

# Classic Events



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## CLASSIC CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- Ponsonby Cruising Club
  - Open day short course Regatta followed by live music 1 Oct.
  - Black Heart Rum Races. Thursday 2.30pm
  - Steinlager R&R series 27th October
  - Classic yachts harbour race. 28th October
- Royal Akarana Yacht Club Centennial Regatta.
- Coastal Classic. 20-10-95
- Mahurangi Cruising Club's Rakino weekend. 21-23 October (See article page 2)

### NOVEMBER

- Waihou river revival regatta. (See article page 2.)
- Ponsonby Cruising Club Classic yachts harbour races, 11 & 25th November

### DECEMBER

- RNZYS Last rum race of the year. Confirmed Classic Division. All entrants in any rum race go into the draw for a trip to a Bermudan distillery!

### JANUARY

- Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta, anniversary weekend, 27-1-96.
- Auckland Anniversary regatta, 29-1-96

### FEBRUARY

- Hobson Wharf Maritime Museum race.

### MARCH

- \*CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND REGATTA\* See article page 3.

For more details on race events, contact  
Greg Scopas on (09) 520 9473

MONTHLY MEETING:  
PONSONBY CRUISING CLUB -  
2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH. 6PM

OCTOBER 10TH - HAROLD KIDD NARRATES  
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## All Hands on Deck!



Sailing in America in 1961, yacht unknown.  
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The CYA has been underway for four months now and Chad, John, Hamish, Greg and myself have been working hard to knock the organisational structure of the Association into shape. Proposals which have so far been adopted are:

1. That we will only take on board each of the objectives defined in the original Association proposal (\* reprinted on pg 4), as we get volunteers who will take responsibility for that proposal, to see it through to a successful, if ongoing, conclusion.

2. We will have a quarterly newsletter to keep members informed of events the Association is participating in, or organising.

The editor of your newsletter is to be Sandra Gorter.

3. We will have a classic yacht festival in 1996. A three day event is proposed for March 21, 22, 23 & 24, 1996.

4. To date our "Officers" and their responsibilities are:

- Chad Thompson - Number One Organiser' and spokesperson for the Association.  
- Festival organisation.  
- Membership cards.
- Hamish Ross - Legal Advisor. In charge of setting the Association up legally.  
- Membership database.
- John Gorter - Social organiser. Tuesday evening meetings and in summer, on the water events.
- Greg Scopas - Festival organiser.  
- Racing coordinator.
- Sandra Gorter - Newsletter editor.  
- Media and public relations.

As you can see this is a heavy workload for five people, each with their own businesses to run. We would like input from as many members as possible. So if you have expertise in any of these areas or in an area defined in the original objectives which we have been unable to cover, and you can offer your services, your help would be greatly appreciated.

## Letter from the Editor

We are putting this newsletter together so that CYA members from around New Zealand can communicate with each other about 'happenings' involving the old boats, and to promote the restoration and use of our yachting heritage.

We will do our best to keep you up to date with cruising and racing events around the country, what is happening with our Association, and will track down information to help with the maintenance and restoration of the boats. The 'Sources' column may be useful to help you find obscure bits and pieces. Advertisers are invited to buy space to advertise their products in our newsletter, and members will be able to advertise in the 'Sales' section. There will be articles of special interest on the old boats generally, and an article on one of the old boats in each issue, beginning with those belonging to CYA members.

So I put the call out now if you have some editorial you think we could use, either on how to maintain or restore the old craft, or exciting and interesting stories about them, please send in your story. Last month Hamish Ross gave me his story on the Little Jim which I hope will set the tone for further excellent stories of CYA yachts. Don't worry if your story isn't literary art, I can help with the rough edges if need be. This month our boat column features the Bailey classic Thelma, owned by John and yours truly, and I have reprinted the obituary to Arch Logan from the 'Herald' of 1940.

Good reading to you all,  
Sandra

## THE SOCIAL DIARY

At last month's Tuesday evening meeting at the Pons', Ron Brown from Altex coatings gave an interesting and informative talk on painting and preserving the old boats. It is good to know the best ways to use the products we now have access to at very competitive rates.

The October meeting on TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER. Light meals will be available from 6pm followed by an hour of videos of yachting around the late 1940's, narrated by Harold Kidd. These rare videos are fascinating, so make sure you come along.

The Little Jim is celebrating her re-launching after a major refit on Sunday 19th November. Boats are invited to join the 'Jim' at the museum and then sail to Motuihe for a picnic and BBQ.

