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## *Our most significant Season is at an end*



*Ariki and Thelma head to head*

It had to end some time and when better than while the memories are still strong? Some of the highlights:

- Return of *Thelma*
- Relaunch of *Rainbow*
- Best ever Lindauer Classic Yacht Regatta
- Renewal of great old rivalries
- Deserving winners of the Season's Points Series
- And some great cruising to top it off!

In its twelfth year, the Classic Yacht Association of New Zealand continues

to reach undreamed-of pinnacles: the return of *Thelma* to New Zealand, aptly described as New Zealand's *Lulworth*, was the kick-start for an exciting season of classic yachting.

With her major refit prior to racing, *Gloriana's* relaunch, and *Rainbow's* relaunch to rejoin *Ariki*, *Waitangi*, *Rawene*, *Waione*, *Frances*, *Jonquil* and *Loloma*, the start lines were crowded with gaffers. And it can only get better as the skippers and crews of the recent

returns come to grips with their gear.

The deserving winners for the season's points series were; in the A Division (for yachts over 38') *Katrina II*, taking both the Harbour Points Series for the second season in a row as well as the Passage Race Points Series. In the B Division for smaller vessels, *Grey Seal* won the Harbour Race Point Series while *Jonquil* won the Passage Race Series. In the Modern Classic Division *Paramour* won the Harbour

Races Series and *Rainbird* won the Passage Points Series.

And to top the grand season off, the summer carried on forever with good cruising weather right through until mid-May.

Roll on the 2008/09 Season with the relaunching of *Viking*, *Jessie Logan*, *Rawhiti* and *Ngatira* to heighten still further the old rivalries and camaraderie of the fleet.

*Chad Thompson*

Right: K-Class exemplars (l-r) *Sapphire*, *Thelma*, *Kitenui*, *Katrina* and *Jenanne*.  
Below: A stern view of the raft-up and (below right) the line-up of yachts gives a rare opportunity to study the variance in rigs.

# K-Class Revival

By Harold Kidd

One of the most exciting developments with the CYA this year has been the revival of interest in the fine K Class of the late 1940s, once promoted by the RNZYS as a modern fast racer-cruiser.

Fortunately, there has been a big survival rate in Ks. Gary Vincent and Michele Sigerist of *Jenanne* proved to be the catalysts by organising a successful K Class event at North Cove, Kawau, on 7-9 March.

*Jenanne* was joined there by Doug Reid and Alan Brown in *Sapphire*, Robert and Anne Leydon in *Thelma*, *Katrina II* with owners Warren and Marlene Tuohey in attendance on their launch *Guardian* as mother ship and drinks platform. Finally by John and Susie Rawson in *Kitenui*. Already in North Cove was local resident John Pryor's *Gypsy*.

So, thanks to Gary and Michele's energy, six of the remaining 11 K's were

together in one place at one time.

The social occasion was understandably brilliant especially after everyone had repaired to John Pryor and Jill Hetherington's place for a barbecue in the evening.

There was a pleasant sail on the Sunday morning with the camaraderie becoming infectious. Warren Tuohey gave sailing directions over the radio to his 'K Squadron', insisting on good sail trimming, that is until it fell calm.

Then *Sapphire* dropped her sails and led a procession to raft up at Moturekareka. It was a lovely hot summer's day; it was a bonding time for the K Squadron.

These superb yachts have survived to date because of their sheer merit, but this move has further guaranteed their survival into the future.

*Jenanne* (K2) was designed by Arnold (Bill) Couldrey

and built by Low Bros of Whangarei in 1949 for Murray Wiseman. *Sapphire* was designed by Olin Stephens and built by Percy Vos in 1960 for Russ Hooper. *Thelma* (K3) is a sister ship to *Jenanne* but built by Alan Williams in 1950 for Claude Edwards. *Katrina II* was designed by Bob Stewart and built in 1957 by Percy Vos for Jim Faire. *Kitenui* (K5) was designed and built

by Colin Wild in 1950 for Dick Ross while *Gypsy* (K4) was designed by Arch Logan and originally built as a gaff-rigged C Class by Bill Couldrey for Alan Leyland in 1939.

• Post-script – Since the March sail-in, John Pryor and Jill Hetherington bought *Kiariki* (K11), designed by Jack Brooke for himself and built by his son-in-law John Salthouse in 1959.









# To the victors the spoils

*Celebrations were in order for the trophy winners at this year's prizegiving, which included – Above: the crew of Katrina, Warren Tuohey, Rob Taylor, Joy Kruger, Andrew Wilson and Richard Cave, who won the Arch Logan Cup (A Div. Harbour Series), Ranger Tiller (A Div. Passage Series), Couldrey Memorial Cup (A Div. First Race in Season) and the Mitchelson Trophy (A Div. Race to Te Kouma). Near Right: Steve and Megan Cranch of Rainbird, which won the John Brooke Trophy (Modern Div. Passage Series). Far Right: John Macfarlane and Michael Harris of Grey Seal, which won the Robert Logan Trophy (B Div. Harbour Series) and the Tamatea Cup (B Div. Last Race in Season.)*



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