the 'night race' to Mahurangi in the A classics on *Jenanne*, while *Corona* and her privateers took out the B division.

With a shoulder injury making me wary to manage *Lucinda*, and a crew member

fresh from the dentist, I enjoyed the action differently this year, as a spectator. This in fact was a great thing, as I was able to experience what our Chairman Peter Mence has so often said: that enjoyment of these beautiful yachts is had by onlookers, spectators and casual passers-by just as much as the owners.

My usual racing skipper on *Wairiki*, Jason Prew, had similarly opted for a change and trailered the Logan Bros. launch *Otira* up by road. At Sullivans Bay, I was picked up and taken for a close-up view of the classic race start, which was still experiencing

light winds but glorious sunshine!

Back in the city for Monday's big Anniversary Regatta, a highlight as per usual was the tug boat race. I happened to get a close-up glimpse from the end of the tank farm of the newly

repainted 1909 launch *Sterling* (view her at Silo Park/ Heritage Landing), moving along through the chop with effortless speed, and *Te Hauraki* hot on her heels. Very impressive!

*By Nathan Herbert*



*Tawera ghosts across a glassy ocean.*

*Nathan Herbert Photos*



Ivor Wilkins Photo

The big guns line up during the Classic Yacht Regatta; below: berthing at the RNZYS enabled brightwork admiration.

# Classic Yacht Regatta Provides Seamless Event

As we go to print, the Trillian Trust Classic Yacht Regatta has just finished on the Waitemata Harbour. Trillian trust, the CYA and the RNZYS have once

again proven to be a perfect combination and delivered us a seamless event.

Beginning with the skippers' briefing on Thursday night and a balmy evening out on the deck enjoying our meals, the weekend was well-subscribed including a special Australian crew for the regatta.

While the regatta is raced to the limits of the Waitemata Harbour, eye-candy was available once the boats retired each day and berthed right in front of the RNZYS building with all of their brightwork shining!

*By Nathan Herbert*



Nathan Herbert Photos



## New Members and a new fleet addition

A big welcome to some of our newest members and first-time classic owners Jennifer and Anatole Perry. the Perrys have bought the 37ft motor sailer *Korara* from Whangaroa Harbour and combined a delivery trip with summer cruise. While she is an elegant motor-sailing

vessel, she also has a good bit of power with a 120hp Ford diesel in its own engine room.

The trip down to Auckland included braving 50 knot gusts at the Tutukaka coast through which *Korara* rode very well.

*Korara* is berthed at Heritage Landing, a great

facility for CYA members with a short waiting list, where you may apply for a berth for your approved classic boat and enjoy the company of neighbouring owners and at the same time show your vessel off to an admiring public.

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