.....John (ph 2929 100)

## MAHURANGI CRUISING CLUB

### THE MAHURANGI REGATTA

Organisers for the Mahurangi regatta claim it to be 'The Premier Event of the Southern Hemisphere' for old boats, and so it has been for many owners. The Mahurangi regatta put on by the Mahurangi Cruising Club has for many years been the only weekend gathering of any size where owners of old boats can gather, race, and generally get together. Families can come and race, or join in the many events organised on the beach for children and the whole family. Keen racers are able to sail in the Mahurangi regatta on Anniversary weekend, the Auckland regatta, then race in the Hobson Wharf event on Waitangi weekend.

### LABOUR WEEKEND RAKINO RALLY

All boats are welcome to meet on the beach at the best anchorage for the wind conditions, at Rakino Island, on the Saturday. There will be an informal race around Rakino for a bottle of rum on the Sunday, followed by a BBQ on the beach that night.

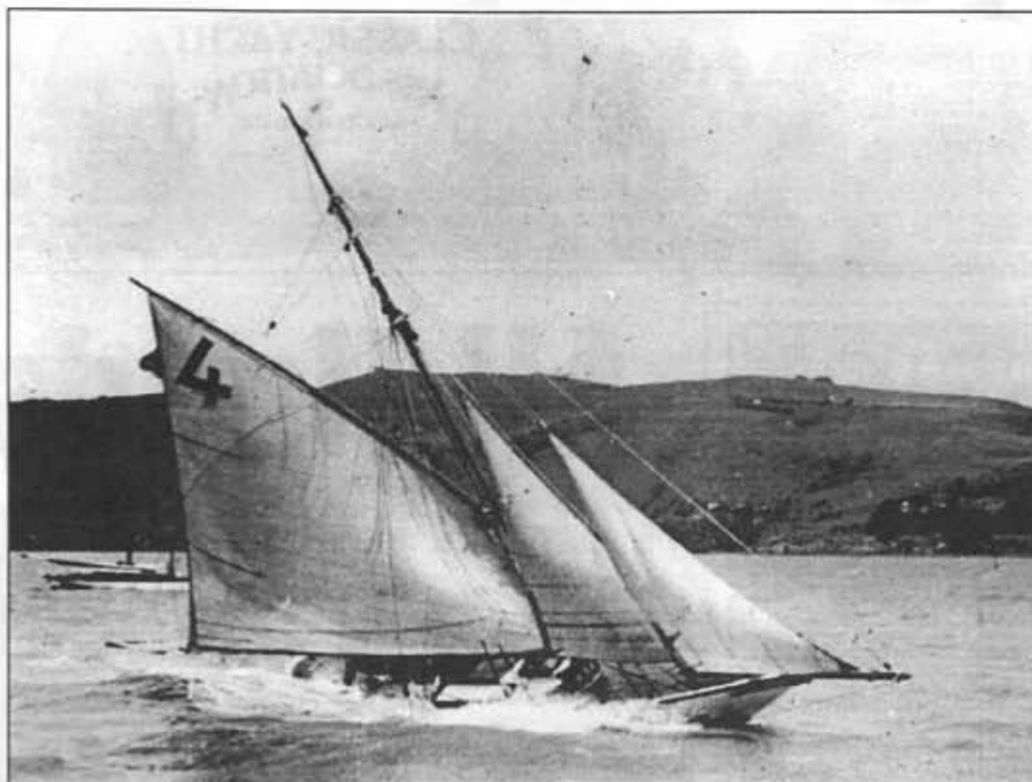
# THELMA

On the third of August this year, the Bailey 21/2 rater Thelma celebrated her 100th birthday. Originally conceived as an out and out racing boat, no doubt her original owners and the Bailey

yard would be surprised at her longevity!

There appear to be very few 21/2 raters left in New Zealand. The Gloriana, the Mahaki, Yum Yum and Thelma are the only boats known of in Auckland, although it is rumoured that another is hiding somewhere on the Mainland.

At the time of her building, yacht design was going through a period of change. The evolution of yacht design can clearly be seen by comparing the



Gloriana (1892), slack bilged, and the Queenie (1902), which has been described as a small Rainbow. Thelma fits half way between these two boats. In style she has a fairly firm midsection but no cut-away forefoot, and very slack forward sections.

