



# A Gem of a Yard Saving Heritage Classics

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In an area that many Aucklanders would call ‘Omaha’, but which is really the four distinct areas of Point Wells, Omaha, Ti Point and Whangateau, is a picturesque sandbank on which is perched the wonderful Whangateau Traditional Boat Yard, which serves a hugely important part of our maritime culture and keeps traditional skills alive.

Proprietors Pam Cundy and George Emtage are principally interested in doing the right thing by our classic fleet and provide services from general maintenance in their protected yard, to full historical rebuilds inside their character-filled building. Recently re-launched is the fast 1949 Luders commuter boat *Laughing Lady*, which brings some American flair to the Waitemata, her restoration having begun in the USA and continued to completion



*Margaret S*, a labour of love at Whangateau. Below: Drawings of *Tainui* under restoration.

at Whangateau. The classic kauri launch *Tainui* has replaced *Laughing Lady* in the shed for a complete refurbishment, including a rebuilt and polished Gardner Diesel.

Whangateau also have a few vessels on the waiting list for refurbishment simply because the boats deserve it. These vessels have been rescued, kindly gifted, or purchased to save them from their end. The classic launch *Margaret S* (originally

*Marne*) was brought to the yard by an owner whose circumstances changed, leaving her future uncertain.

The rare and wonderful thing here is that Pam and George have taken the boat under their wing and carried out substantial work on her to ensure her survival. She has been recaulked, had her structure rebuilt where necessary and a fresh coat of paint all over. This is no mean feat with any classic vessel; Pam and George

are to be applauded. The *Margaret S* is engineless, so if any readers have re-powered their boat and might have a small to medium sized diesel to contribute, it would surely do justice to all the work that has already been carried out.

Whangateau also runs ‘Regatta Days’ where the yard is opened up on a sunny weekend with dinghy races, rowing, and boats for interested members of the public to have a go in. A really unique offering.

Pop by and walk along the beach; you might just get a glimpse of beautiful boats coming and going when the tide is full. Remember of course it is a working yard so be careful to say hello. You can also find the Whangateau Traditional Boat Yard on Facebook and contact them for any work you need doing on your classic vessel.





## Getting to know your new Committee and Office-Bearers

With a new CYA year comes a fresh committee. We like to hear your opinions and new ideas no matter how trivial they may seem, to keep our organisation evolving. Here we are; please do introduce yourselves to us at any event or evening!

**James Mortimer, Chairman:** James owns the Classic Logan-designed yacht *Little Jim*, which he cruises in many of our summer events, then races hard during our great winter series.

**Jason Prew, Vice-Chairman:** Jason owns and has almost finished a full restoration on the racing launch *My Girl*, which we are all looking forward to being overtaken by on the water! Jason also restored his Logan designed yacht *Wairiki* and is known for his single-handed sailing on her.

**Andy Ball, Yacht Captain:** Andy Ball owns and races *Aramoana*.

**Nathan Herbert, Launch Captain:** Nathan restored the classic launch *Lucinda*, and has recently added his family launch *Pacific* to the fleet of two. *Pacific* is currently undergoing a major spruce-up, which as ever was meant to be a quick haul and paint!

### General Committee:

**Bruce Dunlop:** Bruce owns the modern classic yacht *Marionette* and is completing a rolling restoration on his partner's launch *Fantasy* at Heritage Landing.

**Rachel Orr:** Rachel is a keen crew member of the *Waitangi*

race crew and is actively involved in dragon boating.

**James Dreyer:** James Dreyer has restored the 1949 Luders commuter boat *Laughing Lady*, not to mention his other project, a full restoration on a Rhodes 33 yacht in the northern hemisphere.

**Paige Cook:** Paige skippers the modern classic yacht *Innismara* to great success with her crew in our CYA races

**Kate Montgomery:** Kate crews on *Innismara* and has grown up around the yachting and maritime scene due to her father's involvement in all things yachting.

## Must-have Brooke Memoir

The Brooke family have just released the memoirs of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jack Brooke. *Memories – Roads of Destiny* is a must-have for anyone interested in the development of Auckland and New Zealand yachting, and can be read as interesting and sometimes humorous short stories or, in long sittings. Available from Boat Books in Westhaven at a very reasonable \$45.

