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New Season to start with a change of scene



Above: Jessie Logan romping downwind. Below: Fidelis

The 2008-2009 Season will be kicking off quite differently this year with a 1400 nautical mile voyage to the start line of the first race.

After the great success of the Classic Yacht Association of Australia's Melbourne Cup Regatta on Port Phillip Bay last year, the Kiwis are heading off there again on Saturday 1 November. It is anticipated a group of 20 Corinthians (and others) will be crossing the Australian start line on the Saturday morning looking forward to three great days of racing.

The format for the remainder of the season is similar to last summer except



for the exciting centenary celebration of the Rudder Cup on 12 December (read elsewhere in the journal for details).

The Flagship Event of the Association; the three day Regatta to be held 13, 14 & 15 February is the climax of the season and will be even more spectacular with the return to the fleet of *Rawhiti*, *Jessie Logan* and hopefully *Ngatira*.

A quick check on the numbers will sometime soon have us with more four-sided mainsails out on the water

than regular bermudans.

We are also eagerly anticipating the great rivalry between *Ranger* and *Fidelis* being renewed this season. *Fidelis* will be crossing the Tasman in November and staying with us for much of the season.

It will be great to welcome Nigel Stoke and his crew at our events. And, as in the past couple of seasons, we are looking forward to the Australian Corinthians joining us once again for our February regatta.

Chad Thompson



Racing again for the

By Harold Kidd

The Rudder magazine flourished in the United States for 60 years or so and had a great influence on yachting and yacht design the world over, particularly with its espousal of square-bilge designs that could be built in the backyard, like the famous little *Seabird* yawl.

The magazine presented valuable cups for competition in many countries including New Zealand. *Rudder* presented one of these cups to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and tagged it for an Ocean Race for power boats, a sport the magazine was keen to foster at the time.

The Squadron ran the event on the night of 12 December 1908 over a course of 108 nautical miles from the Queen Street Wharf, around Sail Rock, that lonely chunk of volcanic core jutting out of the sea off the east coast of Northland, and back.

It was a total success; the weather was kind; of the 14 entrants, 12 started and 12 returned; the smallest boat, *Maroro*, won the event on handicap. Of those 14 entrants, four definitely still exist, including the line honours boat, the husky 38ft *Seabird* (a doff of the cap to *Rudder*) of James Reid, plus the Cup winner on handicap, the 32 footer *Maroro* of the Matheson brothers.

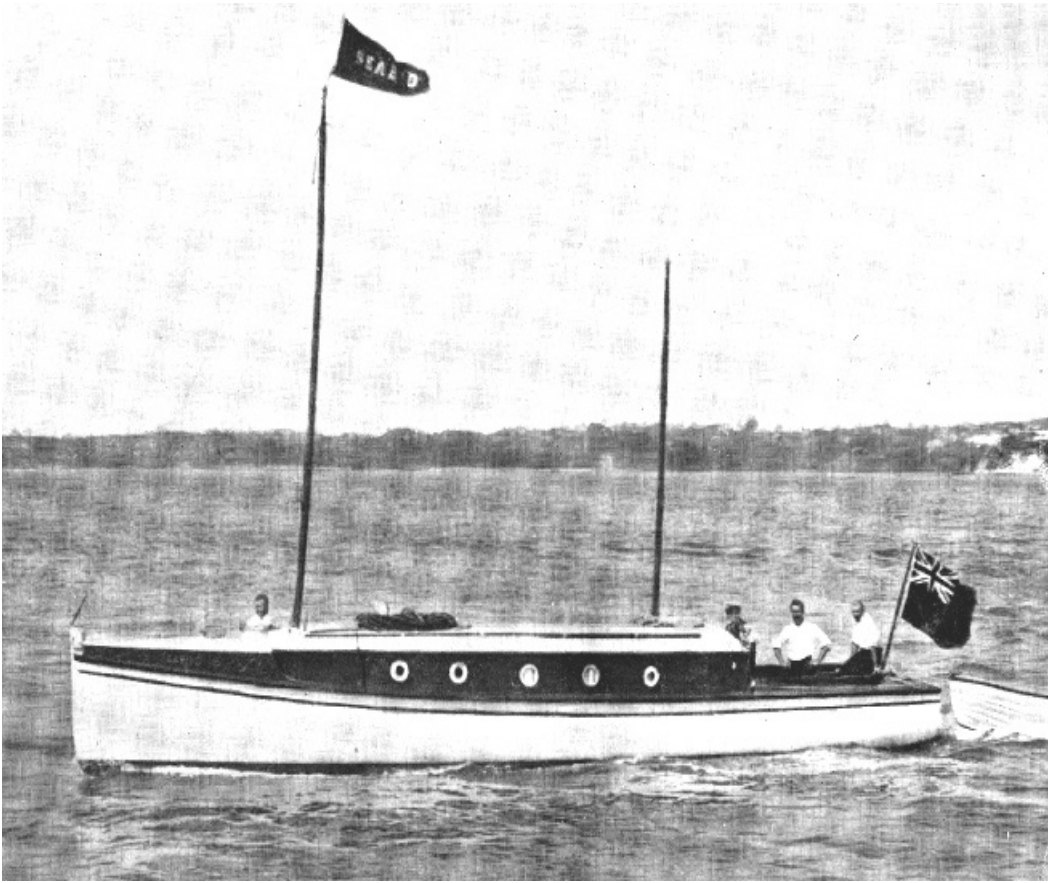
Curiously, and unusually for Auckland, which had so many vigorous launch designers and builders, she was a design from *Rudder*. Today *Maroro* languishes at Okupu, waiting for a restorer.