'Thelma was built for a syndicate in Dunedin, and judging by a contemporary newspaper clipping, having her built in Auckland caused a good deal of unrest. Some Dunedinites going so far as to attempt to raise the money to build a local boat to show the "Auckland" boat a thing or two! (It is not known whether this boat ever eventuated). Although she was built in Auckland, Thelma was designed for Dunedin conditions, and the shallow Otago harbour. Consequently she only draws 4'9", whereas her Auckland contemporaries drew closer to 6'.

Thelma has been blessed by some diligent owners over the years. Steve Carey owned Thelma in Dunedin for 22 years from 1946 to 1968, and completely

refastened her, put in extra floors, a new mast step, and cabin, and installed her bermudan rig. Consequently she has achieved her centenary with her hull still in very good condition.

In 1982 she returned to Auckland. She has been undergoing a complete refit gradually over the past 8 years including new motor, cabin top, and an efficient kauri cruising interior.

In 1994 after 50 years with a bermudan rig, a new gaff rig was built with the help of the late Eric Wing. Unfortunately 'Eric never saw the finished rig in the boat. Our plans were to build 2 identical rigs. One for the Thelma and one for the Mahaki, owned by Eric. As these boats had never raced against each other, this was a subject of constant ongoing debate!

Thelma is now all but complete. The only job left is to make the topsail, and then have even more fun as we learn how to use it!!



## WAIHOU RIVER REVIVAL REGATTA 1995

### TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Sailing one of New Zealand's premier waterways.

The Waihou River regatta is being held again this year. The friendly people from Paeroa have far more than fizzy drink to celebrate, they hold an annual weekend regatta to celebrate their river and its use as one of New Zealand's most used navigable waterways. Bring your boat down 'the firth' to the Kopu river near Thames, and the Kopu bridge (the long one lane bridge with a lifting section in the middle, just before Kopu/Thames), is lifted for the boats. You will be escorted up the river to Paeroa where there will be moorings available. The river can take a 6 foot draught. There are two days of festivities and socialising organised for the weekend of 25th to the 26th of November.

For further information, contact  
Andy Richards or Hilary Haysom  
on Paeroa, 07 862 7121



## MEMBERSHIP CARDS...

(are now available)  
PREFERENTIAL PURCHASING PRIVILEGES

With membership now in excess of 100, the Association is well and truly launched and all sails are set. The achievement of maximum hull speed is imminent. These heavy displacement craft are not known to slow easily, therefore if you are wanting to come aboard it is recommended you do so sooner than later.

With membership of the Association comes a number of buying privileges which will assist you in your general winter maintenance program. AWL Craft paints are available at very right prices. Just what you need before summer. And when you are into the major refurbishment of sails and rigging we also have some extremely beneficial deals. You will be the envy of the rest of the yachting fraternity.

It's never too late to join. Do yourself and your yacht a favour.

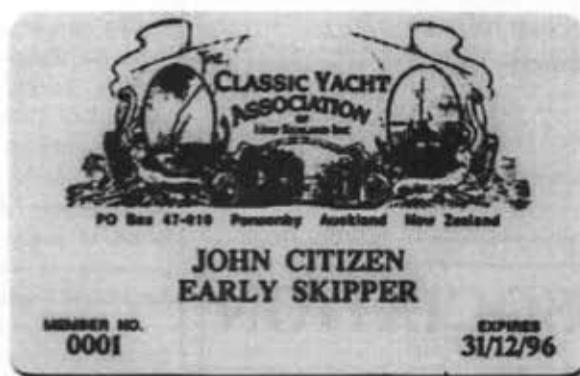
*Cheers, Chad. (ph 378 6271 for details)*

So far, cards can be used for preferential purchasing privileges for:

Sail cloth, and engines

Special prices available for AWLcraft and Devoe Marine products

Presentation of membership cards is necessary to obtain these conditions.



## "SOURCES"

This column is intended to inform members of where to obtain some of the more obscure goods and services for the maintenance and restoration for the old boats. If you have any knowledge of where to obtain these essential treasures, or can personally recommend the services of a supplier please drop a line to the editor. We are also happy to advertise for members seeking to sell, buy, or steal (just joking!), bits etc. for boats, as space allows.

**BLACKSMITH** For a your broken tillers (refer last newsletter, Prize now has a very nice new tiller!) Ian Nielsen Onehunga. (09) 579 6995

**GOLD LEAF** Check with Chad for the real thing, but if you don't mind cheating, any signwriter can supply nice straight lines of 'gold' tape!

