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## *Testing conditions in ABD Classic Regatta*

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A highlight of the CYA year, and indeed a representation of a main purpose of our association is the annual Classic Yacht Regatta. This is real competition between our full range of classic yachts, with great prizes and trophies at stake. 2019 saw a record for entries of

A-division gaffers plus the favourite annual showdowns within the K class yachts, and the old B division rivals were at it once again.

This year the CYA welcomed a new naming sponsor, ABD Group. ABD are in the business of automotive, marine, and manufacturing engineering supplies and are able to supply marine

customers with many hard to find seals, bearings and more. ABD's managing director (and CYA member) Grant Burrell has a long history with boating on the Waitemata, and is the owner of the stunning classic launch Rakanoa.

Friday evening's race was held in light wind perfect for the gaffers with large rigs, with much of the same for Saturday's first race. Saturday afternoon out at Rangitoto the breeze got up to a healthy 15 or so knots which saw B-division gaffer *Wairiki's* topsail come down and a reef put in. By Sunday the wind had really gotten down with a long delay to start times.

As in the past, Trillian trust was a major sponsor for this regatta and cannot be thanked enough for their continued support of classic racing. Without the help of Trillian, ABD Group and prize sponsors our task of a top-quality regatta would be impossible.

Prizegiving at the RNZYS saw yet another record turnout, with the ballroom packed and prizes galore! Thank you RNZYS for the perfect venue and great hospitality!

### ***Regatta results on***

***handicap:*** A Bermudan, *Aramoana*; A gaff, *Ariki*; B Bermudan, *Tucana*; B gaff, *Wairiki*; A modern, *Namu*.







## Seeking Emmies

The Royal Akarana Yacht Club is looking for anyone who may have an old wooden M Class perhaps lying in their back yard, or tucked away in a shed. With the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the class fast approaching, an offer has been extended to provide assistance with rigs

and expertise available to increase the classic M Class presence.

Since 1922 the M Class has been blasting across the harbour in fierce competition for big trophies. If you or anyone you know may have a wooden 'Emmy' lurking in their yard please get in touch with the CYA- [admin@classicyacht.org.nz](mailto:admin@classicyacht.org.nz)

## A-Class Gaffers Enjoy City Romp

*On a bright early autumn Sunday, seven A-Class gaffers assembled on the Waitemata. In mixed conditions, they romped down the harbour in all their glorious pomp and splendour, drawing admiring hoots and hollers all the way.*

## DARING VISIT Sunday 19 May

CYA members are warmly invited to make a visit to Hobsonville to take a look at the *Daring*, the 1863 carvel planked gaff schooner recently recovered from Muriwai after being buried under the sands for more than 150 years.

**Where:** Yachting Developments in Hobsonville. Please park on Hobsonville Point Road. Walking access only is available through the main gates of Yachting Developments Ltd.

**When:** Sunday 19 May 2019, 1000-1300hrs

**What:** There will be volunteers present to help describe the boat and some of her interesting history. We have also arranged for the team from Hero Coffee to come along so you can grab a coffee, cold drink, and a muffin.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP on the CYA website: [classicyacht.org.nz/event/visit-to-the-daring/](http://classicyacht.org.nz/event/visit-to-the-daring/)

## The Milford Slipway

In a semi-tidal North Shore creek, the Milford boating scene is alive and well. Alongside the Milford Cruising Club hardstand are three railway slips, one large shed and a great classic-friendly business.

The Milford Slipway is a natural progression from

the last tenant boatbuilder, Geoff Bagnall, who in turn succeeded John Gladden at the site.

With stress-free cradle haul-out and shed for a wide range of vessels, your classic boat will be in great hands. On site are Jason Prew, Cam Malcolm and Ken Goa, who between them provide a full service from engineering and engine work to paint, wooden

and composite build, repair and maintenance.

Located in the Wairau Creek Milford, the entrance is tidal and easy to navigate. If you are unsure, the team will meet you at the entrance to provide a friendly pilot service.

Jason can be contacted on 0274542490 or chat to him out on the harbour in his classic launch My Girl.



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