We are rerunning the race on 12 December 2008 with the Squadron's help and with significant sponsorship from *Boating New Zealand* magazine, Pacifica Shipping and Boat Haulage. At least two of the original boats are taking part, including the line honours boat *Seabird*, now domiciled in Nelson, but being brought up for the event by the CYA, and *Eliza*, now *Kumi*.

It's the talk of the classic launch fraternity

in New Zealand, naturally enough, with at least 20 entrants confirmed. To avoid congestion around the wharves, the mass start will be off the RNZYS at 1900 on 12 December, and it will be a sight to look forward to!

*Above left: Maroro
Above right: Seabird*



Launch Season

Last season was a mixed bag for the launches. It started well with a record number attending the Upper Harbour cruise and the Mahurangi Regatta.

However, log rallying was not as popular as in the past with only four entries in the Log Rally Series and the Lindauer Regatta. The series was also the victim of the weather with three events cancelled.

Congratulations to Mark Stapleton who was awarded the Viking Clock trophy for winning the 2007 – 2008 Log Rally Series in Silverspray.

The social side of launch cruising appears to be more popular, with a good number meeting at Chamberlain's Bay over Easter and a few regulars rafting-up with the yachts at Issy Bay.

The big focus for the next season is the Rudder Cup Centennial Race and plans to build on the social side of cruising, for both launches and yachts.

Rudder Cup

High-tech measuring device



Recently I have been working on the latest version of the C.I.M handicap used in our Classic Yacht Regatta. This has some quite substantial changes designed to cope with a wider variety of hull shapes and designs. There are now four new underwater hull measurements, a more complicated and detailed set of bottom profiles, and some new above-the-water measurements. The mathematical calculations to sort all this out are quite mind numbing. Luckily for me, Russell Brooke has kindly spent many evenings preparing a new set of spreadsheets for us to use. With some additional input from myself and many hours spent reading and re-reading the rules we have now arrived at a workable system. In order to be able to get the required measurements directly from vessels I have developed a measurement stick with an adjustable lower arm and attached level. This apparatus can be preset, deployed alongside the yacht and the measurements simply read off at the gunwale. Hopefully with this Heath Robinson affair, a tape measure, a laptop, some additional measurement tools, and a willing helper it will now be possible to measure yachts in the water with a minimum of time and effort.

Steve Cranch

CYANZ Calendar of Events

CYANZ Event Calendar 2008-09 Season

Logan Harbour Race Points Series: 6 races with 4 to count

Passage Race Points Series: 5 races with 3 to count

Launch & Cruising Yacht Events

		<i>Logan series</i>	<i>Passage series</i>	<i>Launch & Cruise</i>
2008				
Nov 1 - 3	CYAA - The Cup Regatta – Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia			
Nov 8	NBYC Harbour Race	H		
Nov 9	CYANZ Launch Cruise: destination to be confirmed			LC
Nov 15	DYC Round the Buoys Memorial Races	H		
Dec 6 - 7	CYANZ Mark Foy Race to Patio Bay; Cruise, BBQ & Raft-up		P	LC
Dec 12 - 13	CYANZ Rudder Cup – Ocean Launch Race			L
2009				
Jan 23	CYANZ Night Race to Mahurangi		P	LC
Jan 24	Mahurangi Cruising Club Regatta & Launch Rally			
Jan 25	CYANZ Mahurangi to Auckland Race; Raft-up in Viaduct		P	
Jan 26	Auckland Anniversary Regatta	H		
Feb 5 - 7	Squadron Weekend (Waitangi Weekend)			
Feb 13	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #1			
Feb 14	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #2			
Feb 14	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #3			
Feb 15	Classic Yacht Regatta Race #4			
Feb 20 - 22	BMW Race Week			
Mar 1	BMW Race Week			
Mar 7	DYC Duder Cup Regatta	H		
Mar 14 - 15	CYANZ Passage Race to Te Kouma; BBQ & Raft-up		P	
Mar 14	Cruising Yachts & Launch Cruise to Te Kouma; BBQ & Raft-up			LC
Mar 28 - 29	CYANZ Round Rangī Race & Cake Day; BBQ & Raft-up		P	LC
Apr 10 - 13	EASTER: Cruise to North Cove Kawau Island			
Apr 19	PCC Vintage & Veterans Race	H		
Apr 26	PCC Closing Day Harbour Race	H		

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