**RIGGING** Gaff rigs etc. Steve Ashley, at The Rigging Shop (09) 309 6519

**SAILS** Mark Wallis at The Sail Loft, ph 377 6443

(Steve and Mark did the rigging and sails for Thelma's gaff rig)



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## THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL

Organisation is now well under way for the inaugural Classic Yacht Association Festival. Three days of events are planned and we're hoping to line up some great prizes for the races. There will social activities in the evenings and a family picnic, probably at Motuihe. The final event will be the Ponsonby Cruising Club's annual Vintage and Veteran's race on the 24th. With the boats all gathered in the viaduct basin this could be an event like Auckland hasn't seen for a very long time! So mark it in your diary now, with a big turnout this has all the makings of a spectacular event!

We have confirmed the dates: **21,22,23 and 24th of MARCH**

### CALLING ALL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you have a few members together in a special interest group, we would like to hear from you. The CYA newsletter will provide space for you to advertise events to members, and at the same time publicise your events to all CYA members.



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## MUSTO WINTER SERIES VICTORY!

The sailing pleasures of classic yacht racing were redefined in the recent Musto Winter series as beautiful yachts shared a great rivalry, making our first classic series and enormous success.

Victory amassed enough points to oust the gracious and powerful Prize, even while demonstrating the infamous "subaquatic landscaping" technique, discussed at length later over afternoon tea. Our handicapping debates ran hot and long into many a Sunday night. The well dressed Musto Men in the classic racing set are now eagerly anticipating the arrival of the 'Little Jim' watch out Hamish!

Our thanks to the sponsors Musto, the Ponsonby Cruising Club for great organisation, and to the boats Prize, Victory, Teal, Ngataranga, St George, Rambler and Tamatea. See you next time!

Cheers! Greg (ph: 520 9473)

(Any boats willing to brave the competition for great prizes should contact Greg)

### WAIONE'S RIG IS FOR SALE

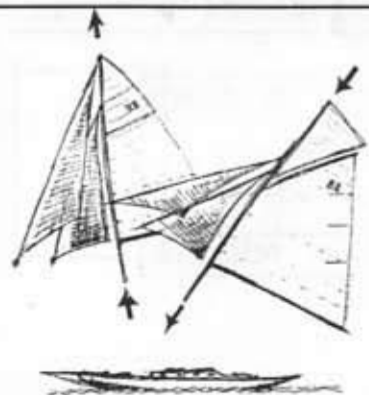
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## A BURGEE FOR THE ASSOCIATION

We want to design a burgee to be flown on the classic yachts belonging to members of the association. In doing so we are extending an invitation everyone with any artistic flair, or interest in the design, to make submissions for an appropriate design.

There are many different ways it can be designed: Traditional with the Association's letter in each quadrant, or with some reference to New Zealand's early famous designers, or whatever. Be creative!

The successful designer will receive one year's free membership to the association and a free burgee.

Please mail or fax your submissions to us at the 'Ponse' (address on page 1), by 31st October, so we can have the design manufactured in time for Christmas.

Thanks, Chad.

## THE CLASSIC YACHT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

has recently been formed to:

- To enjoy the classic yachts of New Zealand through well organised events.
- To liaise with interested yacht clubs and organise events suitable for the classic yachts.
- To develop an annual program of events for the classic yachts.
- To develop a data base of information to assist with the restoration and preservation of the classic yachts.
- To assist in the establishment of special interest groups focused on other aspects of vintage boating.
- To enable the earlier crews and skippers to keep in touch with the vessels in which they sailed.

If you are interested in being part of the association either as a boat owner of a classic yacht, or having been a crew from days gone by, or are an admirer of these beautiful craft, please write to us.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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445 3936

## "Logan Built."

### A YACHT'S HALL-MARK

Death of Mr. Archie Logan -  
Pioneer Firm Whose Work is  
Widely Known.

(By SPEEDWELL.)

To own a yacht built by "Logan" has been the ambition of many yachtsmen not only in Auckland, Wellington and other parts of the Dominion, but as far away as Sydney and Capetown. In New Zealand and overseas there are a number of yachts whose pleasing lines and speed uphold the name of Logan. The last of the three partners of the Logan Brothers, Mr Archibald Logan, died on Wednesday.

"Archie," as he was known to his many friends, was the designer of all boats built by the firm, and he super-intended their setting up and building until they went afloat. Even then his interest continued, for he was a good sailing master and would take the tiller of their latest built boat in any regatta or club race if desired by her owner. "Archie" always got the best out of a boat by making minor changes to sails or gear until he was satisfied with her performance.

Mr Logan regarded Rainbow, built in 1898, for Mr AT Pittar, as the firm's masterpiece. She maintained their reputation by winning races at Auckland, Sydney, Wellington and Lyttelton, including the Australian inter-colonial championship at Sydney and the New Zealand championship at Wellington. His next favourites were Sunbeam, a fast bulb-fin 30ft linear rater, built for a Sydney owner, and the later Mercia, which competed in the first New Zealand-Australasian championship held at North Shore 41 years ago, before being purchased by Mr Fred Doran, of Sydney, and later taken to Capetown.

The five Logan brothers received their first lessons in boat building from their father, the 1st Mr R Logan, who started boat building at North shore in 1878, four years after his arrival from the Clyde. After completing their apprenticeship they decided to make a start on their own. In 1890, Robert Archibald and John commenced business in Auckland, their premises being situated on the waterfront east of the King's wharf, on the site now occupied by the Electric Power Board's Plant.

The first boat built by the brothers was the Glorian, which they built at the North Shore in their spare time. She was purchased by the late Mr Jas. Dunning, and is still winning races. Their next boat built in Auckland was Mahaki for Mr Syd. Chatfield. Gloriana and Mahaki were 2 1/2 rates, the class later being called 30ft linear-raters under a rating rule which then came into force.

These boats were followed by Mizpah, built for the late Mr. Liston Wilson, Windward for Mr Percy Dufaur, Thistle for Mr Jas. Kennedy of Putiki Bay, Ladye Wilma for Dr. Coates of Waiheke Passage, Kotiri for Mr Percy Dufaur, Moana for W R Wilson, Iorangi for Mr A Turubull of

Wellington, Ariki for the late Mr C Horton, Ilex for Captain Stanhope and Mr Shakespear, Thelma for Messrs. Jagger Bros, Rainbow for Mr A T Pittar, Queenie for Messrs. Kirker Bros., and Rawene for Mr A E Gifford.

In addition the firm built Rawhiti, Culwalla, Aoma, Sunbeam and Yuelba for Sydney owners, also Shingana and other patiki type centreboard boats for Capetown. Several fine boats were also built the line fishing, and were later converted to yachts. They included Victory, Little Jim and Frances. The firm also built the 26ft centreboard yachts Celox and Omatera the 28-footer Coara, and the 22-footers Valeria, Venus and Ngaira. Mr Logan also designed Rakoa and Marika. There maybe several boats missing, but that is all "Speedwell" can recall, including yachts for Wellington and other southern ports. The noted Southerly Buster was built on the Sydney type of 18-footer and competed in England for her Sydney owner, Mr Anthony Hordern, after a successful season at Sydney.

### Started the "M" Class.

The firm went out of business about 30 years ago, when they sold their site to Power Board. Mr Archie Logan continued to build a few smaller yachts and motor boats at Stanley Point. He started the popular M class by building Mawhiti for Mr W R Wilson and Matarere for the late Mr. Fred. Wilson the class was fostered by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and now totals about 20, several being owned in other ports. Another class, the last of them to be designed by Mr Logan is the Silver Fern the Herne Bay Club. They are only 12ft, but are on real "Logan" lines, and now total 35 in Auckland, with others at Lyttelton and Greymouth.

In 1937 the Sydney sailing League had the idea of getting a few 18-footers from Auckland to compete in Sydney. They wrote to Mr Logan asking his advice and assistance. He supported the idea and passed the letter on to Mr Geo. M. Dennes, who organised a party of four 18-footers and their crews which visited Sydney that year. The boats were the Manene, Vaalele, Irena and Riptide. This led to the return visit of Taree, Malvina and St George in February, 1939, to compete for the 18-foot world's championship which was eventually won by Manu, designed and built by Mr A Logan.

Although not building many boats of late years, Mr Logan designed several yachts which were constructed by local builders, including Tawera, Little Jim, Waioho, Aromoana and Gypsy, the last named being launched this season.

Mr Logan's elder son Jack has inherited his father's skill. He recently build the 18-foot V class boat Matara which has already put up a good record in a very keen class. This was the last boat Mr A Logan designed and supervised.

Truly a long list of craft from the Gloriana down, most of which survive their builder.

(Post script - Arch Logan died March 27, 1940)



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